



Sacred Heart Parish

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Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord Year C – 13 April 2025

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Parish office hours:

Tuesday-Friday
9.00am to 4.30pm

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Accounts:

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Weekday Mass Times:

English:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:
7.00am
Wed: 6.30pm
Sat: 9.00am

Vietnamese:

Tues & Thurs: 6.30pm
Wed: 7.00am

Weekend Masses

English:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10.00am;
6.00pm

Vietnamese:

Saturday Vigil:

(Chaplain): 7.30pm

Sunday:

7.00am; 7.30pm
(Chaplain): 4.00pm

Exposition:

Saturdays: 8.00am

Reconciliation:

Wed: 6.00pm

Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am
5.30pm - 5.50pm

Convent/Pastoral Care

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Phone: 9723 3704

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0451 945 756

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SHC Primary School

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Baptism & Wedding

By appointment

(6 months in

advance for weddings)

God's passion at its best ...

The Passion Sunday today begins the Holy Week in which we relive Jesus' final lap of his contest. He himself, though innocent and without sin, was plunged into the depths of human suffering and death. But he rose to the challenge, facing it squarely and carrying his cross right to the end. He did not seek *"the cross"* for its own sake but embraced it as a *"built-in"* part of his mission with an unwavering love, faith and hope in the *"power on high"*.

In the Passion account today for year C cycle, (Luke 22:14 – 23:56), the whole event – from the Last Supper to the Calvary – is the setting and instrument to reveal Jesus' true identity and mission. Notably, in line with its key theme, the Lucan account presents a number of incidents in a unique way to highlight Jesus' merciful heart and his life-giving touch, representing God's mercy and compassion, for example:

* In foretelling the failure of his leading disciple, Peter at his trial, Jesus still prayed for Peter's faith and recovery. While Peter was still speaking in denial of Jesus for the 3rd time, Jesus *"turned and looked straight at Peter"*. What a touching look that facilitated Peter's deep sorrow and conversion. (22: 31-32, 60-62).

* In facing his arrest, Jesus still managed to touch and heal the right ear of the high priest's servant. (22:51)

* While Jesus was given an unfair trial, his presence turned out to occasion the reconciliation between Pilate and Herod, the unjust judges. (23:12)

* As Jesus was crucified, his first words that were uttered there are those of historic forgiveness: *"Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing"* (23:34)

* From the cross, in the midst of all pain and humiliation near death, Jesus did not only promise to remember the *"good thief"* as he requested, Jesus even assured him of an instant share of glory: *"In truth I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise"* (23: 42-43)

Apparently, the *"Passion"* – the suffering and death of Jesus – is also *"God's passion"* at best – his self-giving / life-giving love for humanity. Through Jesus, God's all-loving promises proved to be never cancelled by the sins of his people and / or the tragedies of this world. The human death and darkness he endured becomes the glorious inauguration of the Reign of God; the realization of the new Covenant and the new Feast of deliverance and salvation (Passover).

Such a double meaning of the word *"Passion"* and truly, the mystery of the Calvary and the resurrection of Son of God will be all over again and again not just in our liturgical celebrations but in our personal life and in the suffering face of our brothers and sisters around the world. Dare we to live it out as Jesus did? When we do so – with courageous faith and steadfast commitment to justice, forgiveness and self-giving service as he did – our story will be life-giving and redemptive through Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.

Light and hope works its way through darkness and pain beyond expectation. Jesus's passion story begins with dinner and ends on Calvary but that's not the whole story. Easter tells the rest of it.

Fr. Remy Son Lam Bui

Pope's April prayer intention



FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Pope Francis

Holy Thursday-Project Compassion Boxes Collected

Please bring these back on Holy Thursday celebrations and leave them in provided baskets in the church. Thank you

Good Friday- Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday April 18th**. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes and orphanages. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday in your prayers and support this Collection once a year.

Wishing You a Blessed Holy Week and Easter Break!

We extend our warmest wishes to all our students, teachers, staff, parents for a safe, restful, and blessed school holiday!

This special time of year we are entering the Holy Week and the joyous Easter Season. We encourage you to bring your children and families to attend our Holy Week celebration and reflect on the significance of this period.

