

Greetings as we enter our Holy Week celebrations: the High Holy Days of our Faith.

The celebrations take us back to the very origin of our faith, to the events of that fateful Jewish Passover when Jesus was subjected to a mockery of a trial, scourged to the point of near death and then crucified. **It was a particularly 'Solemn Passover', solemn because the Sabbath in that year of the death of Jesus, beginning with the weekly Passover Meal on the Friday at sunset, actually coincided with the fixed annual date for the originating Passover – 14th Nisan.** (Nisan is the first month of the liturgical Jewish Calendar – end of March-April) Sometimes the 14th Nisan - commemorating the great Passover from slavery in Egypt 1,200 years earlier - would occur on a weekday which was not the Sabbath. **The year Jesus was crucified it fell on a Saturday-the Sabbath.**

The **Passover meal** centres around the symbolic acts concerning the selection and sacrificing of a lamb, recorded in the First Reading for the Holy Thursday Last Supper Mass. **This ritual stretches back probably around 4,000 years to the very beginning of the nomadic Habiru (Hebrew) people. As nomads, at the conclusion of winter, they prepared to move out with their sheep and goats to find spring pastures.** There were dangers associated with that. On the eve of their move they ate, together with unleavened bread, one of the lambs from their flock and daubed some of its blood on the tent pegs to ward off evil.

With the passage of time this little ceremony **was repeated in Egypt where they were enslaved – and the door posts of their dwellings were daubed with the blood of the lamb on the eve of their great Passover from slavery to freedom under the leadership of Moses.** The blood was to alert the 'avenging angel' which came to punish the Egyptian enslavers, that the people of the Abrahamic Covenant lived within and the angel of death 'passed over' those homes. **Hence the origin of our word Passover (Exodus) – from slavery to freedom, from death to life, from homelessness to a homeland...**

Applied to our lives, Passover means: a personal movement from the slavery of the diminishment of sin which impedes a fuller, more beautiful life, to a growth in authentic humanity through the unmerited gift of Christ's love. This love is mediated to us in the sacraments, prayer, our parish community of faith, and resulting in good works. **Through his life within us, we enter into the pattern of Jesus' dying and rising, and are gifted with belief in eternal life in the community of heaven.**

The sacrificial blood imagery from the ancient Hebrew rituals continues to this day – in the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord. The self-sacrificing life of Jesus, focused at Calvary, with its significance ultimately verified in the Rising of Jesus, **is made present and effective for us in our day in the sacraments, especially the Mass.** Christ meets us here and effects our personal 'passing over' from sin and death, from becoming mired in despair about ourselves and existence in general to people of hope. We are rescued by the gift of faith in Him who has conquered sin and death in every form. **We become the people of the resurrection because of our unmerited union with the Resurrected One: "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you will not have life within you..."** Through the Eucharist, **Jesus still does his best to gather us into a community of life in Him, keeping his memory fresh – not simply as something that happened 'back then', but which is made present and effective for us in Liturgical Time, here and now.** The Mass extends in time the self-sacrificing loving presence of Jesus, His life laid down in humility and integrity to show us that no aspect of our human story is untouched or unreachable by the embrace of God.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper ushers in the three High Holy Days of our Faith. Let us come in large numbers, at least someone from every household, to this beautiful candle-lit Mass of the Lord's Supper. Here we remember and enter into the ongoing gift of Himself in humility and love as our Bread of Life, our consolation and our peace. Let us "keep watch with him" in His Suffering, and on the Third Day to rejoice in His, and our, Rising. This is central to our mission of **Being on Earth the Heart of Christ. Peter Hearn MSC**



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8/9th April, 2017

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD *Switch to T.*

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 **2nd Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11 **Gospel:** Matthew 26:14-27:66

Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Monday: Midday Mass

Tuesday: 6:30am Mass, 11am (Holy Hour), Midday Mass.

Wednesday: 6:30am Mass, Midday Mass

Thursday: 11:30am (Novena), Midday Mass, 5:40pm Mass.

Friday: Midday Mass (Anointing Mass 2nd Friday), 5:40pm Mass, 6pm (Holy Hour)

Saturday: 11am (Reconciliation), Midday Mass, 5pm (Reconciliation), 6pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 8am, 10am, Midday, 6pm. 10.30pm

St. Margaret Mary's

Saturday: 5:15 (Reconciliation), 5:30pm Vigil Mass. 9.30am

Baptisms

Held at OLSH, 1:15pm Sundays. Contact the Parish Office on 9399 6775.



Accessible Seats - Rows
5,6,7 and cross aisles.
Front 6 seats either side
of centre aisle.

Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased: Keith Butler, Vincent Lane, Joan Hume.

