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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD *Year C — 13th April 2025*



Gospel Reflection

Jesus in the passion according to Luke

As Luke's audience is primarily Greek in background, his portrayal of Jesus heightens Greek heroic virtues and values. Consistent with the famous Greek interest in philosophy and wisdom (Greece was home to Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and others), Jesus has been presented as a wise man and sage teacher.

The ideal of the Greek hero confronting death was embodied by Socrates who, though innocent, was condemned to death; though he could have avoided death by renouncing his teaching, he chose not to; up to the very moment of his death he is shown teaching his disciples; he faces his execution (death by hemlock) with courage and serenity, willingly taking the cup, drinking the poison, lying down and dying peacefully.

Jesus, too, teaches his disciples to the very end, instructing them about discipleship at the last supper (22:25-30); even as he is arrested, his concern is directed to others, healing the man whose ear was cut off (22:51); walking to his crucifixion, he comforts the women of Jerusalem (23:28-31); on the cross, he extends salvation to the 'good thief' (23:39, 43). During his trial and death Luke emphasises the innocence of Jesus: Pilate declares his innocence three times (23:4, 14, 22), and Herod, too, finds no guilt (23:15); finally, the centurion at the foot of the cross declares that Jesus was innocent (23:47). In Mark's gospel the words of the centurion instead reveal Jesus as 'the Son of God' (Mark 15:39). Luke shifts the focus to Jesus' innocence.



Gone from Luke's account is Jesus' anguished cry, 'Why have you abandoned me?' (Mark 15:34). Instead, Jesus prays that God might forgive those who 'know not what they do' (Luke 23:34). Mark's report, 'Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last' (Mark 15:37), makes it sound like a cry of anguish or agony. Luke reports the content of that cry: 'Jesus cried out in a loud voice, Father, into your hands I commit my spirit' (Luke 23:46). Jesus is innocent, courageous, forgiving, serene - a model for disciples.

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SCRIPTURES for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: *R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? My God, my God where have you gone.* Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. 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. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 23:1-49

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Reconciliation 4.15pm
Vigil Mass 5.00pm
Easter Vigil 19 April @ 6pm

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

19th April — Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion —
every other Saturday at 11am

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

Holy Week /Easter see next page
Liturgy of the Word with Communion —
every other Sundays at 9am

RUSSELL ISLAND

13th April - 2pm Mass
Holy Week/ Easter see next page
Liturgy of the Word with Communion —
every other Sundays at 2pm

MONDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary 8.30am
Mass 9.00am
Pro-Life Rosary 9.30am

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

No Mass

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

Rosary 8.30am
Mass 9.00am

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

See Holy Week Timetable
on next page

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month — Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of Month — 9.am Mass



ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month,
at 10am in the Ruby Room.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9am Mass, Sunday 27 April

followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Reconciliation
Closing with Benediction

Commence the
Divine Mercy Novena

On Good Friday 18 April to

Sat. 26 April

Leaflets about the Novena
are available on tables near
the doors of
St Rita's Church



PLEASE NOTE:

NO MASSES or LITURGIES
From Mon. 21 April up to and
including Thurs. 24 April

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Commencing on
Thursday 17 April and
Reopening on Monday 28 April



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PALM SUNDAY

12th & 13th of April 2025

Please return your
Giving Boxes & Envelopes
on Holy Thursday and place
them in the baskets near the
doors. They will offered
during the Offertory at
Holy Thursday Mass.

Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia has invited us to share the work of Project Compassion. The stories we have encountered remind us that the world is still an uneven field. Project Compassion invites us to respond in love to free people in captivity to very challenging circumstances. It invites us in a small way to carry the cross, to live in hope of the Resurrection.



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ANZAC DAY LITURGY

On Friday 25th April at 9am

a Liturgy with Holy Communion
will be held at St Rita's Church to
commemorate this special day.

All are welcome.

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Tuesday 29th April 2025

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Sat 5th April/Sun 6th April
(or until all tickets are sold)



The Bus leave from the School Bus Stop 8am,
Weinam Creek Ferry Terminal 8:15am.
For Enquiries ring Marie 0411 459 014



*These days are relaxing, and full of fun. So come and treat yourself!
You'll be so glad you did!"*

PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Vincent Ghisleni, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Nicola Hardaker, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Rhondda Smith, Peggy Kelly, and Melvyn, Malcom, Heather, Ray, Amilita and Marcela.

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Doris Williamson.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.

Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:

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WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

For any issues that need attention PLEASE CONTACT TONY HARRIS via the parish office

Have a Chat Club

Hi Ladies! Our 'Have A Chat' Club returns on

Thursday 24th April

We will meet at **Sharks Sporting Club**
Victoria Point at **11.30am**

***** Seniors Meals available *****

*Come along and meet other ladies.
Have a laugh and enjoy yourselves.*

Contact Elaine Pascoe for more info: 0429 925 989

SACRAMENTAL NEWS



First Holy Communion Family Session 1

Wednesday 23rd April 2025

6:30pm — 7:30pm

*Learn the Rosary — Monday 28 April
at 4pm*

St Rita's Church, Victoria Point

Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in St Rita's Chapel

For information: please contact the Parish Office and your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple

Holy Week Mass Times

Easter Mass Times

Palm Sunday
12 April - 5pm Saturday
13 April - 7am Sunday
9am Sunday

Holy Thursday
17 April - 6pm
Mass of Last Supper
followed by
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

Easter Vigil
19 April - 6pm
Saturday

**2nd Rite of
Reconciliation**
9th April - 6:30pm
Wednesday

Good Friday
18 April - 9am Stations
of the Cross
18 April - 3pm
The Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday
20 April - 7am Sunday
- 9am Sunday

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES - BAY ISLANDS			
13 th April	2pm Sunday	Palm Sunday Mass	Russell Island
17 th April	6pm Thursday	Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper and Adoration	Macleay Island
18 th April	8am Friday	Stations of the Cross	Macleay Island
	9:45am Friday	Stations of the Cross	Russell Island
	3:15pm Friday	The Passion of the Lord	Macleay Island
19 th April	6pm Saturday	Easter Vigil Mass	Macleay Island
20 th April	9am Sunday	Easter Sunday Mass	Russell Island
MACLEAY ISLAND Church of the Holy Spirit Scotts Road, Macleay Island		RUSSELL ISLAND Bay Islands Community Service 55 Jackson Road, Russell Island	

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy spirit, Reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, Be glory and praise for ever. Amen. *(Pope Francis)*



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