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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
2 April, 2023**

Dear Parishioners,

The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday which commemorate the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' final journey to his Passion and Crucifixion.



This is the time of year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. The readings of Passion Sunday emphasizes a great humility of the Son of God and His determination to fulfil the work of salvation for which He has come into the world. Passion Sunday liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the drama of the trial, culminating in the crucifixion, death, and burial of the Christ.

According to the Gospels, before entering Jerusalem, Jesus was staying at Bethany and Bethpage with Lazarus, and his sisters Mary and Martha. While there, he sends two disciples to the village to retrieve a donkey that had been tied up but never been ridden, and to say, if questioned, that the donkey was needed by the master. Jesus then rode the donkey into Jerusalem, with the disciples to receive a welcome befitting the messianic king. The First Reading from the Gospel of Matthew provides us with the account of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. This event was in fulfilment of the prophecy of Zechariah who said, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The liturgy of this Sunday simultaneously gives the picture of joy and at the same time invites us to meditate on his sufferings. What Jesus experiences for us is a manifestation of God's overwhelming love for each one of us. When we contemplate on Palm Sunday we see the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem which led immediately to his suffering and death. The people who shouted Hosannas for him and called him a Messiah, soon would shout Crucify him and choose a criminal in place of the just man. In the simplest of terms, Palm Sunday is an occasion for reflecting on the final week of Jesus' life. It is a time for Christians to prepare their hearts for the agony of His Passion and the joy of His Resurrection.



God bless you,

Fr Raju Joseph CMI

Holy Week Masses and Services

Tuesday 04 April

05.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
At Boonah

Wednesday 05 April

5.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
At Peak Crossing

Thursday 06 April Mass of Lord's Supper

7.00pm Boonah
followed by Adoration

Friday 07 April Good Friday

10.00am Stations of the Cross at
Peek Crossing
3.00pm Lord's Passion at Boonah

Easter Sunday

Saturday 08 April

07.00pm Easter Vigil Mass, Boonah

Sunday 09 April

7.30am Mass, Peek Crossing
9.30am Mass, Boonah

Marriages by appointment - at least six months notice is required.

Baptisms by appointment only.

We pray with and for those who are sick in our parish and beyond:

Damian Gambley, Gary Heggie, Jim Stanton, Mary Wittman, Chris Healy, Paul White, Arthur Devin, Liliana Toohill, Libby Shields, Marko Babic, Max Gardiner, Bernadette Pinchin, Cate Mitten, Bernice Brault, Paula Ebrington, Fletcher Casey, Jill Archer, Louisa, Lynne Nunan, Bea Bedard (USA), Carol Libke, Angela Kearney, Tony Pisani, Lorraine Bakon, Maureen Wilson, Moira Lehmann, Robert Hensen, Wally Velasquez, Hans Mitterlechner, Sandra Skerritt, Dominic Vakaci, Robert Parkes, Kath Seymour and sick members of parish families and those beyond our parish boundaries.



What is the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation?

The second form of the sacrament of penance is a communal liturgical celebration from beginning to end. It begins with the community listening to the word of God. The homily emphasises our need for repentance and the infinite mercy of God. During the examination of conscience, the assembly reflects together on where and how they have fallen short of their baptismal commitment to follow Christ. The individual confession and absolution that follows is communal too. In that, the penitents approach the confessor in full view of all present. The priest stand at appropriate point around the worship space in such a way that penitents can be seen but not heard by others. Those who wish to confess their sins approach the priest. While no restriction is placed on the individual's confession, good manners and common sense dictate that people limit the time they spend with confessors. More time for integral confession and spiritual guidance is available at the first rite. It is a moving experience to witness fellow Christians humbling themselves by publicly approaching a confessor for forgiveness. As they do, we pray for them, that they will know the fullness of God's grace and mercy. After the confessions, the ceremony concludes with a proclamation of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing. These are an integral part to the celebration, not an optional extra!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday - 06th April 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at **Boonah** followed by Adoration till 9.00pm.

Good Friday - 07th April 10.00am *Stations of the Cross* at **Peak Crossing**
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion At **Boonah Church**

Holy Saturday - 08th April 7.00pm Easter Vigil at **Boonah church**

Easter Sunday - 09th April 7.30am **Peak Crossing church**
9.30am **Boonah church**

Second Rite of Reconciliation

We, as a community prepare for the Holy Week with a Second Rite of Reconciliation on Tuesday 04th April at 5.30pm in All saint's Church, Boonah and Wednesday 05th April at 5.30pm at St. John's Church, Peak Crossing.



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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We respectfully acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land on which the Boonah Catholic Parish is located. We acknowledge the Elders of the past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.