



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

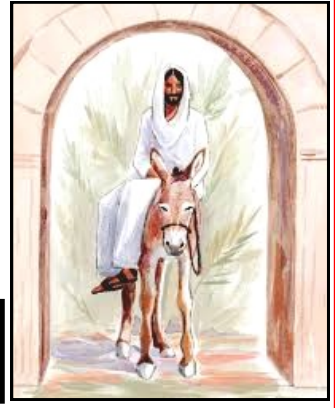
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Parish Priest: Fr Manuel Santiago

Permanent Deacon: Rev Mr Raymond Hung

Weekend Mass Times: Sat: 5.30pm, Sun: 8am, 10am & 7pm
Confessions 4.30pm - 5.15pm Saturday Afternoons



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR B) 24 MARCH, 2024

On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish His Paschal Mystery. For ALL Masses, please precede to the entrance of the church.



Antiphon before the blessing of the palms:

Dear Bethren, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in His footsteps, so that, being made by His grace partakers of the cross, we may have a share also in His Resurrection and in His life.

Let us Pray: Almighty ever-living God, sanctify these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through Him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Alternative Gospel (B) of the Palm Blessings: (Jn 12:12-16)

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel!' And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written, 'Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Procession into the church where Mass is celebrated.

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, He provides me with speech. Each morning He wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to His equality with God but emptied Himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, He was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised Him high and gave Him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised Him on high and gave Him a name above all other names.

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The Gospel for year B will be displayed.

Please read when you see "ALL" noted.

Please note that there will be **NO MORNING MASSES** between 8th-11th APRIL. Communion Services only.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 9.30am till 3.30pm
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We remember and pray for those in our parish community who are sick, along with parishioners' special intentions. Names for the sick will be published for 3 weeks then removed unless we receive further notification.

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Parishioners who are sick at the moment: Danielle, Mariana & Family; Margaret Kazzi; Tony Kazzi; Alfio Dimarco; Fred Spiteri. **Recently Deceased:** Fay McManus; Paul Scott Cleary; Maureen Martin; Brian Martin; Carmesinda Leite De Oliveira; Patrick Formert; Giorgio Festa; Clementina Colagiuri. **Prayers for the Deceased:** Mary, LoLita & Karam Kazzi; Farida & Georges Kazzi; Anna Bia Nguyen; D'Amico and Cecchino Families; Mary, Emmanuel & Charles Portelli; Yvonne Devet; Mary Zammit; Jane Sammut. **Deceased Anniversaries:** Joseph Tonna; Annie Ozzopardi; George Tonna; Emily Zammit; Di Leo & Townson Families; Leonor Diaz Acevedo; Mavis Giblett; Ghassan Touma; Jeanette Jabbour; Eleanor Ferreira; Eufemia Carbone; Florentina Da Silva; Delfim De Paiva; Paul & Mary Gatt; Therese Saliba; Bartolo & Francis Natoli; David & Colleen McIntosh; Jim Dickson; June Waters; Herbert Fenech; Gary Hood; Paul Russell; Joseph Chan; John Charles Longergan; Holy Souls.

	Holy Thursday 28 March 7 PM	Good Friday 29 March 3PM
C	Ave Maria Choir	Projector: Ave Maria Choir
L	K Robinson (1st) J Meagher (2nd)	K Robinson (1st Reading) M Ziehlke (2nd Reading) Standby Reader: Bev Trott P Botterill (Narrator) T Iakopo (Single speaker & Crowd) <u>Intercession Readers</u> J Solano (1,2) S Barakat (3,4) P McGovern (5,6) T Liaw (7,8) B Trott (9,10)
E	J Solano (Standby)	J Solano (Standby)
A	R Legaspi, A Coll L Festa, J Varga, R Varga, J Spiteri	J Spiteri; A Coll, L Festa, J Varga, R Varga
	S Varga + 3 Collector Wardens	S Varga + 3 Collector Warden

Please support our Parish by either:

Our Parish Website:
www.thomasmorebrighton.org.au

Electronic Transfer: To arrange, email:
office@thomasmorebrighton.org.au

Please note: The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord is being celebrated on Monday, 8th April this year.

