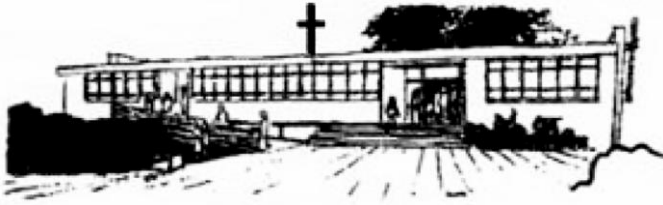


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

29<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Year A/2



The Entry into Jerusalem Willem van Herp (Flemish, 1614–1677)

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am  
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday–Friday 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
(Please let the Priest know.)

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Rochelle Borg – Principal

#### School Office Times

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, my God, why have You abandoned me.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 26:14-27:66

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Special Family Intention
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30am		Shipra Palma (For Successful Surgery)
	10:00am		For the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	Monday of Holy Week	Errin Jenkins (For Daily Grace)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	Tuesday of Holy Week	† Piotr Zawadzki
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00am	Wednesday of Holy Week	Bernie (Birthday Blessings)
<b>Thursday</b>	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	No Morning Mass
<b>Friday</b>	11.00am	Stations of the Cross	No Mass
	3.00pm	Passion of the Lord	
<b>Saturday</b>	7.30am	Paschal Vigil	No Morning Mass

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

An hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend.  
Confessions are also available during Adoration.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 12<sup>th</sup> April

**First Communion:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Confirmation:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 19<sup>th</sup> July

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Reconciliation for Easter** – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

**Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday**  
– See Above

**Easter Sunday** April 5<sup>th</sup> – Masses at 8.30am & 10am

**BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:** Speak to the Priest.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pellegrino Penna, Daphne Holmes, Melania Reyes Quijano, Giuseppe Baba Gallo, Fr Clinton

**DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:** Piotr Zawadzki

### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Good Friday – after the Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday – 9.30am

Easter Sunday 8.00am

Monday to Saturday – after morning Mass

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

2.00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Prayers and Meditation

3.00pm – Mass

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Michael Muema, Gary O'Brien, Shayla, Garry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

**SICK LIST:** Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

### POPE'S MARCH INTENTIONS

#### For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**                      **Loose: \$475.10**  
    **Planned Giving: \$1129**  
    **Smart Facilities: \$735**  
    **Project Donations: \$25**

### BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

### PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

This Lent, our Parish Community is called to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia. You can donate at [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate) or by calling 1800 024 413. Please return your boxes back to Church.

### PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to our Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



### FAMILY CLUB 2026

Next session is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please see poster for details and scan the QR code to register. For further information please call Marta on 0412 539 127.

### HOLY LAND COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection provides welfare assistance to Christians in health, education, employment, housing, orphanages and Parishes. It also maintains over 70 churches and shrines. Australian Catholics donated \$1.7 million last year. Please be generous and remember the Christians in the Holy Land. Thank you.

### ASCEND NATIONAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Real-World Formation with something for everyone. See Flyer at the back of the Church.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday – Friday 7.00am – 7.50am**  
**Saturday – Sunday 7.30am – 8.20am**

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
is available during Adoration.

### EUCHARIST28 PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenseless and homeless, the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ. Amen.

### SCRIPTURES FOR REFLECTION

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you." John 6:53

### SAINTLY THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

"Every Holy Communion fills us with Jesus and we must, with Our Lady, go in haste to give Him to others." St Teresa of Calcutta

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What is God asking of me personally, during this year of prayer and eucharistic renewal?

How can I live a more eucharistic life?

Do we as a community live intentionally as the Body of Christ, broken and given up for others?

**Web Site:** <https://eucharist28.org>

**POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Catechesis. The Documents of Vatican Council II. II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*.**

**5. *On the foundation of the Apostles. The Church in her hierarchical dimension***

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning,

We will continue our catecheses on the Documents of the Second Vatican Council, commenting on the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium* on the Church (LG). After presenting her as the People of God, today we will consider her hierarchical form.

