

Sunday 29 March 2026

Palm Sunday of the Pasion of the Lord



Dear Parish Family,

Laudato Si has had a huge impact on how the church sees care of the earth and the impact good stewardship can have for the most vulnerable in our communities, including the homeless, the hungry and the very poor, both physically and spiritually. The two are of course connected. How we use our resources either wisely or wastefully has a flow on effect. Pope Francis in his encyclical refers to St Francis whose witness was inspiration for his choosing his name as Pope; 'I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. ... He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast'. It's the joy of living the message and witness of the Gospels.

With this as inspiration I am wondering what you do with your recyclable bottles, your soft drink, water and alcohol bottles. Do you place them in your yellow bin for recycling? Fr Niel has agreed to coordinate a project for our parish where you could bring your recyclable bottles, the ones that attract cash back, to the parish so that we might do two things; recycle them and collect the cash back. The money could be equally distributed in this instance to **Caritas Australia, Catholic Mission, St V de P,** and to the **Good Friday appeal.** All of which take financial donation throughout the year even though they do have dedicated days allotted to them for fundraising. What do you think? Is this a worthy way of honouring the intent and message of **Laudato Si,** care of the earth and care of those in need on the earth? Fr Niel will need a couple of assistants to help him with the practicalities of the project. *Do you have a passion for caring for our common home?* You are the person we are looking for!!! Speak to Fr Niel or someone in our office to log your name and expression of interest to take part.

Good Friday: On a similar theme I raise the Good Friday Collection for your awareness. This collection is taken up in every Catholic church on Good Friday to support the work of Christian life in the Holy Land and to keep and protect our religious sites there. Sites such as the tomb of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. There has been an intentional push in recent years, according to Christians living there, for the government to take back these sites and to push Christians out. The money we raise and the pilgrimages we make all contribute to keeping our Christian footprint in the land where Jesus lived, worked and taught and where his body lay in the tomb for those three days we mark across our Easter Triduum. We shouldn't devalue even the 'smallest' contribution we offer to the work that is carried-out in Israel and Palestine for and on our sacred sites.

Easter Raffle: Thank you to you for the wonderful support for our Easter Raffle. See the photo and see the pile of eggs!!! Thanks too to those who prepared the prize baskets. I might ask the bishop to draw the winning tickets: I might have a conflict of interest having bought many tickets!

Don't forget to invite your friends and family to our Easter ceremonies. They are always amazing – so uplifting! And please pop the Chrism Mass in your agenda. We celebrate this Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Cathedral. I can assure you that if you come once you will be here every year!!

Greg, Parish Priest

Parish Priest

Fr Greg Barker

Assisting Clergy

Fr Niel Olano
Fr Anthony Coloma
Fr Ramille Bigcas
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Note: Our *NEW* website is looking great. Check it out. Feedback welcome!

Anne Warren (*Business Manager*)
Jenny Pascua (*Parish Secretary*)
Peter Davies (*Administration*)
Mary-Anne de Luca (*Sacraments*)
Dr Anne Millard (*Music & Liturgy*)

The Parish Diary...(for the week ahead)

Holy Week

Mon 30 Mar

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tues 31 Mar

[8:15am No Mass @ The Cathedral]

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

10:00am Funeral Liturgy at The Cathedral for Zdravko (Steve) Viljevac

1:00pm Funeral Liturgy at The Junction for Stewart Hughes

7:00pm Chrism Mass @ The Cathedral

Wed 1 Apr

8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thurs 2 Apr

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

4:30pm Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

7:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

7:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West

7:00pm Mass @ Stockton

Fri 3 Apr

Good Friday

9:00am Morning Prayer @ The Cathedral

10:00am Stations of the Cross @ The Cathedral

10:00am Stations of the Cross @ Stockton

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

3:00pm The Cathedral

3:00pm Mayfield West

3:00pm Stockton

6:00pm The Cathedral (Polish)

Sat 4 Apr

Holy Saturday

9:00am Morning Prayer @ The Cathedral

12noon Blessing of the Food (Święconka)