ATTENTION ACOLYTES & READERS

For Easter Services of Holy Thursday, 3pm Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil Mass, all Acolytes are asked to arrive one hour before the start of Mass so Deacon Raymond can run you through the Liturgy. All readers are asked to arrive 20 minutes before the start of Mass, and are asked to let Deacon Raymond know that you have arrived for your rostered reading. Please refer to the Easter Roster on this page. *Thank you*

EASTER VIGIL - HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT 30 March 6.30pm (Sat) Vigil	
C	Choir + Commentator + Projector: Ave Maria Choir
L	M Pirota (Reading 1 - Response Choir) C Palomero (Reading 2 - Response Choir) P Botterill (Reading 3—Response Choir G Gaw on Standby for any absent) J Meagher (Reading 7 -Response Choir) K Robinson (Epistle) (Prayers of the Faithful—(c/-K Varga)
E	D D'Amato, and P Botterill on standby
A	J Spiteri, L Festa, R Legaspi, J Varga, R Varga, A Coll
Collector Wardens: S Varga + 3 Volunteers needed	

Prayer for Child Protection: Lord, you asked that the little children be allowed to come to you, for it is such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith. Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic Communities provide a safe environment for each child. We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood, give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection. Amen



The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's policy on the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young persons is available on the notice boards. For more info, go to www.sydneycatholic.org or STM Notice Board in the Choir area.

	EASTER 31 March 8:00 AM (Sun)	EASTER 31 March 10:00 AM (Sun)	EASTER 31 March 7:00 PM (Sun)
C	Commentator: Coronel Choir Choir: Coronel	Commentator/ Choir: Ave Maria Choir	
L	B Trott T Liaw	P Mc Govern K Robinson	Volunteers Needed
E	T Lenzo B Trott	G Ataya Zen V	C Roldan
A	J Spiteri	A Coll M Tomasiello	Volunteer needed
	<u>Collectors:</u> Linus	<u>Collectors:</u> J D'Amato	C-J Solano

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: **Child sexual abuse is a crime.** The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. For further info and resources:
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

Please note - office will not be open before 8.30am
Mon 25/3 E Collaro, T Gaut
Wed 3/4 T Fahey; **(Volunteer Needed)**



WELCOMING OUR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS AT THE EASTER VIGIL MASS

The celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday give all of us an opportunity to once again celebrate the Paschal Mystery and to welcome our new members who have been journeying with us during this year. On Holy Saturday, Cherie, Rebecca, Jennie and Aileen; will celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please join us for this great celebration!

Confessions during Holy Week

Tuesday 26th: The Church will be open for Confession and quiet prayer time from 6pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday 27th: Usual Holy Hour, with Confessions from 6pm – 7pm

Thursday 28th: Confessions after the Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 29th: Confessions after the Stations of the Cross – finishing at 12 noon



Please Note: No confessions after the Good Friday 3pm Lord's Passion and No Confessions on Holy Saturday.

For Catholics, the primary obligation is to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, especially during the Easter Season. The obligation to go to Confession before this reception of Communion is related to this Easter practice **so as to be sure of being in the state of grace**. After Confession, you can lead a happier and more devout Easter knowing God has cleansed your soul and forgiven you of your sins.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St Joseph's / St Mary MacKillop Parish, Walz Street, Rockdale Sunday, 7th April

2pm: Adoration with Divine Mercy Prayers, and Confessions

3pm: Benediction & Holy Mass

Providing Care to Christians in the Holy Land

On Good Friday, a collection will be taken up to support Christians in the Holy Land. With the decline in pilgrims due to the war, they especially need our help right now. Please donate generously.

*The Funeral for the Late **Fay McManus** will be held at St Thomas More Church Tuesday, 2nd April at 10.30am Fay was a well loved Volunteer here at the parish.*



Project Compassion Boxes/Envelopes



should be returned on Good Friday or Easter Sunday. Donations are 100% tax deductible. If you require a receipt, please record your name, address and the amount of your donation on the box/envelopes. Please do not record your name if a receipt is not required.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

for children will take place at St Thomas More Church at 6pm on Tuesday, 4th June.



The Confirmation Information Evening will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 3rd April, so please register your child as soon as possible via our Parish website.

MARIST COLLEGE, KOGARAH: Enrolling now for Year 7, 2026. Applications close Friday, 5th April



2024 PARISH COURSE FOR ACOLYTES On these Saturdays between 9am-12pm at the STM Parish Centre:

6th April (attend 9am 1st Saturday Mass with us, or start course at 9:30am), 13th April and 20th April.

Planned Giving Boxes are awaiting collection at the back of the church.

