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WELCOME to HOLY WEEK & THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM
Sunday, 5th April – PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
Thursday, 9th April – LORD'S LAST SUPPER
Friday, 10th April – CELEBRATION of the PASSION OF THE LORD



Online Resources for Daily Mass, Prayer & Corona Virus Updates:

- <https://shalomworld.org/specialevent/daily-mass> (Vatican Mass)
- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> (Sydney Mass at St Francis Xavier Lavender Bay, Sydney)
- <https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/> (Mass Live Stream at St Mary's Cathedral)
- <https://www.facebook.com/anthonyfisherop/videos/2879218758821564/> (Lord's Prayer at midday for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic with His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher)
- <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/> (Coronavirus Updates)
- <https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/spiritual-communion.html> (Spiritual Communion)

RECONCILIATION: Friday - by request
 Saturday - by request

BAPTISMS: By appointment

WEDDINGS: By appointment (minimum of six months notice required)

ANOINTING MASS: 2nd Saturday in March, June, September & December

PARISH SECRETARY: Tuesday & Thursday - 8.30am to 3.30pm
 (Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)

This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired

Parish Pastoral Council: Meetings scheduled as required
Liturgy Committee: Meetings scheduled as required

REMEMBER OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS:

Recently Deceased: Fr Raymond (Ray) Farrell, Parish Priest, Auburn, Giovanni Mariani, Raffaella Pelli, Grahame Murphy

Anniversaries: Norma Day, James Doumit, Tony Shomar Virginia Bonifacio, Catalina Tungul, Medardo Tungul Snr

We pray for: Keith Day, Robert Ellis, Giancotti Luigi, Joseph Steinwall, Sydney Franks, Marie O'Callaghan, Elizabeth O'Conner, James O'Conner, Salud Tungul, Claro Tungul Snr, Daniel Tungul, Josie Tungul, Rosita Ongcal, Eugenio Ongcal, Arturo Bonifacio, Teresita Mora, Lucia Scargall, Rom Borg, Louis Naudi, Scott Hassen, Frances Summut, Dolores Micallef, Vincenzo Martino, Monica Kelly, Michael Lavorato, Tony Smiroldo, Elsa D'Souza, Matius Murhady Tjhai, Marge King, Norma Palomo, Norm Roberts, Frank Fogarty, Antonietta Bulfoni, Laureana Dionzon, Elizabeth Hundy, Patrick Hundy, Cyril Sattrukalsinghe, Aurora de Peralta, Vincenza Cammareri, Alain Jourdan Manaid, Mirko Durdevic Femili, Markovic Femili, Patrick Kassab, Maria Rosa Brizzi, Julie-Anne Lavorato, Santa Smiroldo, Francesco, Rosa, Julie-Anne, Tony and Frank Lavorato, Percy Baptiste, Michael Baptiste, Patrick La Porte, Hilda La Porte, deceased members of Fogarty, Ryan, Hart, Simon, Moses and Coorey families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Emelio (Leo) Vaka'uta, Joe Sarkis, Robyn Hession, Betty Keogh, Rita Turano, Frank Murray

VALE FR RAY Fr Ray's funeral took place on Thursday, 2nd April 2020. Many of you watched on from the live streaming. Many thanks to all of you who wrote in beautiful messages during the live streaming. A video of the funeral is still available on the website and on Facebook Catholic Archdiocese Sydney. *'Eternal rest grant unto him o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.'*





Matthew 21:9 ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week and is a day of glory and impending tragedy. The scene is set with Jesus making his triumphant journey from Bethany to Jerusalem, where he started that final movement, which would bring all and everything together through his death, crucified as a common criminal on a cross. The sight of Christ riding into Jerusalem on a donkey with people waving palm branches shouting 'Hosanna' and acclaiming him as a conquering King, made the visiting crowds, gathered for the festival, stop in amazement. Little did they know that the rejoicing would quickly be swept aside. Before long, as triumph turned to tragedy, those palm branches took the shape of a cross and the hosannas (meaning: shouts of praise and adoration) became jeers (meaning: scoff and mocking) and calls for his death.

Holy Week is the most sacred time of the church year. It highlights the peak moments of Christ's love for us, gives us an opportunity to look at our lives and accept responsibility for our sins. The passion story spells out the last events of the life of Jesus and makes clear the price he paid for our sins. He was betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter and abandoned by all. In loneliness he reached out for companionship and support to the Father but there was nothing to comfort him: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' His death on the cross reminds us that there is a God towards whom we journey and whose friendship we seek. Every Christian becomes aware that in his own life he has to meet the same fate as Jesus. He must join in Christ's suffering and death in order to share his glory. The road to eternal life will not by-pass the hill of Calvary (meaning: any experience involving great suffering). Our victory, like Christ's, comes only through the cross.

This final week of Lent offers us an opportunity to bring our hearts and minds into harmony with Christ. Make a special effort to attend the church ceremonies which dramatise the last agonizing moments of the Saviour's life. Listen to the passion story in a spirit of prayer and embrace its message. There's no point in comforting ourselves with the thought that a group of Jews 2,000 years ago crucified Christ. Each of us had a hand in his death because the face of Christ is marred and scarred by the violence and injury which we inflict on our neighbours. If we are honest, we can see shades of ourselves in all those who put Jesus to death. Peter and Judas, Pilate and the soldiers should cause us to reflect on the treachery and evil that sleeps within us all. No-one can follow Jesus through the liturgy of Holy Week without the truth dawning anew in our hearts. The truth is that God loves us all with a love that cost Jesus death on the cross.

