

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY (C)

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Catholic Baptism....

In Catholic teaching, baptism plays an essential role in salvation. This teaching dates back to the teachings and practices of first-century Christians, and the connection between salvation and baptism was not, on the whole, an item of major dispute. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament."

Catholics are baptized in water, by submersion, immersion or infusion, in the name (singular) of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - not three gods, but one God subsisting in three Persons. While sharing in the one divine essence, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct, not simply three "masks" or manifestations of one Person. The faith of the Church and of the individual Christian is based on a relationship with these three Persons of the one God. Adults can also be baptized, if they are not baptized already, through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

The Church recognizes two equivalents of baptism with water: "baptism of blood" and "baptism of desire". Baptism of blood is that undergone by unbaptised individuals who are martyred for the Faith, while baptism of desire generally applies to catechumens who die before they can be baptized.

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DAY	SS JOHN & PAUL CHURCH SCHEDULE 29 MARCH-4 APRIL 2010 HOLY WEEK OF LENT	<i>What's On!</i> 
MON 29 March	9.00am Mass	7.30pm Proclaimers' Preparation—JP Church & Parish Centre 7.30pm SVDP—Meeting Room 2—JP Centre
TUE 30 March	9.00am Mass	
WED 31 March	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass	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 7.30pm John Paul Prayer Ministry—JP Church followed by fellowship in JP Centre
THU 1 April	HOLY THURSDAY 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.30pm-11.00pm Adoration	11.00am Divine Mercy Devotions—JP Church
FRI 2 April	GOOD FRIDAY 10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
SAT 3 April	HOLY SATURDAY 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass	
SUN 4 April	EASTER SUNDAY 7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass	

MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest:	Fr Thai Vu (pp@johnpaulwilletton.org.au)	Secretary/Bursar:	Rossana Terpolilli
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Pastoral Workers:	Sr Monica (9310 4072); Sr Veronica (9443 1036) Rosa Pasquale (9332 3813)	John Paul Care	
		Co-ordinator:	Betty Thompson (9457 4991)

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes these two forms:

The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This *Baptism of blood*, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament. (1258) For catechumens who die before their Baptism, their explicit desire to receive it, together with repentance for their sins, and charity, assures them the salvation that they were not able to receive through the sacrament. (1259)

Non-Christians, who seek God with a sincere heart and, moved by grace, try to do God's will as they know it through the dictates of conscience can also be saved without water baptism; they are said to desire it implicitly. As for unbaptised infants, the Church is unsure of their fate; "the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God" (Catechism, 1261).

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baptism> **FR THAI VU**

THE MESSAGE OF THE HOLY WEEK BANNERS:

PALM SUNDAY: He walked the path. The crowd was joyful (green and red palms). He was God and knew that this joy was transient and that He would soon be crucified (brown and black palms merging with vertical beam of cross). Throughout the journey He was assured of the love of the Father (gold rays).

HOLY THURSDAY: Warm colours of yellow, orange and red spread outward from the table, showing that from this table, through the apostles, Christ gave Himself in the Eucharist down the ages to all humanity. The table is outlined in silver, the colour of redemption, for here began the sacrifice that earned us our redemption. While John leans towards Jesus, Judas turns away, nailing Him to the cross.

GOOD FRIDAY: This crushed and torn fabric symbolises Jesus' body—abused and tortured to death. *John 19:33-34* " ... They saw that Jesus was already dead ... One of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear and there came out blood and water."

LIZA PINTO de LIMA

CRAFT GROUP WINTER STALL:

We will be holding our winter stall on **Sunday, 18 April after all Masses**. Can't think of anything for Mothers' Day? Come and see us. The proceeds will go to various charities and towards purchasing new wool to continue our work.

AFTER SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASSES: The children will participate in Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, 30 March at 4.00pm in the church. We invite all the families of these children to attend and also extend an invitation to all the parish community to join us at 4.00pm in the church as we journey towards Easter. Classes will end for Term 1 on Tuesday, 30 March and will recommence for Term 2 on Tuesday, 20 April at 4.00pm in the Parish Centre. **MILDRED REGO, R.E. CO-ORDINATOR**

We welcome into God's family this weekend at Saints John & Paul.... Jessica Julie WINDEYER



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.

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/Tea will be served in the Parish Centre after the Mass.

Beautitudes of Acceptance....

Blessed are you who walk kindly by my side, for in your friendship I feel good to be myself.

Blessed are you who ask for my help and realise my gifts and abilities, for you help me to believe in myself.

Blessed are you who help me with the graciousness of Christ, because I sometimes need help for which I cannot ask.

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

Saturday, 3 April 2010

7.30pm RCIA Readers

Sunday, 4 April 2010

7.30am Names not Available

9.00am Antonia Johnstone, Karen Keddie

10.30am Gary Fernandez, Chris Sandri

Facilitators: Lilian Kee—9332 5062 (Holy Week)

Dunstan Elloy—9354 2112 (Easter Sunday)

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—PASSION (PALM)

SUNDAY.... In a world of inequality we are called to hunger and thirst for what is right. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Bule from Malawi. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and it's people have continued to suffer a food crisis, food shortages, poor health and environmental degradation. Bule is participating in a Caritas Australia—supported project that is addressing this food insecurity and malnutrition. It provides training in sustainable agriculture practices that enables families like Bule to have access to enough food, safe water and a small but regular income. Your donation to Project Compassion empowers vulnerable communities to become self-sufficient.



Holy Hour for 2010 at Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) Every Wednesday night. Mass at 5.30pm and Holy Hour (adoration) at 6.30pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary Street, Highgate. Dinner meal available afterwards for a \$5.00 donation. More details on www.cym.com.au or phone 9422 7912.

HEALING MASS in Honour of St Peregrine, Patron of Cancer Sufferers and Helper of all in Need will be celebrated in Saints John and Paul Church on Thursday, 8 April 2010 at 7.00pm. There will be Veneration of the Relic of St Peregrine and Anointing of the Sick.

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.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION! The Youth Notice Board is going through a complete make-over...to be unveiled in 1 week's time!!! YAY!

SCHOENSTATT SURPRISE?

JPYM will be going to the Schoenstatt Shrine on Easter Monday (5 April, 4pm-8pm) to celebrate Easter together. A special day of celebration in the lovely gardens of the Shrine with special programs planned out and a special Mass in the Shrine itself lead by JPYM's very own Music band. If interested please contact Joel/Kathleen through the Parish Office.

Annual Chrism Mass: Invitation by Archbishop Hickey....

I invite you to attend the Chrism Mass which I will concelebrate with the Priests of the Archdiocese of Perth at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, 30 March 2010 at 7.00pm. During this Mass the Holy Oils will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. The Priests will also renew their Ordination commitment and the Laity are invited to renew their commitment to holiness of life and to service of the Church and society.

Young Christian Workers' Dinner Dance

Fundraiser: Do you enjoy tasty, authentic multicultural food, live music and dancing with great company whilst supporting your local youth in Perth? Then look no further! Bring a group of family and friends and join us for the YCW Multicultural Dinner Dance. **When:** Saturday, 17 April, 7.00pm–11.00pm; **Where:** Herb Graham Recreation Centre, Mirrabooka; **How Much:** \$25.00 per adult, \$15.00 per child (12 yrs and under)

No BYO—soft drinks and alcohol will be available for purchase. All funds raised will support the work of the Perth Young Christian Workers in educating and empowering young people to grow and serve our community. If you are interested or would like to make a valued donation or donation of items that could be used in a raffle, contact Marie Raheb on 0422 510 816 or Fr Roy Pereira on 0417 936 449 or email ycwperthwork@gmail.com. See you there!