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**Palm Sunday**  
**25th March 2018**

**Isaiah 50:4-7**  
**Philippians 2:6-11**  
**Mark 14:1-15:47**

## “The Week that CHANGED the world continues to CHANGE ourselves”

*There was a report of a coal-mining accident. Many miners escaped with their lives, but three men were trapped somewhere deep within the earth's crust. Whether they were dead or alive no one knew. What made the accident even more frustrating was the presence of intense heat and noxious gases within the mine itself. If the rocks had not crushed them, they very well would have been asphyxiated by the fumes or killed by the heat. Two*



*days went by before a search expedition was allowed to even enter the mine because of heat and fumes. Even then there was a great danger in store for anyone who would dare descend into what could be a deep black grave. A brief interview was conducted with one of the members of the search expedition as he was preparing to enter the mine. A reporter asked him, "Sir, are you aware of the noxious gases and the extreme danger of the mines?" The fireman replied, "Yes, I am aware." The reporter asked again, "Are you still going down?" And the man replied, "The men may still be alive." Without another word of explanation he put on his gas mask, climbed into the elevator and descended into the black inferno of the mine. That rescuer put his life on the line that others might live. That's what Jesus did - by entering Jerusalem, He put his life on the line that others might have life. ( John Rose in 'John's Sunday Homilies').*

His sacrificing service and self-emptying love culminating in Golgotha, we celebrate this Holy Week. Jesus had all sorts of followers—some like camp followers, some terrorists, some people on the make for themselves, or the ones who stayed till the end, like his mother, an aunt and a few of the followers. Some others were mere spectators who would have followed him later. As we reflect and celebrate these ‘Salvific events’, we are called to commit ourselves to Jesus by taking the same path of love and service without counting the cost. It can sound so heroic that we might think that it is out of our reach. But nothing can be further from the truth. Every single act of self-sacrifice, every deliberate decision to put someone else’s needs ahead of ours, every extra mile that we take for the well-being of others, God sees them all. When we listen carefully and with concern and love to a spouse who tells us about the difficult day at work, even if ours was no better, God sees it. When we spend quality time with our children and our elderly parents, it becomes visible in the sight of God. Every single act of self-giving is a reflection of the cross. And because of that, every act of self-giving warms our Father’s heart and moves him to raise us up a little bit more—just as he did for Jesus.



### *Easter Triduum*



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

Families may display a crucifix in a prominent place at your house which could serve as a focal point for family to experience the Love and Presence of Jesus. Let us take time to be a part of the Holy Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday with our family and friends and our faith community to deepen our love for God and for one another and be ‘lifted up’ to a renewed life. As Pope Francis says, “ Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty”.

**God’s blessings, Fr.Vince**

HOLY WEEK  
  
 SCHEDULE

**\*29th March—Holy Thursday**  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm  
 Adoration in the Garden of Gethsemane until 12midnight  
 >Come spend some time with the Lord during the Holy Thursday vigil.  
 >Please bring your Project Compassion boxes

**\*30th March—Good Friday**  
 Stations of the Cross at 10am  
 The Lord's Passion at 3pm  
 >Special collection for the Holy Land

**\*31st March—Easter Vigil Mass at 5:30pm**  
 >You can buy your battery-operated candles for \$3 each.

**\*1st April—Easter Sunday**  
 Masses at 8am and 10am; no evening Mass

**\*DST ends on Easter morning, 1 April**



The Kenthurst Country Fair  
 Sunday 6th May, 2018

**We really need your help!**

Check the foyer and grab some raffle tickets and sponsorship forms!

Maybe you can **SPONSOR-A-STALL!**

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 Sally Coppini 0407 942 986; [sallycoppini@gmail.com](mailto:sallycoppini@gmail.com)

**RCIA**

Let us pray for our RCIA candidates:  
 Brendan, Mark, Monique,  
 James, and Nicholas  
 as they prepare to receive  
 their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Let us pray for the children of our parish  
 as they prepare to receive  
 the Sacrament of Confirmation  
 on 11th and 12th April.



