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**Diocese of Armidale**

**HOLY WEEK 2024**

**24TH MARCH: PALM SUNDAY**

**6:00pm Saturday Mass**

**8:30am Sunday Mass**



**FASTING** is the act of doing with less. In the Catholic Church, those aged 18 - 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Canon 97). On such days, those fasting may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals.



Note on the Sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord: The word Triduum means three days. This means that what we have is a three-day celebration but ONE continuous Liturgy - it is one celebration spread over three days. Hence, there are no dismissals on Thursday evening and Good Friday. The Final Blessing is at the end of the Easter Vigil. Parishioners should be reminded to attend all three. The Sacred Paschal Triduum is the most beautiful and solemn liturgical celebration of the Church. It celebrates the mystery of our faith, the mystery of our salvation.

Days of **ABSTINENCE** during Lent are Fridays, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays throughout the Lenten Season (Canon 1250 -1253).

31ST MARCH: EASTER SUNDAY

**8:30am – Easter Sunday Mass**

28TH MARCH: HOLY THURSDAY

**6:00pm – Mass of the Lord’s supper and**

**Washing of the Feet**

Followed by ‘waiting’ at the Altar of Repose

**8:00pm – Night Prayer**

Today, gifts for the poor may be presented by the community: this would be a good time for people to make their PROJECT COMPASSION offering.

 **9:30am –Morning Prayer of the Church**

**10:30am – Stations of the Cross**

**3:00pm – Celebration of the Passion of the Lord and Adoration of the Holy Cross**

from Fr. Vic and Fr. Juvi

**Happy Easter!**

**30th MARCH: HOLY SATURDAY**

**9:00am – Office of Readings**

**9:30am – Morning Prayer of the Church**

**6:30pm – Easter Vigil (note later time)**

29TH MARCH: GOOD FRIDAY

**The EASTER VIGIL, the mother of all vigils, is the greatest & most noble of all solemnities.**

**THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**