May the Easter Spirit of hope, renewal, and peace that fill your hearts and homes.

We look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for the new term.

Wishing you all a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter!

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2025

The flyers are available at the church doors, please take them home for yourself, family, friends or neighbours and invite them to join us at this Easter celebration.

Chương Trình Tuần Thánh và Phục Sinh 2025

Xin quý vị đem các tờ chương trình Tuần Thánh và Phục Sinh 2025 cho gia đình, bạn hữu hoặc láng giềng và mời họ đến tham dự các Thánh Lễ Phục Sinh với Giáo Xứ. Các tờ chương trình để ở nơi các cửa nhà thờ.

Holy Thursday Visitation of The Churches



Our Church is one of the Seven Churches in South West Deanery for the Churches Visitation on Holy Thursday 17 April. For more information about Holy Thursday Plenary Indulgence and how to do it please take the booklets at the shelf next to the stairs for preparing for this Thursday

R.C.I.A

Our 16 catechumens (called “the Elect”) are reaching the final week of Lent with us.

Thanh Bui; Marvin Do; Sonia Feng; Derek Mai; Kathy Tran; Tyra Yeab; Hannah Anh Loan Tran; Serena Mai; Britney Mai. Tiare Belen Castro (baptized), Đặng, Thị Hà My; Lê, Kim Anh; Phạm, Nhật Huy; Phạm, Xuân Hoa; Nguyễn, Thị Mỹ Nhiên; Nguyễn, Gia Huy (& Nguyễn, Thu Huyền - to be baptised at a later date)

Please join with them at 8.30 am this Easter Saturday for the RCIA Preparation Rite and particularly, for the celebration of their Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil (**6.00 pm—English; 9.00 pm - Vietnamese & 10.00 am Sunday**).

Office Break

Parish Office will be closed from **Friday 18th April to Friday 25th April. We will reopen on Tuesday 29th April at 9.00am**. If you or family members are sick in emergency and need our Fathers, please message to this number: **0451 945 756**

Free English Program

A free* tailored program for Refugee and Migrant Parents and Family members to enable increased participation in your school and community

This program will include specific skills development such as: Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital skills development for school communication...

For further information please contact Salina Pham's email:

ansoksalina.pham@syd.catholic.edu.au

Welcome to God's Family

This weekend we pray and welcome to our babies and families for their baptism: **Angie Le & Andrew Le**



Baptism-Updated Time

From this month, the Rite of Baptism for our children will be celebrated at 11.30am on Sunday.

1st & 3rd week in English

2nd & 4th week in Vietnamese

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Peter Nguyen Ba Loc, Maria Nguyen Thi Phuong, Maria, Philomena Hoang Thi Hen, Catarina,

R.I.P. & Anniversaries: Fr Patrick McAuliffe, Ronald Robinson, Ivan Puskas, Maria (12), Joseph (7), Peter (4), John (3), Augustine, Dominic (2), Vincent, Martha, Maria Madalena, Martino, Cecilia, Francis Borgia, Francis Xavier Maria, Anna (6), Gioankim, Augustin, souls of ancestors, grandparents & family members (4), for all souls (16), unborn babies, Teresa, Sarabin, Lucia, Anton, Gacobe, Anne, Maria Tran Thi Phuoc, Anphongxo, Phaolo, Inaxu, Maria, my friend, Joseph Bui, Pereira, Fransisco Pinheiro, Madalena Luong Thi Thao, Clare Nguyen Thi Kim Thuy, Joseph Nguyen Ngoc Bich, Dominic Mai Ngoc Khue, Agnes McAlister (Ann), Phero Nguyen Van Be, Julio, Maria Le, Maria Cao, Lucia Cao, Phaolo Cao,.

Other Intentions: For the sick (1), for the conversion of hearts (3), thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (14), peace and wellbeing for family & friends (8), for safe travel (4), for healing & recovery (4), for stable work (3), for personal intention (4), pray for Tim Rigo.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 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: Luke 22:14 – 23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

N When the hour came Jesus took his place at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them,

J I have longed to eat this passover with you before I suffer; because, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

N Then, taking a cup, he gave thanks and said,

J Take this and share it among you, because from now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the kingdom of God comes. ..

N It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,

J Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

N With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said,

O This was a great and good man.

