

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY (C)

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Food for Thought.... Attention: If you are allergic to incense, please sit near the exits when you come to Church this Easter (better ventilations). Over the Easter period, we are going to use incense at our Celebrations. Let's look at the history behind this practice in our Catholic Church.

Incense has been employed in the worship of the vast majority of Christian groups since antiquity, particularly in the Eastern Christian and the Roman Catholic Church. The practice is probably rooted in the earlier traditions of Judaism in the time of the Second Temple.


The smoke of burning incense is interpreted by the Roman Catholic Church as a symbol of the prayer of the faithful rising to heaven. This symbolism is seen in Psalm 141, verse 2: "Let my prayer be directed as incense in thy sight: the lifting up of my hands, as evening sacrifice." It is often used after the manner of a purification ritual.

In the Book of Revelation, incense symbolizes the prayers of the saints in heaven - the "golden bowl full of incense" are "the prayers of the saints" (Revelation 5:8) which infuse upwards towards the altar of God.

The uses of incense during Mass are: when bread and wine is offered for the Eucharist, the consecrated Eucharist itself, the Gospel during its proclamation, the crucifix, the clergy, the congregation, the Easter candle or the body of a deceased person during a funeral.

Incense may be used in Christian worship outside the celebration of the Eucharist. Such as: at solemn celebrations of the Divine Office, in particular

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DAY	SS JOHN & PAUL CHURCH SCHEDULE 22-28 MARCH 2010 FIFTH WEEK OF LENT	What's On! 
MON 22 March	9.00am Mass	7.00pm Personal Advocacy—JP Centre 7.30pm Proclaimers' Preparation—JP Church & Parish Centre 7.30pm SVDP—Meeting Room 2—JP Centre
TUE 23 March	9.00am Mass	7.30pm RCIA—Large Meeting Room
WED 24 March	9.00am Mass 7.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	9.30am Craft Circle—Large Meeting Room 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—John Paul Church 2.00pm Legion of Mary—Meeting Room 2
THU 25 March	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 9.00am Mass	11.00am Divine Mercy Devotions—JP Church 7.00pm Personal Advocacy—JP Centre
FRI 26 March	12.00noon Mass 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	10.00am Parish Team—Meeting Room 2 10.30am Growing Vine—John Paul Centre
SAT 27 March	9.00am Mass 9.30am Reconciliation (till 10.00am) 5.30pm Reconciliation (till 6.00pm) PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY (YEAR C) 6.30pm Vigil Mass	
SUN 28 March	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass	

MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Thai Vu (pp@johnpaulwilletton.org.au)
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John Paul Care
Co-ordinator: Betty Thompson (9457 4991)



Stewardship

A Way of Life

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For His sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same? See Philipians 3:8

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at Solemn Vespers, at Solemn Evensong, at funerals, benediction and exposition of the Eucharist, the consecration of a church or altar and at other services.

Aside from being burnt, grains of blessed incense are placed in the Easter candle and were formerly placed in the sepulchre of consecrated altars, though this latter is no longer obligatory or even mentioned in the liturgical books.

Many formulations of incense are currently used, often with frankincense, myrrh, copal or other aromatics. **FR THAI VU**

Messages from Orana.... Our Mini Fete held last week was a magnificent success! We managed to raise almost \$700 and that total combined with the classroom donation boxes has seen us raise a total of \$1200 so far for Project Compassion. The children are justifiably proud of their efforts so far and are very keen to try to break the \$2000 mark by the end of the school term.

The school Masses and class visits by Father Thai or Father Anand have begun for the year. The Year 3s and 4s held a lovely mass in the school Quad; the Year 1s have had a visit from Father Anand and the Years 1 and 2 held a very respectful children's liturgy during the week. The Years 3-6 classes will celebrate a Mass together on the 25th for the Feast of the Annunciation. This mass will start at 9.45am in the school hall and all are welcome.

For your diaries.... The school will be hosting Chris G'Froerer, a highly renowned Stress Therapist, trained in Stress and Anxiety Reduction, on 15th & 22nd June. The 1st of her seminars on the 15th June will be primarily focused on helping children whose anxiety may be inhibiting them while the 2nd seminar on the 22nd will be aimed at helping adults with anxiety related issues. Each session will run from 7.00-9.00pm. All welcome. **ANDREA MOYSES**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD (PALM SUNDAY) SATURDAY 27/SUNDAY 28 MARCH....

The Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. As a parish community we are celebrating the memorial of this event with "The Procession" before the principal mass at the Saturday, 6.30pm and Sunday 10.30am Masses, and with the simple entrance at the Sunday, 7.30am and Sunday 9.00am masses. It is customary to have a blessing of palm leaves before Mass. Those attending the Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 10.30am Masses are requested to assemble on the grassed area outside the Church with your palm leaves, and this blessing ceremony includes the reading of a Gospel account of how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Following this, "The Procession" to the Church where Mass will be celebrated then begins. **LITURGY COMMITTEE**

OPEN DAY - ST NORBERT COLLEGE - WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH 2010....

St Norbert College warmly invites prospective students and their parents to tour our excellent College and see classes in action. Please book a tour for either 9.00am or 10.00am and a student will take you on a guided tour of the College spacious campus and facilities.

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 IN 2012 AND YEAR 8 IN 2012....

