

Saints and Masses this Week Tuesday 31 March – NO MASS – *Mass of the Oils @ Cathedral*, Wednesday 1 April – of Holy Week, Thursday 2 April – holy Thursday, Friday 3 April – Good Friday Commemoration, Saturday 4 April – Easter Vigil, Sunday 5 April – EASTER SUNDAY

LENTEN NOTICES

Stations of the Cross	Every Friday 6:00pm
Project Compassion Collection Boxes	18 February to 5 April
<i>Start bringing in your Project Compassion collection boxes during this week to help us finalise our donations. Thank you to all who have given so generously over this season of Lent. Please continue to pray for those who will receive your donations.</i>	
Tuesday of Holy Week Mass of the Oils in St Patrick's Cathedral	NO MASS IN SEYMOUR TUESDAY 31 MARCH
AS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF APRIL IS HOLY THURSDAY AND OTHER MASSES MAY NOT BE	SAID, THE ANOINTING MASS WILL BE ON THE WEDNESDAY
Normal First Thursday, First Friday and First Saturday devotions	WILL NOT BE TAKING PLACE DUE TO HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE
Anointing Mass 9:30am	Wednesday 1 April
Good Friday and Holy Land Collection	3 April 3.00pm
Easter Sunday	5 April

Holy Thursday	Reconciliation	5:00pm & 7:30pm
2 April	Mass of the Last Supper	6:00pm
	Vigil Watch in Chapel	7:00-10:00
Good Friday	Stations, Divine Mercy, Chaplet of Tears	9:00am
3 April	Reconciliation	Following
	Passion Ceremony	3:00pm
	Reconciliation	Following
	Divine Mercy Novena	Following
Holy Saturday	Divine Mercy Novena	9:00am
4 April	Reconciliation	following
	Vigil Mass with Fire	7:00pm

Last Lenten Thought Being lured into an endless quest for 'the optimised life', rather than trying solve the cross, perhaps we should offer our defeats and insufficiencies to God, uniting our crosses with Christ's.



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MASS TIMES		ROSTERS THIS WEEK	
TUES – SAT	9am at St Mary's	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
SAT VIGIL	6pm at St Mary's	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SUNDAY	8:30am Tallarook 10am at St Mary's	M Winnell	J Devanney
MASS PREPARATION		COMMENTATORS/LECTORS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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COUNTERS		COLLECTION SUPERVISORS	
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Thanksgiving Env - \$588.50

RECENTLY DECEASED We pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH 29/3- 4/4: Trevor Murphy, Tom Wilkinson, Mary Lennon, Jean Schneider, Elsie McCormack, Tony Kanters, Robert Methven,

ILLNESSES: We pray for: Anne King, Brian Woods, Margaret Jennings, Sonia Willett, Rimón & Ellen Ashkar, John McMahon, Peter Matthews, Peter Gough, Colin Cooper, Milly Brock, Jeremy Stokes, Pete Dillon, and all who are suffering from the Corona Virus and all those unwell at the present time, who receive support from our prayers.

4/5 APR 2026 EASTER VOLUNTEERS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Sat: Volunteer	Sun: Volunteer
LECTORS	Sat: Volunteer	Sun: Volunteer
MASS PREPARATION	Sat: Volunteer	Sun: Volunteer
COUNTERS: D Ring	G Quillinan	

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 21)

ANTIPHON: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

RESPONSE: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 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!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

TODAY'S READINGS Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

NEXT WEEK (Easter Sunday, Year A) Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

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Jesus' Jerusalem is our Jerusalem



29 March 2026 Palm Sunday Year A

The journey of Lent has prepared us to celebrate Palm Sunday and commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, his Passion and death. Are we ready to journey with Jesus Christ into Jerusalem and his Passion and are we ready to welcome Christ to journey with us in our life's journey?

The Passion of the Lord stands at the heart of our discipleship, revealing the depth of God's love for everyone through suffering freely embraced. The Passion is the deliberate and total self-giving of Jesus who longs to enter fully into our human condition to redeem it. It reveals God's desire to meet us in human form and to guide us with his Word, so we can enjoy eternal life in his Kingdom.

The journey of the Passion begins in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus confronts what lies ahead. His anguish is real and profound, even to the point of sweating blood. Yet in this moment of deep distress, Christ shows perfect obedience: "Not my will, but yours be done." His surrender reveals that our redemption is born not of force, but of love, a love aligned with his Father's will.

The suffering—scourging, crowning with thorns, carrying his cross and the long walk to Calvary—parades the physical brutality of the Passion. Christ's body bears the consequences of human sin. Yet even in suffering, Jesus is all loving and merciful: he forgives his executioners, consoles the repentant thief, and entrusts his mother to the beloved disciple. The cross

becomes not only an instrument of pain and death, but a throne of love and mercy.

At the moment of his death, when Jesus cries out and takes his last breath, the veil of the temple is torn, signifying a new reality. Through his sacrifice, the barrier between God and humanity is removed; we become closer to God, reconciled. The Passion reaches its fulfillment in total self-giving love—love that holds nothing back; welcomes everyone; and goes to the end.

The Lord's Passion invites us, his disciples, not merely to observe, but to actively participate and journey with Christ. It also calls each of us to carry our own cross as Christ did, to trust God in our suffering, and to respond to evil with forgiveness, mercy and hope. In contemplating the Passion, we learn that pain is not the final and last word. From Christ's wounds flow love, healing, reconciliation, the promise of resurrection and new life.

The Passion of the Lord assures us and the world that no suffering is meaningless when the Lord becomes our light and our life and when we are united with Christ. There is no darkness in our life that is beyond the reach of God's steadfast love and redeeming grace. What is asked of us is faithful discipleship, self-giving love and relationship with God. As we enter into this Holy Week, let us remember that we have Christ who longs to journey with us.

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