Easter Sunday

Sat 4 Apr

Easter Vigil:

6:30pm Mayfield West

7:00pm The Cathedral

Sun 5 Apr

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:00am Mass @ The Junction

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral*

11:00am Italian Mass @ The Junction

12noon Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

* Livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel - search Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton



Prayer Requests



RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Rosa Goncalves, Stewart Hughes, Zdravko (Steve) Viljevac, Patty Keegan

ANNIVERSARIES: Barry Gordon, Margaret Tierney, Charles Hart, Edna Margaret O'Beirne, Ronald Sattler, Michael Tobin (Snr), Alan Jennings, Tess O'Neill, Phoebe Bourke, Pat Fogarty, Laurel Murray, Louise Balzar, Paul Bourke, Margaret Campbell, Pam Hill, Dorothy Armitage, Ivan Slobodniuk, Roman Slobodniuk

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: John Hayes, Gary Valaire, Jeremy Eden, Braxton Rayner, Patricia Gillett, Tui Innes, Raymond Morley, Louise Hall, Phil Riordan, Twon Nguyen, Eileen Jennings, Gwen Haggerty, Nick Fazzini, Rose Gathercole, Alexander Klein, Leonetta Papichio, John Woods, Hoagy VanEwyk, Pat Fitzpatrick, Martyn Docherty, Sr Clare McCidden rsj

Chrism Mass



Please join us for the Chrism Mass with Bishop Michael Kennedy. Everyone is welcome to attend. 7pm Tuesday at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Our Columbaria

Those in our Columbaria with March anniversaries:

At Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Louise Anne Balzer
Grahame Blick
Francesco Bufi
Veronica Ellen (Verona) Cable
Edward Caelli
Warren Cunningham
Michael Edward Delaney
Veroncia Ellicott
Betsy Gadd-Ardesch

Frank Gibson
Olwyn Livingstone
Keith Martin
Nigel Mulligan
Terence O'Beirne
John O'Brien
Peter Francis O'Sullivan
Wesbrook (Wes) Smythe
Coz Sphiris
Anna Maria Stefanson
William (Bill) Van Schyndel
Thomas (Jack) Wakely

At St Joseph's:

Gloria Doyle
Carmel Blair
Muriel Boekenstein
Della Brain
Ellis Brown
Thelma Doohan
Megan Evans
Margaret Fleming
Barry Lewis John Gordon
Joyce Johns

Jack Muldoon
Yvonne Pryde
John Sowerby
Paul Wallace
Win Young
Kenneth McDonnell
Eleanora C Bertoss
Kathleen Booker
James Struck
Barbara Georgas
Tony Tamplin

Eternal rest grant unto them and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.

Farewell to Father Anthony

Friday 10 April

6pm Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral

Supper to follow in the Toohey Room and surrounds

Please bring a plate to share! All very welcome!



Congratulations and best wishes to Frank and Rushani Day, who were married on Saturday 21 March at Sacred Heart Cathedral.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

With the end of Lent approaching, you are invited to please return Project Compassion boxes. The donations will be remitted to Caritas soon after Easter.

Calvary Mater Newcastle Auxiliary 'Cancer Carers'



Fashion Parade

Friday 10 April 2026 11am start

Hunter Christian School

Cnr Bull & Kerr Streets Mayfield

Clothes by Donna-Lou

\$15 admission includes light lunch

svp: Thursday 2 April 2026

Evelyn 4950 9440 or Suzanne 4950 8235

Holy Land Collection Good Friday, 3 April 2026

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. The collection promotes missionary work in the Holy Land, providing welfare assistance in areas of health, education, employment and housing.

Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres rely on assistance from this collection and Catholics around the world are urged to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians in the Holy Land on Good Friday and keep them in your prayers. Donation envelopes will be made available at each Mass centre from this weekend.

Easter Raffle

Thank you ALL for participating!
Special thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped with selling tickets, general organisation and packing of prizes. **Winners will be drawn on Tuesday afternoon** and notified within 24 hours.