We have commenced our enrolments for 2012. Application forms may be obtained by phoning the Enrolment Officer, Mrs Angela Hughes on 9350 5433. Some vacancies also exist for 2011.

PROCLAIMERS WORKSHOP EVERY MONDAY, 7.30PM (See "What's On" for Venue). The coming weekend's rostered Proclaimers who are to attend are:

Saturday, 21 March 2010
6.30pm Helen Rankine, Marian Low
Sunday, 28 March 2010
7.30am Frances Stirling, Melvin Nunes
9.00am Veronica Reutens, Charlene Yong
10.30am Christine Fernandez, Jag Jaul
Facilitator: Mildred Rego—9450 4573

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND—PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY (C)....

1st Reading: Is 50:4-7
2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel Reading: Lk 22:14 - 23:56

JOHN PAUL CARE

This parish pastoral organisation offers, through its volunteers, short term (up to 3 months) emergency care to anyone who lives within the parish. Assistance is offered in the areas of bereavement/grief support, visiting the sick and the elderly, mental health, support for parents, cooking, transport, gardening and handyman. To enquire about these services, please contact the following:

- Parish Office (Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm) 9332 5992
- FAMILY SUPPORT: Betty 9457 4991
- MEALS: Mary 9310 2426
- MENTAL HEALTH: Bob 9332 3528
(Information only)
- GARDENING: Greg 9456 1747
- BEREAVEMENT: Geraldine 9456 2985
- (or Betty: 9457 4991)
- TRANSPORT: Reena 9310 4173

The John Paul Care brochure is available in the foyer of the Church. It offers the opportunity to volunteer or to request assistance. **Please feel free to take one home. CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED AT ALL TIMES**

LOSING A LOVED ONE may be the most difficult time in your life, but you need not be alone. The **JOHN PAUL CARE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** welcomes you to our meetings which are conducted in a friendly, relaxed and confidential setting. Meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

PROJECT COMPASSION—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.... God calls us not only to life, but life to the full. This week's Project Compassion story introduces us to Teresa from El Salvador who lives in one of El Salvador's most impoverished communities. Teresa and her youngest of four sons are living with HIV. They are supported by Caritas Australia who fund a preventive education and accompaniment program that aims to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS and support those living with and affected by it. Your Project Compassion donation enables Caritas Australia to continue to address the physical and emotional wellbeing of people like Teresa who are suffering from HIV/AIDS and give them access to improved health as well as promote their confidence and self esteem.

RCIA – Third Scrutiny.... The Scrutinies are rites of self-searching, repentance and healing. The Scrutinies enliven our recommitment to Christ at Easter and help our 7 RCIA candidates approach the water of baptism and the Eucharistic table in a worthy state. At the 6.30pm Mass this weekend we celebrate the Third Scrutiny and present our candidates with the Lord's Prayer. As a community we join the candidates in praying the Scrutiny to encourage a spirit of repentance. The Lord's Prayer is a perfect model of prayer given to us by the Lord. May its words express the inner yearning of our hearts. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

OLD PALMS.... Parishioners, please return all old palms to Sacristy.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

DATE WITH JESUS?

Our 8 week Introducing God Sessions are well under way. Our sessions run every Sunday night at 7.00pm until Easter. By then the youth would have learned and established a new dimension to their faith and have a great relationship with Jesus. If interested to learn about your faith and ask as many questions as you want, please come along. For more details contact Joel or Kathleen on 0450 903 606 or 0421 755 731.

THE JOHN PAUL PRAYER MINISTRY is organizing a Healing Mass on the 31 March, 2010, at John Paul Catholic Church, Willetton. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Roy Pereira and will start at 7.00pm. Come and experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit and be blessed. All welcome. Coffee and Tea will be served in the Parish Centre after the Mass.

The First Holy Communion Parent/Child Workshop will be held on Thursday, 25 March from 6.30pm to 8.00pm at the parish centre. This is a very interactive workshop and helps both parent and child to come to a greater understanding of the Eucharist and relate it to everyday living. At least one parent must attend with the child. Thank you to all the families for attending the Commitment Weekend. May you continue to grow in deeper love of the Eucharist as you prepare with your children. **MILDRED REGO, CATECHIST CO-ORDINATOR**

Meditative Prayer in the Taize Style Sunday, March 21 from 7.00pm—8.00pm.... Theme: Praying around the Cross. You are invited to join us for a time of stillness to be able to listen to our good God in our hearts in the stillness of the night in a candlelit chapel. Chapel doors open at 6.30pm. Where: Sisters of St Joseph Chapel, 16 York St, South Perth. Bring a friend and a torch. Enquiries: **Sr Maree 0414 683 926**

SANTA MARIA COLLEGE is holding its annual Open Day on Friday, 7 May. We extend a warm invitation to all families to come along, meet College staff and have the opportunity to tour the College, including the new facilities which opened earlier this year. The day will include presentations, morning tea and tours and commences at 10.00am sharp.

WYD YOUTH FESTIVAL (We are gearing up for Madrid WYD 2011) Sunday, 28 March from 12.00noon-3.00pm at Forrest Place, Perth. There will be bands, speakers and performers from all cultures of the Perth community. Bring WYD backpacks, flags, "Free hugs", signs, your WYD T-shirts and the joy of a WYD pilgrim.