The Catholic Church is founded on the Apostles, whom Christ appointed as the living pillars of His mystical Body, and possesses a hierarchical structure that works in the service of the unity, mission and sanctification of all her members. This sacred Order is permanently founded on the Apostles (cf. *Eph* 2:20; *Rev* 21:14), as authoritative witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus (cf. *Acts* 1:22; *1 Cor* 15:7) and sent by the Lord Himself on mission into the world (cf. *Mk* 16:15; *Mt* 28:19). Since the Apostles are called to faithfully preserve the Master's salvific teaching (cf. *2 Tim* 1:13–14), they hand on their ministry to men who, until Christ's return, continue to sanctify, guide and instruct the Church "through their successors in pastoral office" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 857).

This apostolic succession, founded on the Gospel and in the Tradition, is explored further in Chapter III of *Lumen gentium*, entitled "*On the hierarchical structure of the Church and in particular on the Episcopate*". The Council teaches that the hierarchical structure is not a human construct, functional to the internal organization of the Church as a social body (cf. LG, 8), but a divine institution whose purpose is to perpetuate the mission given by Christ to the Apostles until the end of time.

The fact that this theme is addressed in Chapter III, after the first two chapters have considered the very essence of the Church (cf. *Acta Synodalia* III/1, 209–210), does not imply that the hierarchical constitution is a subsequent element with respect to the People of God: as the Decree *Ad gentes* notes, "the Apostles were the first budding-forth of the New Israel, and at the same time the beginning of the sacred hierarchy" (no. 5), inasmuch as they were the community of those redeemed by Christ's Paschal Mystery, established as a means of salvation for the world.

To understand the Council's intention, it is advisable

to read carefully the title of Chapter III of *Lumen gentium*, which explains the fundamental structure of the Church, received from God the Father through the Son and brought to fulfilment by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Council Fathers did not want to present the institutional elements of the Church, as the noun "constitution" might imply if understood in the modern sense. The Document concentrates instead on the "ministerial or hierarchical priesthood", which differs "in essence and not only in degree" from the common priesthood of the faithful, recalling that the latter are "nonetheless interrelated: each of them in its own special way is a participation in the one priesthood of Christ" (LG, 10). The Council thus addresses the ministry conferred upon men endowed with *sacra potestas*, sacred power (cf. LG, 18) for service in the Church: it focuses in particular on the episcopate (LG, 18–27), then on the priesthood (LG, 28) and the diaconate (LG, 29) as degrees of the one sacrament of Holy Orders.

By the adjective "hierarchical", therefore, the Council intends to indicate the sacred origin of the apostolic ministry in the action of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as well as its internal relationships. The Bishops, first and foremost, and through them the priests and deacons, have received tasks (in Latin *munera*), which lead them to the service of "all those who belong to the People of God", so that, "working toward a common goal freely and in an orderly way, [they] may arrive at salvation" (LG, 18).

*Lumen gentium* repeatedly and effectively recalls the collegial and communal nature of this apostolic mission, reaffirming that the "duty which the Lord committed to the shepherds of His people is a true service, which in sacred literature is significantly called 'diakonia' or ministry" (LG, 24). We can therefore understand why Saint Paul VI presented the hierarchy as a reality "born of the charity of Christ, to fulfil, spread and ensure the intact and fruitful transmission of the wealth of faith, examples, precepts and charisms bequeathed by Christ to His Church" (*Address*, 14 September 1964, in *Acta Synodalia* III/1, 147).

Let us pray to the Lord that He may send to His Church ministers who are ardent with evangelical charity, dedicated to the good of all the baptized, and courageous missionaries in every part of the world. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us ask the Lord to grant us the grace to imitate Our Blessed Mother in her total "yes" to the Lord, and so open our hearts to his will for our lives.