Anniversaries and Deceased:
Ambrose Cheung, Paul Turner, John Heffernan, Eva Kerr, Daniel Costa, Giovanni Cerri, Giuseppe Cavallaro, Lall Durant, Paul Turner, Exequiel Coyco, Tamoy Coyco, Len Jarman, Anthony Chong, William Crothers, John Cochrane, Frank Corry.

Special Intentions: Sr. Teresa Coleman, Benjamin and Corey Murray, Keighly Altera, Pagta Lunan, Sally and Jenny Hanna, David and Betty Brin.

We welcome into our Catholic Family:

Alexander Wu, William Crissani, Ella Wegryn.

PALM CROSS MAKERS: Thanks to the group, more like a community, who met together and created 2,900 palm crosses on Wednesday – a fantastic effort by a happy group of parishioners. Peter Hearn MSC

Easter Mass Times OLSH

Holy Thursday

Liturgy of the Last Supper **7.30pm** (Adoration follows until 10.00pm)

Good Friday:

Youth Presentation of Stations of the Cross **10.30am** . Reconciliation begins at 10am.

Liturgy of the Passion, Holy Communion and Veneration of the Cross **3.00pm**.

(Reconciliation follows)

Mozart's Requiem CD **7.30pm** (By Candlelight)

Holy Saturday

Reconciliation **11.00-12.00** Midday

Easter Vigil Mass **7.30pm**

Easter Sunday

8am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm, 10.30pm (with half an hour adoration beforehand)

Coming Up

- **Sunday 9th April**
Palm Sunday
- **Thursday 13th April**
HOLY THURSDAY
Note - No Midday Mass;
Novena in Private.
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
7.30pm. Adoration follows till 9.30pm
- **Friday 14th April:**
GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross 10.30AM:
presented by Youth.
Reconciliation available from 10am.
3pm LITURGY OF THE PASSION
AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS
7.30PM MOZART'S REQUIEM CD-
Candlelight
- **Saturday 15th April:**
Holy Saturday.
Reconciliation 11.00am - midday
only.
7.30PM EASTER VIGIL-baptism and
reception of adults.
- **Sunday 16th April:**
EASTER SUNDAY
8am, 10am, Midday, 6pm, 10.30pm
- **Tuesday 25 April:**
ANZAC DAY Midday Mass main
celebration.

Easter Mass Times
ST MARGARET MARY'S,
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St Margaret Mary's

Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross **10am**

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass **5.30pm**

Easter Sunday

Mass **9.30am**

Ventnor Gentle Exercise and Meditation:

Term 1 ends Wednesday, 5th April.

Term 2 commences Wednesday, 26th April -
11am.

Parents/Carers Group(not Good Friday)

Cloister Room, Presbytery. Friday mornings
from 9.15 - 10.30am. All welcome.

READERS NOT ON EMAIL: Copies of
the new roster are available from the
Sacristy.

THANKS in advance to the MANY who
have contributed to the Holy Week cere-
monies – our Easter Great Covenant
Renewal as Catholics. I pray especially for
our RCIA members that this week will be
something they can draw on for the rest of
their lives. **Peter Hearn MSC**

Church transept refurbishment:

Scaffolding has been removed – the last
thing is the replacement of two half
windows in new frames in the sacristy.
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Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: “Why are
we fearful? Without hesitation, let us throw
ourselves into his heart. He will never fail
us.” Jules Chevalier,
Meditations I

YOUNG ADULTS: a beautiful gathering in the
context of a meal-instruction on the origins of
the Catholic Eucharist. Thanks to all who pre-
pared and attended. Fr Tru.

New Parishioners (Hand to a Priest or Acolyte after Mass)

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/_____

OLSH Chinese Community:

聖母聖心堂华语组:

我们每月一次在本堂相聚，分享友情及信仰，
聆听主耶稣 指导的人生旅程和真谛，认识新
朋友。欢迎大家参加每月第二周 **星期日下午**
2:30pm 的聚会，每三个月一次下午1:30pm的聚
餐。聚会地点: VENTNOR HOUSE

联系电话: 9399 6775

LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR
RECONCILIATION FOR HOLY WEEK:

This doorway sacrament of healing,
mercy and peace, is available for 20
minutes before each Mass now until
Good Friday: On Good Friday
reconciliation begins at 10.00am and
goes through the Stations presented by
the Youth. It is available for 20 minutes
before all the Masses till Wednesday.
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Brigidine College Ex-Students:

95th Annual Reunion. Sunday May 7,
1.30pm Afternoon Tea in Synan Hall,
\$35 RSVP: Brigidine17@gmail.com Ja-
net (Russell)

Liturgy Group and Choir: we will need
to rebound rather quickly after Easter to
prepare for ANZAC Day. PHMSC

PROJECT COMPASSION: Last week to
send in envelopes and collection boxes.
Thank You.