

FROM HERO TO VILLAIN



The 'Holy Fire' is a miracle that the Greek orthodox faithful have witnessed every year in Jerusalem on Easter Saturday since AD 810. Their patriarch enters the Holy Sepulchre after hours of prayer and preparation, while the faithful fill the church and many more crowd the square outside and surrounding streets.

All the lights are turned off. The belief is that a blue light, not lit by human hand, emanates from within Jesus's tomb, and rises from the marble slab covering the stone bed. The patriarch receives the light and brings it to the faithful. The congregation spends hours in intense prayers and silence. They wait outside until the Holy Fire is seen by everyone. This light then travels to the four corners of the world.

With Palm Sunday, we begin the Holy Week. This week of prayer and penance is for the renewal of our lives which means leaving sin behind and living as Lights with new life at Easter. The readings remind us of the entry of Jesus, on a donkey's back, into Jerusalem while people were singing "Hosanna". This was to fulfil what was prophesied by Zechariah.

"Celebrate incredibly, Daughter Zion! – Yell, Little girl Jerusalem – See, your king comes to you – honourable and victorious – humble and riding on a donkey – on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). But Jesus' entry is not to a throne in a palace but to the Cross on Calvary.

Pope Francis says that Palm Sunday could be called "bitter sweet". The shouts of "Hosanna" which means "save us" will soon change into shouts, "Crucify him". But the response of Jesus to this shouting is the same. He is neither flattered on Palm Sunday nor furious on Good Friday. A week that begins with celebration and shouts of joy will then move onto another scene where the power of darkness will take charge of Him. The King of kings will be arrested, scourged, crucified and buried.

"I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness" (Jn. 12: 46). He is the King of all Kings, and yet he was born in Nazareth, a place not even mentioned in the Old Testament, and now He is walking towards Calvary, where he will be executed.

Today, we join the crowd of those who have been healed, delivered from various possessions, some even raised from the dead to life who sang "Hosanna". We too have been healed by him. May we in baptism who were immersed into Jesus' life, not leave him alone after Palm Sunday, but rather keep awake awaiting the Light.

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HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Take a green branch from your garden. Gather the family together and, with each person holding a branch, pray together.

FAMILY PRAYER

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: During Lent, we have been preparing our hearts to celebrate Easter. Today we join Christ as he enters Jerusalem. In the coming days, we will relive the mystery of his death and resurrection. By joining ourselves to Christ, God's grace will lift us up and rescue us.

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When they were near Jerusalem, the disciples brought a donkey to Jesus and laid their clothes on its back. Jesus sat on the donkey. A great crowd spread their clothes on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who were following were crying out: Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil as people asked, 'Who is this?' and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Spend a few minutes in silence to think about the Gospel. Then talk together about what Jesus will do in Jerusalem in the coming days. What will happen on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday?

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Lord, increase the faith of your people and listen to our prayers. Today we honour Christ our triumphant king by carrying these branches. May we honour you every day by living always in him, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Make your own prayers for those who are sick or in need. Ask God to protect them. Finish each prayer with:

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray in the words Jesus himself gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Leader: May God bless us and keep us safe.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Place your palm branch beside your bed during the days of Holy Week.



You may wish to keep your Project Compassion boxes/envelopes until parish Masses resume. Or you could make your gift online at lent.caritas.org.au/donate/. Your gift for the poor is a sign of your commitment to reconciliation, justice and love.

The end of Lent is traditionally a time for seeking reconciliation and peace in the sacrament of Penance. In this family prayer, you are celebrating God's compassion and the grace of forgiveness and reconciliation.

FAMILY PRAYER

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: May God, who has enlightened every heart, help us to know our sins and trust in God's mercy.

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At the Last Supper, Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love... I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you should love one another, as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. The Gospel of the Lord.'

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Spend a few minutes in silence to reflect on Jesus' words.

Ask yourself how well you have remained in Jesus' love. Are there times when you have not been kind and helpful? Have you spoken badly of others or held a grudge against someone? Do you care for the environment and respect the property of others? Can you think of any other sins?

Leader: Remain in my love, says Jesus. Let us confess our love for God and our sorrow for doing wrong.

All: My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Leader: We ask God's forgiveness in the words Jesus himself gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Now offer each member of your family a sign of peace.

Conclude your prayer with the words of Psalm 117.

All: Praise the Lord, all you nations! Give glory, all you peoples! The Lord's love for us is strong; the Lord is faithful forever.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year A/2

1st Reading – Acts 10:34 - 2nd Reading – Colossians 3:1-4, - Gospel - John 20:1-9

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We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers
and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions
those we love and those who have died, who are sick, lonely or hurting.
Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.*