Easter Raffle Prizes are READY!

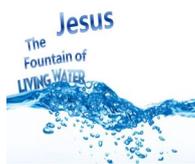


Vinnies

We are looking for caring volunteers to help prepare and distribute food and essential support to people in need in our community. Volunteering with us is flexible - you can help us as often as your schedule allows. If you would like to make a difference, please contact Fran Barber - ph 0431 525 597

Regular Opportunities for Prayer and Meditation

- **Tighes Hill Christian Meditation** (non-denominational) - each Monday 3.30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Tighes Hill



- **Living Waters Meditation Centre** - each Wednesday 7.30am and Friday 11.00am at 34 Kenrick St The Junction

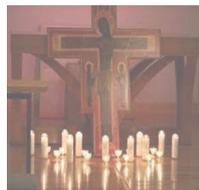
- **The Rosary** - each Wednesday after 8.15am Mass at The Cathedral, First Saturday of the month after Mass and Novena at The Cathedral.



- **Divine Mercy Devotion** - first Sunday of the month 3.00-4.00pm at Christ the King, Mayfield West. No Divine Mercy devotion on April 5. Will resume on April 12th, 3-4pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, Readings from St. Faustina's Diary and Prayers



- **Taize Service** - first Sunday of the month 5.00 - 6.00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill, followed by a shared supper.



The Chuckle

I said to the gym instructor, "Can you teach me to do the splits?"

She said, "How flexible are you?"

I replied, "I'm pretty flexible, but I can't make Tuesdays."



Parish Group Meetings

Book Club next meeting is Sunday, April 12th, to discuss *Legacy* by Chris Hammer. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email: newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



View, Chew, and Chat is currently engaged in the Lenten program "Compassio". You are very welcome to join us on Wednesdays! To participate,

please email the parish office: newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

Faith Sharing on the Sunday Gospel at Tighes Hill Church after 8am Mass today.

Easter Food Blessing



You are invited to join with our Polish brothers and sisters Holy Saturday 4 April at 12 noon for the Easter Food Blessing.

Bring your basket or platter with:

- hard-boiled eggs (symbolizing new life and the empty tomb)
- bread (representing Christ, the Bread of Life)
- butter (for sacrifice and purity)
- meat, often ham or sausage (a festive protein after abstinence)
- salt (symbolizing purification)
- cake (the symbol of joy of Easter glory),
- decoration (fresh branches) and
- horseradish (the symbol of the harshness of daily life).

The food is then eaten on Easter Sunday as part of the Easter Celebrations.

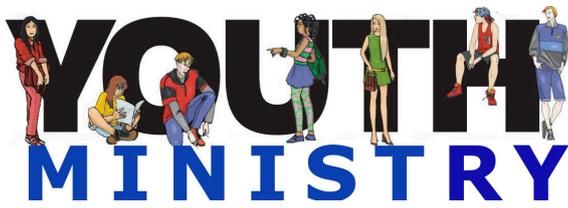
Welcome to Our Newly Baptised!

We joyfully welcome those receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

On Saturday: Zanaiah Woods at The Cathedral and Remi Robson at Mayfield West.

On Sunday: Edward and Amelia Linsket and Isadora Rono at Stockton; Bede and Gabriel Maher at The Cathedral.





**SAVE THE DATE — May 3rd, 5pm at the Cathedral
EPIC YOUNG ADULTS: NEXT CHAPTER**

EPIC is taking a breather over April but... save the date for the launch of our new vision and mission statements and upcoming events for the year!

Come along for 5pm Mass on May 3rd, followed by a gathering to hear about what's next for this group. Dinner and great company provided!

More details to come...

Want to know more?