The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on  
 Saturday, **7th April at 4:30-5:30pm**  
 at the St Joseph Centre. To book, please call the  
 parish office on 96542260.



Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at  
 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.

**COME AND SEE OUR PIETY STALL!**



Beautiful items are available at our piety stall  
 for Confirmation, as well as lovely gift items for  
 Baptism, First Communion,  
 even anniversaries and birthdays!  
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 8am and 10am Sunday Masses.  
 For special orders, please contact Sandra on  
 0413272400.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1437.20  
**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1281  
**Loose** = \$ 1084.95  
**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$2107  
**TOTAL** = \$ 4472.95 (target = \$5577)

**If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.**  
 Thank you for your generosity!

**PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**For the recently deceased**

Laurence Solvyns and Fr Peter McGrath

**For the dearly departed**

Mary Spina, John Grogan, Dell O'Connor, Eugenio Loccisano Pasquale, M Tereso, Rosino, & Giuseppina Loccisano, Luigi Fuda, Giuseppina & Giorgio Fuda, Giuseppe Agostino, Giorgio Maiolo, Maria Peroni, Richard Brownlow, Giovanni & Marietta Dominello, Michael Hooper, Patricia Dawes, Vincenzina Americano, Patrick Mooney, Giuseppe Mileto, Maria & Rosario Agresta, Domenica & Francesco Camanella, Giuseppina & Giuseppe Papalia, Norman and Chihide Hajje, Shedly and Chahide Hajje, Hanna and Raymond Chiha, Mary Merhi, Eddy Takchi, Benito Sabellano, Nelly Castanares, David Piper

**For healing of the sick**

June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Ivan Ceccato, Phil Sworden, Neil Rogers, Violet Hobbs, Dan Doyle, Karen Bligh, Elizabeth Graby, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Teresa Masiello, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Rosanna Ceroli, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.





## OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

### ST MADELEINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

is now accepting enrolments for Kindy 2019.  
Enrolment packs can be picked up from the office or on the website  
<http://www.stmadeleineskenthurst.catholic.edu.au/>

### MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Applications for year 7, 2019 close on Friday, 4th May 2018.  
Please send enquiries to the Enrolment Officer at  
[marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au)

**\*Fr Vincent will announce dates for interviews after Easter.**

### GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK: 30 MARCH

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Good Friday Night Walk. Starting Friday 30th March at 10:00pm from St Patrick's Church, Blacktown and finishing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: [parracatholic.org/cyp](http://parracatholic.org/cyp)

### FIRST MASS AT ST LUKE'S MARSDEN PARK: 8 APRIL

The new St Luke's Catholic Faith Community, Marsden Park invites you to join them as Bishop Vincent Long, assisted by Deacon Tony, leads their first Mass at St Luke's College, Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park on 8 April at 10am. More info at: <https://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au>

### THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: 8 APRIL

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on 8 April 2018 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Celebrations will commence at 3pm with Chaplet, Confessions, Benediction and Mass. There will be fellowship after Mass, please bring a plate to share. No RSVP required.

### NSW PASTORAL CONFERENCE: 1 MAY

NSW Pastoral Conference: Forming Missionary Disciples - Join with pastoral council members, parish clergy, staff and volunteers across NSW to explore strategies for forming missionary disciples. How do we renew our baptismal call and enable our gifts in parish and school life? Tuesday 1 May, Lidcombe, cost \$65. Find out more: [www.tinyurl.com/disciples2018](http://www.tinyurl.com/disciples2018) or contact Tanya Quinn: 02 8838 3441 or [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org)

### POSITIONS VACANT

Credo Youth Group Coordinator - St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta  
For further information, please visit [www.stpatcathedral.com.au](http://www.stpatcathedral.com.au)

The Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking the following:

