

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
29 MARCH 2026**

First Reading
Matthew 21:1-11
Responsorial Psalm
Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading
Philippians 2:6-11
PASSION
Matthew 26:14-27:66

EXPLORING THE WORD

Today's gospel is a powerful reflection on both human grief and divine purpose. Jesus doesn't rush to prevent suffering—He allows it to unfold, which can feel confusing or even painful. Yet in the middle of it, we see something deeply personal: "Jesus wept." He is not distant from sorrow; He enters into it. At the same time, this passage points beyond grief to hope. Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life," showing that death is not the final word. What seems like an ending becomes a place where God's glory is revealed. The story invites trust—even when timing doesn't make sense—and reminds us that faith often grows in the tension between loss and hope.

**THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER)
05.04. 2026**

First Reading
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Responsorial Psalms
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Second Reading
Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel
John 20:1-18

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS

Repose of Soul/Anniversaries of Death: Alzira Gomes, Neal Victor Galford Jr, Jun Factoran, Pablito & Priscilla Santos
For the Sick: Lilian Teo, Blake Wong Ling, Stan and Ann Hoare, Michael Yee
Intentions: Romina Banson & Pauline O'connor
Birthday: Joan Morong, Simon Tiong

INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL

For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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Please Note:

There will be NO MASS INTENTIONS this weekend and next weekend, 4th & 5th April. Thank you.

If you have a family member or friend who is sick, you may send us their names so we can pray for them. Email to assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz



TENDER FEET
by *Shalom DeSouza*

is still available to read until **21st of April** on Libraro!



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DIVINE MERCY FEAST

Sunday 12th April 5:30PM
St Benedict's Church,
1 St Benedict's Street, Newton
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction. Blessing of Images, Holy Mass,
Veneration of St Faustina's Relic

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

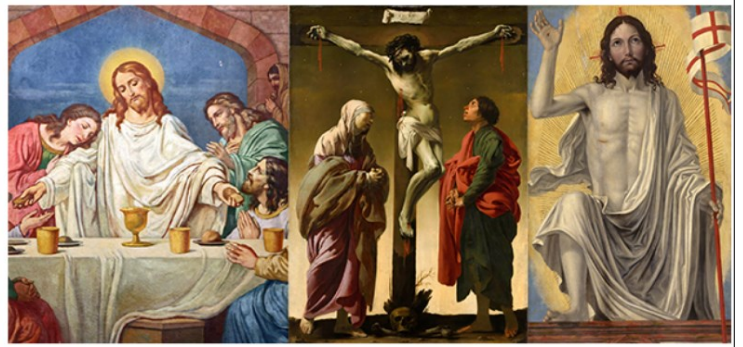


Palm Sunday can be an occasion to review our lives, to ask ourselves not only about the suffering in the world, but also about how much our actions and omissions contribute to hurting and condemning people to death. Let us ask God that, by participating in this celebration and living it with faith, we may be transformed into new men and women in the light of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Let us join Him today in His procession to Jerusalem, inviting Him to come and live in our hearts, minds, homes and families, proclaiming Him forever as our Savior and Redeemer.

Palm Sunday is the **door to Holy Week**, especially the celebration of the Paschal Triduum, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The liturgy of these days invites us to be participants in this mystery and not just spectators, contemplating these events of the past. This means contemplating and renewing a saving fact here and now, especially in the Eucharist. To follow the way of Jesus is to enter into it, to follow Him on the road to Jerusalem, to invite Him to open our minds, our hearts and our lives to praise, honor and glorify Him as our humble King who came to save us and to be with us, His people, forever.

This Sunday we are invited not only to listen to the detailed Passion of Our Lord, as narrated in the Gospel of Saint Luke, but also to reflect and meditate on this mystery of redemption of our salvation. We are invited to discover where Jesus continues to suffer and die in today's world. We come together today to remember the redemptive passion and death of Jesus that changed our world. In this Palm Sunday Eucharist, we are invited to walk with Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, to join his procession and follow in his footsteps. Jesus sits at the table of the Last Supper and invites us to sit with Him, to share in His Eucharist, His passion, His death – and later in His glorious resurrection. He invited His disciples to take up the cross, not just as an instrument of torture and death, but as a sign of purification in which we are given new life in Him.

SACRED TRIDUUM



The triduum is a period that begins on Holy Thursday and ends at the conclusion of Easter Sunday. It encompasses the **evening of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.** The term “triduum” means “three days” and refers to any three-day observance. Technically, the triduum during Holy Week is known as the “paschal triduum” or “Easter triduum.” The word “paschal,” which is used to refer to Easter, comes from the Greek word “pascha,” which comes from the Hebrew word “pesach,” which means Passover. **Jesus’ Passion, Death, and Resurrection,** which is connected theologically to the Passover feast, is referred to as the paschal mystery.

HOLY THURSDAY. On the evening of Holy Thursday, the Church celebrates the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, which commemorates Christ’s Passover meal with his apostles the night before he died. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper most especially remembers the institution of the Eucharist — the sacramental gift to the Church of Christ’s body and blood, given in the transformation of bread and wine.

Often, at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the priest washes the feet of some members of the congregation, recalling Christ’s washing of feet at the Last Supper. “If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do,” Christ told his apostles.

GOOD FRIDAY. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. No, there’s no Mass on Good Friday. In fact, after Mass on Holy Thursday, the altar is stripped of its cloth. Crosses are removed from the Church or covered. No candles burn in the church. The Blessed Sacrament is not reposed in the church’s tabernacle but in another small chapel. On Good Friday, the church is empty of many of its symbols. It is adorned like a church in mourning. And, at 3 p.m., the Church offers the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion.

HOLY SATURDAY. Day of Silence. No daytime Mass is held. The Church waits at the tomb, preparing for the Easter Vigil.

EASTER VIGIL. It is one of the most beautiful liturgies in the Church’s calendar. It is spectacular and full of beautiful Catholic symbolism. The vigil begins at night. It starts with a fire, which is blessed, and from which is lit the paschal candle. The whole of salvation history is proclaimed during the readings. A beautiful Easter proclamation, called the Exsultet, is sung. Men and women are welcomed into the Church: Some will be baptized and confirmed, and others, already baptized, will receive confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

EASTER SUNDAY. The Lord’s resurrection is what Easter is all about. Some people will, of course, go to Easter Sunday Mass and then spend the day feasting with family and friends.

HOLY WEEK 2026

APRIL 02
HOLY THURSDAY
HOLY MASS, 7PM
followed by Adoration

APRIL 03
GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross, 10AM
Celebration of the
Passion of Christ, 3PM

APRIL 04
HOLY SATURDAY
EASTER VIGIL, 7PM
(Candles are provided)

APRIL 05
EASTER SUNDAY
8:30AM 10:30AM
10:30AM

There will be NO 9AM Mass on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday

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