Follow EPIC on Insta at @epicnewcastle or join the WhatsApp with the QR code —>



Our Catholic Schools

St Joseph's Primary School: Karen McGinlay (*Principal*)
Union Street, The Junction NSW 2291
(02) 4961 2827
www.merewether.catholic.edu.au

Holy Family Primary School: Shannon McGregor (*Principal*)
Pell Street, Merewether NSW 2291
(02) 4963 3009
www.merewetherbeach.catholic.edu.au

St Columban's Primary School: Penny Banister (*Principal*)
Church Street, Mayfield NSW 2304
(02) 4968 3315
www.mayfieldsc.catholic.edu.au

St Peter's Primary School: Dennis Nolan (*Principal*)
Dunbar St, Stockton NSW 2295
(02) 4928 1861
www.stockton.catholic.edu.au

St Francis Xavier's College: Greg Ptolemy (*Principal*)
Parkway Avenue, Hamilton NSW 2303
(02) 4961 2863
www.hamilton.catholic.edu.au

San Clemente High School: Emma South (*Principal*)
78 Havelock St, Mayfield NSW 2304
(02) 4014 7300
www.mayfieldsanc.catholic.edu.au

St Dominic's Catholic College: Rachel Jones (*Principal*)
76 Havelock St, Mayfield NSW 2304
(02) 4968 1295
www.mayfieldsd.catholic.edu.au

Parish Teams

Promoters of Safeguarding: Louise Outram, Cynthia Tamonan, Alex Tamonan, Sr Kath Williams rsm, Annie Evans.

Bereavement Team: Margaret Cox, Gail Lovell, Christopher Gregory, Margaret Beard, Margaret Newton, Jill O'Dell, Anne Millard (02) 4979 1252.

St Joseph's Pastoral Team: Contact the Parish Office.

RCIA: Contact Mary-Anne at the parish office. Visit our website to fill out the form.

Sacramental Program: Contact Mary-Anne at the Parish Office.

Baptism team: Meets on the first Tuesday of the month, with parents who are preparing for their children's baptism.

Tell Us About You

You can use the link or QR code to provide your contact details. You can also let us know if you wish to take on a volunteer role, and/or join our Planned Giving program.

<https://tinyurl.com/newcparishcensus>



Safeguarding

As we enter Holy Week, Easter invites us to become witnesses of the risen Christ in our daily lives - through acts of kindness, forgiveness, and service to others. Easter is a season of renewal, hope, and togetherness, but also a time to reflect on our shared responsibility to keep one another safe - especially children, older adults, and anyone who may feel vulnerable or isolated. Every parish, family, and community setting should be a place of safety, dignity, and respect.

During liturgies and events, always ensure appropriate supervision of children, with clear roles for trusted adults. Be mindful of safe environments - both physical and emotional - where everyone feels protected and valued. Volunteers and leaders should follow established safeguarding practices, including accountability and transparency in all interactions.

We should also encourage awareness and open communication. Listen carefully to concerns, take them seriously, and act promptly if something seems wrong. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

As we celebrate the Risen Christ, let us reflect His love by protecting the most vulnerable among us. May this Easter be not only a time of hope and renewal, but also of vigilance, care, and compassion for all.

Diocesan Events

<https://tinyurl.com/cdmnevents>

ALIVE Catholic Youth Launch: 17 May, Trinity College, Adamstown

Magdalene Awards: 26 July, 9:30am - Sacred Heart Cathedral

ALIVE Young Adults Retreat: 17-19 July, Forster Travelling Exhibition of the Saint Carlo Acutis Pilgrim

Relic: 8-14 September

ALIVE Youth Retreat: 25-27 September, Lake Macquarie

Renewed & Sent Parish Renewal Summit: 1-3 October, St Gregory's Campbelltown

Diocesan Resource Centre

Location: Corner Tudor and Parry Sts, Newcastle West.

Opening Hours: Mondays and Fridays, 10am to 4pm. Open 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, 10am to 2pm. All resources are available to borrow; and are searchable on the library catalogue, which can be accessed through this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/DOMNLibrary>

OR use the QR code.

Prayer Scripture Group Meeting

Every Saturday, 2:30pm (during Lent)

The Praying Scripture group has started meeting on Saturdays to pray and reflect on the Lenten Gospels. We will continue to meet after Easter with a particular focus on the Gospel of John this year. You can contact Wayne Caruana for more information on 0466 631394.