Could Parishioners please check to see if you know any of the people who are left.

Our active parish of STM has something for everyone!

STM Women's Group: Sunday, 21st April at 3pm in Parish Centre (3rd Sunday of month).

Food, Faith & Friendship Evening: Next meets Sunday, 28th April. Please note: we will not be meeting in March due to our evening coinciding with Easter Sunday.

STM Children's Liturgy: Today, Sunday 24th March during our 10am Mass (2nd & 4th Sundays during school term).

Men's Breakfast: No Men's breakfast on 6th April—Next one is May 4th at 9:30am (follows on from the 9am Mass, (meets 1st Saturday of the month)).

Upcoming Sunday Spanish Masses at 12:30pm: Today (Palm Sunday) and Easter Sunday.

'Read Me' Bible Study Group: Meets every Saturday at 11:30am - 12:45pm.

Lent & Baptism



Throughout Lent we've been taking a deeper look into the symbolism of Baptism.

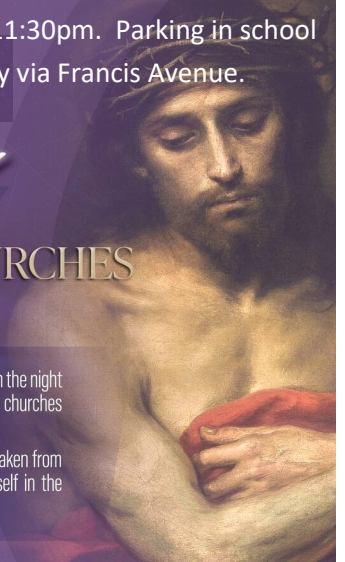
Next time you're making the Sign of the Cross with holy water as you walk into our church, reflect on your own baptism, and what it means to you. Furthermore, contact the church of your baptism to enquire about the date of your baptism in order to remember this special date each year - the day you became a Catholic!

At St Thomas More Church: Starts after the Mass of the Lord's Supper until 11:30pm. Parking in school grounds with entry via Francis Avenue.

HOLY THURSDAY VISITATION OF THE 7 CHURCHES

Be a friend to Christ and walk alongside him on the night of His betrayal by visiting seven participating churches on Holy Thursday night.

With each visit, trace His journey as He was taken from one location to another, and immerse yourself in the profound events of that sacred night.



DON'T FORGET: THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA STARTS THIS FRIDAY!

Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for nine days, starting Good Friday, enables us a most generous gift from Our Lord: the forgiveness of our sins and remission of all the Purgatory we have accumulated throughout our lives! More details in the Good Friday bulletin.

Holy Week: Keeping the Kids Involved

Lacy, the Mum from 'Catholic Icing', has put together 'The Symbolic Holy Week & Easter Cookbook', a PDF file that you can download and print for \$15.

This digital cookbook includes 29+ recipes to use with kids, and are chock-full of symbolism from Palm Sunday through to Pentecost to help keep the kids focussed on the true meaning of the season... Jesus!
catholicicing.com



Liturgical Ministers are invited to join the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia for a **Eucharistic Retreat Day**. Both Deacon Raymond and Father Manuel would like to encourage you to attend and be nourished. The retreat will help you grow in your love for the Eucharist. **Saturday, 11th May, 10am-4pm at St Martha's, 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt.** To register, go to:
www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1162316

ST THOMAS MORE HOLY WEEK PROGRAM

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th

9am Mass followed by Rosary

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO EASTER MASS

Holy Thursday	28 March	<p><u>NO MORNING 9AM Mass at St Thomas More</u></p> <p>You are invited to the 10:30am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.</p> <p>7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper;</p> <p><u>After Mass:</u> 7 Churches Pilgrimage with Adoration/Silent Veneration until 11.30pm</p> <p>Confessions available during Adoration</p> <p>Parking available in school grounds; entry via Francis Ave</p>
Good Friday	29 March	<p><u>NO MORNING 9AM Mass</u></p> <p>10:00am Stations of the Cross (Parish Community)</p> <p>Confessions after Stations of the Cross finishing at 12noon</p> <p>3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord</p>
Holy Saturday	30 March	<p>6:30pm Easter Vigil (Confessions will NOT be available neither before nor after Easter Vigil Mass)</p>
Easter Sunday	31 March	<p>Mass 8.00am & 10.00am, 12:30pm Spanish Mass and 7:00pm Evening Mass</p>