Recently Deceased: Yeon-bok Min (Maureen), Antoinette Hadcroft, Marcial Bagtas,

Anniversary: Peter Stanfield

Sick and in Need: Mary Achilles, Teresita Adrid, Stephanie Alijahn, Peter Allen, Elias Arulappan, Matt Aquino, Sandy Balasabas, Sue Barker, Tony Davey, Douglas Bateman, Nicolai Bicher, John Booth, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Theresa Birmingham, Matthew Byrne, John Camiolo (Fr Stephen's dad), Andrei Celes, Anne Chandler, Janette Cooper, Neil Cremin, Dave Curran, Graham Dank, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Leoncia Dizon, Mario Jose Dizon, Conchita Djosovic, Clare Dobozy, Patricia Dowde, Lucio Dumas, Catherine Dwyer, Narelle Dwyer, Mandy Egbune, Steve Feeney, Patricia Fisher, Sheryl Fleet, Tootsie Francia, Bernadette Gaspard, Murray Geale, Karen George, Ron Gledhill, Faith Green, Marcelle Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Elvie Hayes, James Healy, Efren Hatulan, Trish Hookey, Harry Hunter, Semeon Illescas, Margaret Iringan, Veronica James, Claire Keefe Linda Kerr, Andrea King, Cheryl Kirkbride Bede Lawner, Elena Lazaro, Ann Marie Loder, Maria Malate, Richard McCarthy, Angelina Mandarin, Stephen Markwell, Evelyn Martinac, Ron Martinac, Maureen McCabe, Morin Min, Elizabeth Morris, Merlyn Morris, Terry Neal, Kevin Nicholson, Rochelle Nicholson, Grace Ogilvie, Francisca Park, Parekura Parekura, Elvira Devera Pertudo, Debbie Poulton, Marissa Raymundo, Garth Rippin, Mervyn Ryan, Lisa Roggenkamp, Sam Ryder, Yvonne See, Peter Selby, Arthur Smith, Wiktorija Stojanovic, Patrick Sullivan, Pasqual Tantengo, Angela Taylor, Joe Tuesley, David Walters, Bernadette Ward, Peter Ward, Victor Williams, Lorraine Wilson.

COVID-19 Prayer

May the God to whom we turn in this moment listen to the pleading of our heart and answer as he has so often before, so that love may come from fear, hope from despair and joy from sorrow:

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

**DUE TO CURRENT SITUATION WITH COVID-19
AND FURTHER AS PER THE DIRECTIVE OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE**

**The Following Church Programs/Meetings
are CANCELLED until Further Notice.**

- All Baptismal and Baptism Prep Class.
- All Sacramental Program, ie: Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.
- Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm every Friday at St Joseph the Worker.
- RCIA Meeting at 6:30pm every Thursday at Southport Parish Office
- Rosary and Novena at 6pm every Wednesday at St Joseph the Worker Labrador.
- Filipino Mass at 12:30pm every First Sunday of the Month at Guardian Angels.
- Melody Majors at 8:30am every Wednesday at Mary Immaculate Church - Resource Room
- Young Adults Group at 6:30pm every Friday night at Guardian Angels
- Craft at 9:30am every Thursday at Mary Immaculate Church Library.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY PAT!

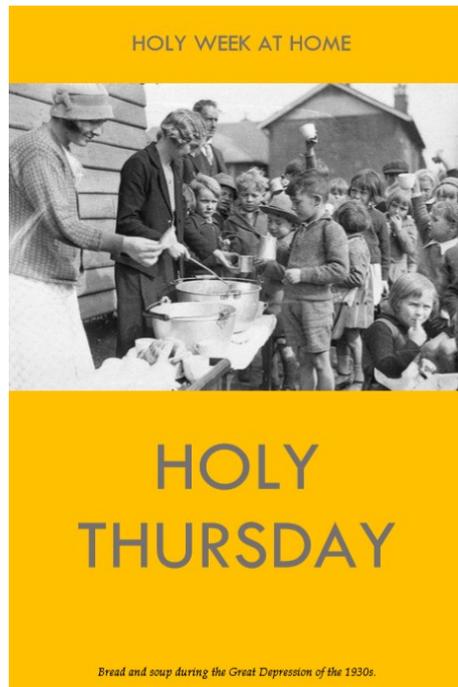
Pat Greening (St Joseph the Worker Church), we hope your 80th birthday was filled with love from family and friends, unforgettable moments, never-ending joy, and happy, happy memories.



CONGRATULATIONS!



HOLY THURSDAY - 9TH APRIL 2020



In the evening, gather around the dining room table and, if possible, light a candle. When everyone is seated at the table, begin your prayer. Tonight, we look forward to the coming days when Jesus Christ died and rose to new life.

FAMILY PRAYER

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry.' (Jn 6:35) **All:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said: 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Spend a few minutes in silence to reflect on Jesus' words. What does St Paul mean when he says we are 'proclaiming his death'?

Leader: Today we are unable to take part (with Fr ____) in the Mass of the Lord's Supper. But we can now join ourselves spiritually to Jesus Christ the Lord as he embarks on the journey of his passion and death.

All: Lord Jesus, we love you above all things. How we long to receive holy communion at the altar, to be one with you and all our brothers and sisters! Although we cannot now receive the blessed sacrament, come, be in our hearts. Live within us and give us life. Feed us with the manna of the Holy Spirit and never let us be separated from you. Amen.

Spend a time together in prayer. Pray for those in need, especially those who are sick or who have died from the coronavirus. Remember those who are alone or frightened. Commend the members of your family to God's loving care. Intercede for those who are hungry and homeless.

Leader: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Leader: Together with the Virgin Mary, let us praise God.

All: My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy.

Leader: Lord God, in times of darkness, be our light, in times of pain, be our strength, in times of isolation and anxiety, draw us into the healing love of Christ who shared our human weakness to bring us to the glory of resurrection. **All:** Amen.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Finish by offering each member of your family a sign of peace.