MN Kids Holiday Program

7th & 8th April, 9:00am-1:00pm

\$10 per child/per day, lunch included! Program is open to children aged 6-12 years and will include team games, science experiments, bible stories and music.

Register: <https://>

MNKidsHolidayProgram.eventbrite.com.au

Contact: Nicola Graham 0417 773 444

Business Owners / Employers

If you have job openings available in your shops or businesses and would like to offer fellow parishioners the opportunity to apply, please contact the Parish Office. We are opening this initiative to help connect employers with individuals seeking work, strengthening our community by supporting one another.



Called & Gifted Discernment Process



Mission & Evangelisation is working with the Catherine of Siena Institute to offer the Called & Gifted Discernment Process this year. We will again offer this life-changing discernment process, inviting you to discover your God-given charisms. Commencing in May, step forward in faith and help our parishes thrive through use of your gifts. Express your interest here: <https://tinyurl.com/CalledandGifted2026>

Newcastle Maritime Art Exhibition



Mission to Seafarers and Stella Maris would love to invite you to showcase your extraordinary artistic ability at our art show on **1 August 2026**. Please see all of the information below along with the categories for you to enter in. For further information, visit <https://mtsnewcastle.org.au> to see terms and conditions and parental consent for independent children submissions.

Food Baskets for the Needy

Blue bins located in our churches are available for your donations:

Items of dry goods or tin food can be placed in the blue bins located at our churches. When donating please check expiry dates. We ask that you do not donate peanut butter. Any of the following non-perishable items are welcome: UHT milk, cereal, spreads, tinned goods, pasta, rice, pasta sauces, tea, coffee, biscuits, custard, jelly, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant.

Community Kitchens

The Community Kitchens run by CatholicCare can be accessed by anyone who needs a warm meal or support. Local locations are:



Adamstown: Every Wednesday, 11am to 1pm at 486 Glebe Road, Adamstown

Newcastle: Every Saturday, 5.30pm to 6.30pm (6.30pm to 7.30pm during Daylight Savings) at Civic Park, King Street, Newcastle.

Phone: 4979 1120

Email: foodprograms@catholiccare.org.au

To Give Away

Upright Beale Piano. Good condition. Steel frame. Needs tuning.

Please contact the parish office.

Employment Opportunities

Family Engagement Coordinator: Catholic Schools is seeking a Temporary Full-Time Family Engagement Coordinator, who works with the Principal to support and strengthen family engagement within the school, church and wider community. The period is from 20 April 2026 to 27 January 2027 and will work across four schools in the Newcastle region: Trinity Catholic College, St Columba's Adamstown, St James' Kotara and St Kevin's Cardiff. Further details can be found on our website:

<https://tinyurl.com/CDMNSchools>

Cessnock Correctional Centre – Catholic Chaplain:

Mission & Evangelisation is seeking a full-time Correctional Centre Chaplain for the purpose of providing a ministry of healing and pastoral presence. Our Chaplains aim to provide people in custody the tools to become more at one with themselves, with others and with God. The ministry offers inmates the best chance of successfully reintegrating into society once their sentence is complete. Pastoral and spiritual care and support is also provided to inmates' families and centre staff. For further details email:

james.camden@mn.catholic.org.au

Donation Options

For anyone who wishes to make donations to the parish via direct deposit: Details are provided below for the individual parishes.

