



HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME:

Palm Sunday: 20th March

Please bring palms to church for blessing.

Monday 21st March:

7:30am: Communion Service (as usual)

Tuesday 22nd March:

7:30am: Communion Service (as usual)

6pm – 7pm: Parish School Evangelical presentation: "CSI Jerusalem"
(All are welcome. Holy Land appeal)

Wednesday 23rd March:

5pm to 6pm: Holy Hour

5:15pm to 5:45pm: Individual confessions

6pm: Mass

Holy Thursday 24th March:

No morning Mass

10:30am at St Mary's Cathedral: Chrism Mass

7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:15pm to 6:45pm: Individual confessions

8pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the tabernacle of reposition until 9pm.

Good Friday 25th March:

10am: Stations of the Cross (Holy Land appeal)

10:45am to 11:45am: Individual confessions

3pm: Good Friday ceremonies (Holy Land appeal)

7pm: Stations of the Cross (Holy Land appeal)

Easter Vigil 26th March:

7pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Liturgies: Fire, Wood and Eucharist)

5:45pm to 6:15pm: Individual confessions

Easter Sunday 27th March:

Mass times: **8am, 9:30am and 5pm**



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15–5:45pm; Sat: 4:15–4:45pm;

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &

WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS:

Saturdays 4pm

CHAPLETS OF DIVINE MERCY/ST

MICHAEL: Sundays 4pm

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

80% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

13th March 2016 (C)

5th Sunday of Lent

1ST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2ND READING: Philippians 3:8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

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GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

To follow on the internet :

"Zenit News"; "Catholic on Line";

"Liturgical Year Calendar", "Spirit Daily", Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS. "Tim

Staples; Catholic Sacraments, videos";

"Catholic Answers", "Catholica"

www.vocationcentre.org.au

Godgossip; American Thinker; tarsus.ie.

MASS INTENTION:

Sat Vigil: †Toar Poluakan

Sun 5pm: Special Intention

Wed 6pm: †Benigna & Agapito Bognalos

Thur: †May & Patrick Ellsmore

OUR SICK: Archbishop **Anthony Fisher**, **Josephine Helback**, **Alan Sargeant**, **Richard Swords**, **Bob Campbell** and **Southern Cross** residents...

Happy Birthdays to: Darlene Tjahjadi (15th) and George Hogan (20th)

Parish School Presentation: "CSI Jerusalem" Play on Tuesday 22nd March from 6pm-7pm in church. All are welcome.

Parish School News: 1) **Kindy Enrolments for 2017** will commence on 10th March. If you have a child ready for Kindy next year, please pick up an enrolment pack from the school. A \$50 fee is involved. 2) Please support the parish school **SVdP Night Patrol initiative**. Non-perishable snacks and small food items can now be placed in the box provided in the church foyer at any time. *This is an ongoing programme....*

Other Notices: 1) **Catholic Youth Services** events, please visit www.cathoicyouthservices.org. 2) **Pierre de Caussade**-Self Abandonment to Divine Providence: presented by Bishop David Walker at *The Centre for Christian Spirituality*, 14 Frances St, Randwick on Wed. 13th, 20th & 27th April from 7pm -8:30pm. Costs involved. Ring 93982211. 3) **Talks & workshops for singles & the engaged**, please visit www.smarloving.org. 4) **SVdP Compeer** programme matches male and female volunteers in friendship with people living with a mental illness. For more details, ring Cathleen on 8622 0303 or email compeer@vinnies.org.au or visit www.compeer.org.au. 5) **Angel Voices – Friday 8th April at 7:30pm** by the St Mary Cathedral Choir at Angel Place concert hall. Tickets on sale now www.cityrecitalhall.com.



Vittorio Piscicelli and Joanna Di Blasio on their wedding day last Sunday in our parish.



Next Sunday 20th March: Donations of palms for the parish will be greatly appreciated. Please bring to Parish Office on Friday 19th March.

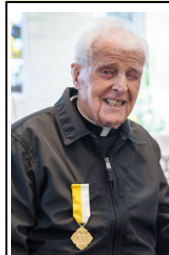
This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) P Low, V Hage (R) G Hage, S Tjen (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) G Guerrero, F De Andrade (R) A Burke, G Pulella (C) P Low (M)
9.30am: Anu V, Magdi Z(A) Volunteers (R) Volunteers (C) T Chin (M)
5.00pm: Volunteer (A) J Chandra, D Sarmiento (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** J Haggar, M Wells

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5.00pm: Volunteer (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT- YEAR C

The story is told of a young French soldier who deserted Napoleon’s army but who, within a matter of hours, was caught by his own troops. To discourage soldiers from abandoning their posts the penalty for desertion was death. The young soldier’s mother heard what had happened and went to plead with Napoleon to spare the life of her son. Napoleon heard her plea but pointed out that because of the serious nature of the crime her son had committed, he clearly did not deserve mercy. “I know he doesn’t deserve mercy,” the mother replied. “It wouldn’t be mercy if he deserved it.” That is the point about mercy: nobody deserves it. Everyone deserves true justice: mercy on the other hand is sheer gift. Mercy does not suggest that the guilty are not guilty; it recognises the guilt but does not demand satisfaction for the wrong. In all this, mercy reflects the utter graciousness of the one who has been wronged. In today’s gospel we have a wonderful story about the forgiveness of Jesus as he forgives the woman caught in adultery. It takes two to commit adultery, but the man seems to have had ready access to an emergency exit leaving the woman in the hands of the scribes and Pharisees. The scribes and Pharisees are ready to impose the Law of Moses, which condemned such acts by stoning to death. Jesus points to her accusers by asking if they are sinless; let them cast the first stone. When we imagine this gospel scene we can all imagine ourselves in the place of the woman caught in adultery, and probably have no trouble filling in the faces of our accusers who are all too ready at times to heave a stone in our direction. Can we forgive as Jesus forgives, while acknowledging the sin, but freeing the sinner of shame and guilt? In this Jubilee Year of Mercy our Holy Father speaks about God’s mercy which he says is full of ‘tenderness and compassion.’ Are we ready to enact that unconditional act of mercy for ourselves and those we condemn?

Fr Kelvin



Please pray for the late **Fr. Francis “Frank” Martin** who passed away at 99 years old recently. Fr. Frank was our Asst. Parish Priest from 1944 to 1948. He served as a priest for 75 years and was the longest serving priest in Australia. For his long, dedicated and selfless service to Sydney’s parishioners and to the Australian Catholic Church, he was recognised when Bishop Terry Brady presented him with the Papal Cross of Honour in October last year.

The Requiem Mass for Fr. Frank will be held at St Aloysius Gonzaga, Cronulla Parish on Tuesday 15th March at 11am. Eternal rest grant unto him. O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.