

**Sunday 28th March 2021**

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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## PALM SUNDAY



In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes

place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever

**PLEASE  
REMEMBER IN  
PRAYER**



**Baptism**

Siena Spears, Kingston Beale

**Sick**

Leslie Riley, Bernadette Carson,  
Sara Little, Simon Donaghue

**Death**

Iris Bertolucci

**Anniversaries**

John Rudden, Kevin Bryce,  
Pat Warner, Peter Vuong-Tran



*The Passion narrative is very aptly named. The emotion and power of this story is nothing short of passionate. The gospel writer's style of fast paced, unadorned factual narrative is a very effective way of helping the reader/listener to engage in the story. It is, after all, the first half of the most important Christian story – finished off by the resurrection that is celebrated on Easter Sunday. It is easy to see why this stark, narrative style was embellished and expanded upon by the later gospel writers and yet it is perhaps the more passionate for the lack of explanation and theologising.*



## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Before the cock crows

*Peter is an interesting character in the gospels. He is one of the first of the disciples to be called; Jesus changes his name and places great trust in him; he is witness to the most significant moments of Jesus' life; he is able to profess his faith in Jesus as the Christ and yet it is he who denies even knowing Jesus. We might have thought that Peter was Jesus' most loyal and faithful follower, yet it is he who can't stand up and claim that he was a follower of Jesus. Is it any wonder that it is difficult for us today sometimes?*

## MARCH: MONTH OF ST JOSEPH

28th St Conon

29th St Secundus

31st St Amos



## APRIL: MONTH of Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Spirit

1st St Hugh of Grenoble

2nd St Francis of Paola, St Mary the Egyptian

3rd St Sixtus I

4th St Isidore of Seville



*Come pray the Rosary*

*1st Saturday of the month after the  
9.30am mass in St Finbar's Church*

Holy Week	Holy Thursday 1st April	Good Friday 2nd April	Easter Vigil 3rd April	Easter Sunday 4th April
<b>Lector</b>	1. Anna Conti 2. tba	John Reddie	Michael Heffernan	tba
<b>Minister</b>	1. Teresa Myer 2. Julie McInerney 3. Carmel Cristiano	Mary Callea	Teresa Myer	tba
<b>Audio Visual Operator</b>	Carmel Cristiano	Carmel Cristiano	Carmel Cristiano	tba



**Community Reconciliation: 7.00pm**

**Holy Thursday: 7.00pm**

**Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross 10.30am

The Passion of Christ 3.00pm

**Saturday Easter Vigil: 7.00pm**

**Easter Sunday: 9.00am, 11.00am**

**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS**

**ON HOLY THURSDAY AT 9:30.**



Congratulations and God bless all the Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist St Finbar's candidates who received their sacrament this week.

Dear Parishioner,

Please only use the current 2021 Thanksgiving envelopes as some were issued new number codes and need to be entered with those new codes. The old numbers cannot be entered. Thank you for your understanding. Carmel.

**Guess who's special birthday is coming up?**

**5th April**

Would you like to contribute to Fr Ian's gift to celebrate this special event. A red collection box is set up in the church foyer for your kind contributions. Thank you Carmel



**PLEASE ADHERE TO THE 1.5M PHYSICAL DISTANCING RULE AT ALL TIMES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.**

### SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.