Account name: **CDF** BSB: **066739**

Account number: **see below***

Reference: **Donation [Surname]**

*Account numbers:

Newcastle Parish - Account no: 100008696

Mayfield Parish - Account no: 100007169

Stockton Parish - Account no: 100003308

OR

Scan a QR Code:



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**CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MAYFIELD**



**ST PETER IN CHAINS CHURCH
STOCKTON**

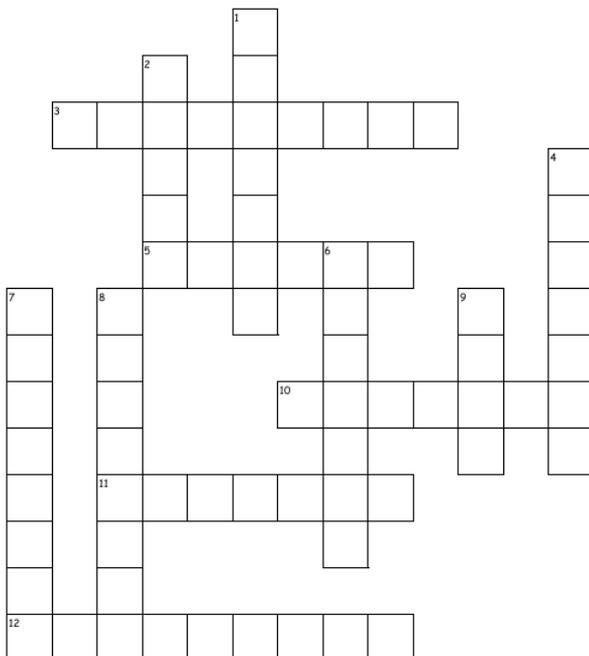
Bequests

To help our Catholic Pastoral Region continue its mission of proclaiming the Good News, you might consider including us in your Will. You just need to specify which parish(es) you would like to help.

CROSSWORD

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Mt 21:1-11



Across

- 3: the city where Jesus made a triumphant entrance on Palm Sunday
- 5: the animal that carried Jesus on its back
- 10: a small town
- 11: what you wear
- 12: followers of Jesus

Down

- 1: the people shouted " _____ for the Son of David!"
- 2: a large gathering of people
- 4: yelled, spoken loudly
- 6: extremely happy
- 7: many people _____ Jesus through the streets
- 8: limbs of a tree
- 9: a path for travelling

Passion Sunday , Year A [N00HOPAA_2005_CWG.rtf]

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Safeguarding

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: 02 4979 1390, or email

childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or visit www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

Today's Liturgy of the Word



First Reading: Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2 (R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

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

Gospel: Mt 26:14 – 27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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Next Week's Readings

Easter Sunday, Year A

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Col 3: 1-4

Mt 28: 1-10



Scripture Commentary

It is only once in every three years that we publicly share together Matthew's full



account of the arrest, trial and death of Jesus. Today is that day. Matthew's passion is rich in every sense of the word. It is the longest account of what Jesus endured, and it also has the most diverse cast of characters. Only Matthew devotes attention, not only to the tragic fate of Judas who was filled with remorse, but also to the thirty pieces of silver which were used to buy a cemetery for foreigners called the Field of Blood. Only Matthew tells us about the dream of Pilate's wife which leads her to send a message to her husband that he should have nothing to do with Jesus. Matthew's Gospel features several dreams. Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife, to flee with his family to Egypt and later to return from Egypt. Dreams are one of the many links between Matthew's Gospel and the Hebrew Scriptures.

This is by no means to say that Matthew's Gospel is merely an interesting piece of literature. It is only to suggest that, in Holy Week, Matthew's Passion is a wonderful encounter to enter slowly as we spend time with the Lord, allowing the mystery of the cross to deepen within us. One commitment we might make is to take a section each day this week and stay with it for ten minutes.

Monday Mt 26:14-35

Tuesday Mt 26:36-56

Wednesday Mt 26: 57-75

Thursday Mt 27:1-26

Friday Mt 27:27-56

Saturday Mt 27:57-66

The trial and death of Jesus reminds us of the tragedy of injustice that continues to this day in so many places around the world. Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, has attempted to draw our attention to many important issues in our world. We have been invited to take up the cross and follow Jesus in our own time, as we *Unite Against Poverty*. We can pray, with Jesus, 'Let it be as you, not I, would have it.' God's desire is for peace, healing and unity in the face of all the challenges facing humanity. Let us help Jesus carry the cross in our time.

