



## **ST PASCHAL'S PARISH**

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

**SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Psalms 51

Hebrews 5:7–9

Gospel John 12:20–33

**'If a grain of wheat falls on the ground  
and dies, it yields a rich harvest.'**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Ross Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Ros Foster

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Dot Chipman

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Simon & Kate Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

**SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2024**

**PALM /PASSION SUNDAY**

Jesus, Eternal God, humbled himself to be identified with humankind. Those who sought their own importance humiliated Jesus and denied his identity: Messiah, King of the Jews, builder of the Temple. They put him to death, but God raised him up and proclaimed his true identity: Jesus Christ is Lord!

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**Procession of Palms:** Gospel Mark 11:1–10

Isaiah 50:4–7

Psalms 22

Philippians 2:6–11

Gospel Mark 14:1–15:47

The Greeks referred to in the Gospel today are likely to have been 'God-fearers' or non Jewish people who are attracted to Judaism as a religion. Not being born Jews, they are unable to fully enter into the chosen people of Israel and its religious life. Here, though, they express their wish to 'see Jesus'. The classic call to discipleship is 'Come and see'. There is an element here which builds on earlier references in John to the fact that the Gospel is not just for the Jews but for all people who express faith. The call of the Gospel is universal. The imminent death of the grain is already beginning to yield a rich harvest. Jesus is well aware of the fate in store for him but accepts that this is the central act of his mission. Glorification and exultation await him. It is in being lifted up that Jesus will draw all people to himself.



**CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**NEXT—7TH APRIL**  
**DUTY: Phil Jennens**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**Will be held on**  
**Wednesday evenings**  
**during Lent at 5pm.**

**I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, WHOEVER**  
**FOLLOWS ME WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF**  
**LIFE.**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday 11th April @ 7.30pm**

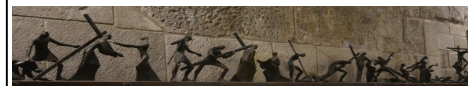
**Concert with Fr Chris Skinner SM, Mary**  
**MacKillop Chapel, Sunday 7 April at 2pm,**  
**Suggested koha \$10**

**E te Atua o tēnei Wā Tonu**

God of the Present moment help us to see You through Your word and time with others today. Draw us closer to You that we will hear Your voice and recommit ourselves to serve and follow You.

**Āmene.**

Participating in the Stations of the Cross this week is a profound way to connect with the heart of Lent. This devotion invites us to walk with Jesus to Calvary, meditating on His suffering and the encounters He had along the way. This practice deeply immerses us in the reality of Jesus' sacrifice, helping us to reflect on the depth of His love and the cost of our salvation. It's a tradition which can transform our understanding of sacrifice, suffering, and redemption, drawing us closer to Jesus as we prepare for the solemnity of Holy Week.



Passion Sunday, also called Palm Sunday, was already being celebrated in Jerusalem before the year 400. Processions with palms followed the path of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. In following this custom today, we are not simply re-enacting the events of that day, but uniting ourselves with Christ's journey to the cross and resurrection. We celebrate that victory over death and sin and share his suffering so that we may also share his resurrection and the new life it won. The palms used today symbolise Christ's triumph while the cross is the symbol of the death through which his triumph is achieved. Traditionally Catholics place the palms in a position of prominence in their homes as a reminder of the Passion Christ endured for us.



**E te Atua o te Tūmanako**

God of Hope, as we remember the events of Palm Sunday and Passion of Christ, we are reminded to welcome Jesus into our hearts and choose to follow You. We thank you for your promises. Our hope is in You and You will renew our strength, We will soar on wings like eagles. We will run and not grow weary. We will walk and not be faint. Help us to fix our sight on you and the hope of the resurrection.



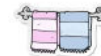
**Āmene.**



**Next monthly meeting will be held on Friday 5th April 10am**

**CHURCH LINEN**

MARCH Phyllis Hayward  
 APRIL Alice Douglas



Mar	17	Phil Jennens
	18	Amanda Hurle
	26	Albert Dela Rosa
	27	Michael Lynch

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Moya Lynch, Michael Lynch, Ray Karl.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the months of March: Keith Managh, Eileen Connors, Margaret Broad, Mel Bowen, Ronnie Blackmore, Trevor Pye, Min Spreeuwenberg, Ari Schouten, Lolet Billings, Anne O'Sullivan.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

**HOLY THURSDAY—7.30PM IN THAMES with Father Rob**



**THE WASHING OF FEET**



**THE LAST SUPPER**



**LET THIS CUP PASS**

**GOOD FRIDAY—3PM IN NGATEA with Father Rob**



**BEFORE PILATE**



**THE CROWN OF THORNS**



**THE CRUCIFIXION**

**EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL— 7.30PM IN THAMES with Father Rob**



**THE RESURRECTION**



**HE LIVES!**



**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**EASTER SUNDAY—10.30AM IN NGATEA with Father James Mulligan**

**JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE**

**READINGS—31st March 2024**  
**Resurrection of the Lord's Passion**  
Acts 10:34,37-43  
Psalm 118  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel John 20:1-9



**CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST HAS RISEN, CHRIST LIVES AMONG US**