Executive Officer, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

University Chaplaincy Co-ordinator, Sydney University Chaplaincies

Live-in Centre Manager—Benedict XVI Retreat Centre

For further information, the advertisements for these positions can be viewed at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au)

Community Participation Leader—Caritas Australia

For further information, please visit [www.caritas.org.au/jobs/positions-vacant](http://www.caritas.org.au/jobs/positions-vacant)

### APRIL RETREATS

**Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566  
02 8795 3400; [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com); [www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)**

Living in the light of the resurrection: A retreat in the spirit of Taizé

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April 6: 6:00 pm – April 8: 1:30 pm; Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)

Experiencing God in our joys and sorrows.

Out of darkness, colour breaks; Presenter: Lorraine Murphy, OCDS

April 7: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm; Cost: \$30; Please bring your own lunch.

Journeying with the disciples of Emmaus: Time to reflect with two "insignificant disciples" as they return (from Emmaus) to Jerusalem after meeting the Risen Lord.

Gospel People; Presenter: Bishop Greg Homering, OCD

April 13: 6:00 pm – April 15: 1:30 pm; Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)

The Gospels give us the encounters of ordinary people with Jesus in the uniqueness of their own personality, concerns and failings.

### PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:  
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretary:  
Lisa Echevarria

Sacramental Coordinator  
Sally Coppini

### St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

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Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

### PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

### Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses:

9:15, Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup – Tue 9:00am

at St Joseph Centre during school terms

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:20,  
or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

## Sunday's Reminder...

Let's start the  
week with an

**ATTITUDE**  
of  
**GRATITUDE!**

*In everything give thanks;  
for this is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus for you.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Have a glorious day!

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2018 with extension in Jordan and Italy

16 November, departs Sydney for 2 weeks

Pilgrimage Chaplain: Fr Vincent Savarimuthu

INFORMATION EVENING: Friday, 6th April 2018 @7pm at the St. Joseph Centre

to be presented by Globus/Cosmos and itravel

Registration/Light refreshments start 6.30pm

For your Expression of Interest, please contact Susan Clark: P: 02 9099 8035 M: 040 542 9988 E: [susan@itravel-au.com](mailto:susan@itravel-au.com)

### PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

**Welcomers Coordinator:** Amira Campo

**Music Coordinators:**

Barbara Mathias and Joan Sattler

**Junior Ministers Coordinator:** Maree McNeil

**Children's Liturgy Coordinator:** Deb Rankin

**Baptism Preparation:** Angelique Easton

**RCIA Coordinator:** Steve Fry

**Playgroup Coordinator:** Grainne Barker

**SRE Coordinator:** Maureen Jones

**Friendship Group:** Jenny Puleo

**Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:**

Peter Balnaves

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<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	John Cice	Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Amira & John Campo	Helen Ross
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
	<b>READERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating *Passion Gospel readers	Maree McNeil Kay Brooks *Passion Gospel readers	Amira Campo Justin Sebire *Passion Gospel readers	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle *Passion Gospel readers
	<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Trish Keating	Frances Sanders Margaret Steele	Ann & Mark Lee	Gael Carpani Bev Hermens
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Brosnan Leahy	Vincent Macdonald Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo Finn Sebire	Clarissa Vumbaca James Barker
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Pat & Bev	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(27 Mar) Paul Vella		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Pat Brush

<b>31 MAR/1 APRIL</b>		5:30pm EASTER VIGIL	8:00am	10:00am	No evening Mass
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Please refer to special roster in the foyer.	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	<b>COUNTERS: (4 April)</b> Frank & Ivanka Valencic Kay & Archie Brooks
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>		Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	<b>READERS</b>		Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	
	<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b>		Deb & Paul Copperfield	Marian Piper CareyAnne Moylan	
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>		Olivia Easton	Christian Santelmann Christian Maait	
<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Joan & Combined choirs		Lisa & Craig	Bobby, Mark, Matt & MJM	<b>NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b> <b>FLOWERS</b> by Sydney Plants