N And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

Then a member of the council arrived, an upright and virtuous man named Joseph. He had not consented to what the others had planned and carried out. He came from Arimathaea, a Jewish town, and he lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day and the sabbath was imminent.

Meanwhile the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus were following behind. They took note of the tomb and of the position of the body.

Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. And on the sabbath day they rested, as the law required.

Chúa Nhật Lễ Lá Mùa Chay - Năm C

Bài đọc 1: Is 50, 4-7

Trích sách Tiên tri Isaia.

Chúa đã ban cho tôi miệng lưỡi đã được huấn luyện, để tôi biết dùng lời nói nâng đỡ kẻ nhọc nhằn. Mỗi sáng Người đánh thức tôi, Người thức tỉnh tai tôi, để nghe lời Người giáo huấn. Thiên Chúa đã mở tai tôi, mà tôi không cưỡng lại và cũng chẳng thối lui. Tôi đã đưa lưng cho kẻ đánh tôi, đã đưa má cho kẻ giật râu; tôi đã không che giấu mặt mũi, tránh những lời nhạo cười và những người phỉ nhổ tôi. Vì Chúa nâng đỡ tôi, nên tôi không phải hổ thẹn; nên tôi trơ mặt chai như đá, tôi biết tôi sẽ không phải hổ thẹn.

Đáp Ca: Tv 21, 8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24

Đáp: Ôi Thiên Chúa! Ôi Thiên Chúa! sao Chúa đã bỏ con? (c. 2a)

Bài đọc II: Pl 2, 6-11

Trích thư thứ nhất của Thánh Phaolô Tông đồ gửi tín hữu Philipphê.

Chúa Giêsu Kitô, tuy là thân phận Thiên Chúa, đã không nghĩ phải giành cho được ngang hàng với Thiên Chúa; trái lại, Người huỷ bỏ chính mình mà nhận lấy thân phận tôi đòi, đã trở nên giống như loài người, với cách thức bề ngoài như một người phạm. Người đã tự hạ mình mà vâng lời cho đến chết, và chết trên thập giá. Vì thế, Thiên Chúa đã tôn vinh Người, và ban cho Người một danh hiệu vượt trên mọi danh hiệu, để khi nghe tên Giêsu, mọi loài trên trời dưới đất và trong địa ngục phải quỳ gối xuống, và mọi miệng lưỡi phải tuyên xưng Đức Giêsu Kitô là Chúa để Thiên Chúa Cha được vinh quang.

Bài Thương Khó Đức Giêsu Kitô, Chúa chúng ta, theo Thánh Luca.

Khi ấy, tất cả công nghị đứng dậy và giải Người đến Philatô. Họ bắt đầu tố cáo Người rằng:

S. “Chúng tôi đã thấy người này xúi giục dân nổi loạn, ngăn cản nộp thuế cho Cêsarê, và còn tự xưng là Kitô Vua”.

C. Philatô bảo các thượng tế và đám đông rằng:

S. “Ta không thấy người này có tội gì”.

C. Nhưng họ cố nài rằng:

S. “Người này đã làm náo động dân chúng, giảng dạy khắp xứ Giuđêa, bắt đầu từ Galilêa đến đây”...

...C. Lúc đó vào khoảng giờ thứ sáu, tối tăm liền bao trùm cả mặt đất cho đến giờ thứ chín. Mặt trời trở nên u ám, màn trong đền thờ xé ra làm đôi ngay chính giữa. Lúc đó Chúa Giêsu kêu lớn tiếng rằng:

J. “Lạy Cha, Con phó linh hồn Con trong tay Cha”.

C. Nói đoạn, Người trút hơi thở.

(Quỳ gối thỉnh lặng thờ lạy trong giây lát)

Thấy sự việc xảy ra, viên sĩ quan ca tụng Thiên Chúa rằng:

S. “Ông này quả thật là người công chính”.

C. Và tất cả dân chúng có mặt thấy cảnh tượng đó, và chứng kiến những sự việc xảy ra, liền đâm ngực trở về.

Đứng xa xa, có những kẻ quen biết Người, và mấy phụ nữ đi theo Người từ xứ Galilêa, họ cũng chứng kiến.