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23rd / 24th March 2024

Palm Sunday

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St Joseph's Church

Bryant St, Pialba

St Patrick's Church

82 William St, Howard

Mass Centre

St Peter the Fisherman

Burrum Heads Rd

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Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Today is Palm Sunday. It is a unique Sunday in Lent that marks the beginning of Holy Week. Palm Sunday celebrates the triumphant entry of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. This entry is highly symbolic because it demonstrates that Christ is the Davidic king that fulfilled this ancient prophecy: "He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness." (Isaiah 9:7).

The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah and second readings from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians illustrate the suffering and humility of Christ, the son of God. The first reading is a song of the suffering servant of God. In the letter to the Philippians, Paul reminds us of the humility and obedience of Christ, the servant of God: "...He emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, he was humble even to accepting death on a cross." Today's celebration anchored on Mark's gospel is full of significant symbols. These include the palms representing Christ's royalty and peaceful reign, "He shall be the prince, and the king of peace" (Is 11: 1-9; 9:6). The donkey is symbolic of Christ's humility, "He is humble! He rides on a donkey, the foal of a beast of burden" (Zac 9: 9). Finally, the crowd symbolizes both praise and rejection. This is because the same crowd singing "Hosanna, Hosanna" today, soon will demand Christ's crucifixion.

Humbly, the servant of God accepted all his sufferings to save us. He offered and lost his life to secure victory for us. The most important lesson from all this is that the virtues of patience, humility, and obedience are fundamental in life. Also, the readings teach us that suffering is inevitable in life. Therefore, only those who are ready to persist and endure to the end will triumph. Also, they teach us that, if we persist in our faith, we shall emerge victorious over suffering.

Our procession today was for two reasons. First, to honour Christ as he enters the royal city. Hence, we sang: "Hosanna to the son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Second, to express our solidarity with Christ as he begins the journey, ultimately leading to our salvation. So, as we sing hosanna today, we must ask God for the Grace to remain faithful to the end.

Unfortunately, some of those (the crowd), who may have hailed Christ with the shout of hosanna, may have joined the people that latter demanded: "crucify him" on Good Friday. These episodes simply reflect the reality of life. They also reflect how unfaithful and unpredictable we can be at times in our relationships with God and others. Today, we are for Christ; tomorrow, we are against him. Christ is our friend when we are in difficulty, but our enemy when we are comfortable. It also shows how we relate to one another. Today we are friends, and tomorrow we are arch-enemies.

As we show solidarity to Christ today, we must ask God for the Grace to remain steadfast to him at all moments of our lives. We must also extend this solidarity to others. We encounter both Christ the suffering servant of God, and Christ, the king of the world.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jacob

MASS Times: 25th March to 31st March 2024

St Joseph's Church Hervey Bay

Monday 8am Mass
5.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday 5.30pm Mass

Thursday 6pm Lord's Supper

Friday 10.30am Stations of the Cross
3pm Lord's Passion

Saturday 6pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 7am Mass Easter Sunday
9am Mass Easter Sunday

St Patrick's Church Howard

4pm Easter Sunday

St Peter the Fisherman Burrum Heads

Mass: 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month @ 4pm



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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: by appointment

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

2nd Reading: St Paul to Philipians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Mark 14: 1-15-47

WE PRAY FOR:

THE SICK: Fe Adilan, Marivic Barrameda, Stuart Beilby, Roman Brackowski, June Bearsley, Gerard Clinch, Marilyn Cotis, Martin Curtis, Bernie Gick, Carmen Hoolihan, Keith & Angela Mawer, Nina Mironov, Marilyn Monsour Tom Mullen, Dot Phillips, Marivic Quiobe, Elaine Sanders, Peter Schubert, Gerry Sharpe, Jo Shorrocks, David Stevens, Pam Truscott, Pauline van Buren, Petrus Van Lierop John Wilson.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen Cola, John Deeley, Janet Henke, Sophie Muston, Val Wimbus.

ANNIVERSARY: Segunda Baculio, Nola Beilby, Dennis Berecny, Keith Berecny, Mathew Berecny Jnr, Neville Garner, Magdalena Mugot, Kylie Schrama, Margaret Treston, Reg Treston, Augusta Yting

WE CELEBRATE:

MARCH BIRTHDAY: Fr. Jacob, Laraine Reardon

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION - Will be held Monday 25th March at 5.30pm @ St Joseph's Church

2024 EASTER LITURGY TIMES

HOLY THURSDAY 28th March *Mass of the Lord's Supper*
St Joseph's, Pialba 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March *Stations of the Cross*
St Joseph's, Pialba 10.30am

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*
St Joseph's, Pialba 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March *Easter Vigil*
St Joseph's, Pialba 6pm

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March
Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection
St Joseph's, Pialba 7am & 9am
St Patrick's, Howard 4pm

Parish Office will be closed from 4pm
Thursday 28th March &
reopen 8.30am Tuesday 2nd April

GROUPS	Meeting:	Time	Place
Legion of Mary	<i>Mondays</i>	8.45am	Sr Scholly Hall
St Vincent de Paul	<i>Monday 25th March</i>	3pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Ministry of Consolation	<i>1st Tuesday of each month</i>	2pm	Sr Scholly Hall
Parish Craft Group	<i>1st Wednesday of each month</i>	9am	John Paul Centre
Charismatic Praise & Worship	<i>TBA</i>		
Cenacle "Divine Mercy"	<i>Thursdays</i> <i>(1st Thursday of the month in the JPC)</i>	9am	Sr Scholly Hall
Cenacle of the Divine Will	<i>Thursdays</i> <i>(1st Thursday of the month in the JPC)</i>	11.15am	Sr Scholly Hall
Catholic Women's League	<i>1st Thursday of each month</i>	8.30am	Sr Scholly Hall
Cenacle of Prayer <i>(Immaculate of Mary)</i>	<i>Fridays</i> <i>(No meeting on the 1st Friday of the month)</i>	8.30am	MacKillop Library
El Shaddai	<i>Saturdays</i>	1pm	John Paul Centre
Health Care with Christ	<i>4th Sunday of the month</i>	10.30am	Sr Scholly Hall
Parish Youth Ministry	<i>TBA</i>		

Please join us in the John Paul Centre for a cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday.
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A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all our Parish Groups who assisted with the Friday evening Stations of the Cross and our Lenten Group leaders and attendees who gave their time to take part in the Lenten program.

Thank you to all those who have made our palm crosses for Palm Sunday, all those involved in decorating the Church for this Palm Sunday and those who donated palm branches.

Together we can be so much more.

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING TEA

We will celebrate Easter Sunday with a sausage sizzle and morning tea in the John Paul Centre. Morning Tea will be served after the 9am Mass.

ANointing MASS

*We celebrate an Anointing Mass
Monday the 8th April at 9.30am
followed by morning tea
in the John Paul Centre.
No 8am Mass on Monday 8/4/24*



Keep yourself hydrated.

Please bring your own water bottle to Mass

PARISH MORNING TEA

Please join us for the monthly Cuppa at the **Hervey Bay RSL at 9.30am on Thursday 28th March.**

Everyone is welcome.
We look forward to seeing you



Cuppa And A Chat

Please remember to take all your belongings & any rubbish with you.

We also ask that no food be brought into the church

SAFEGUARDING

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. Information on Safeguarding is now available on our website: www.herveybaycatholic.com.au

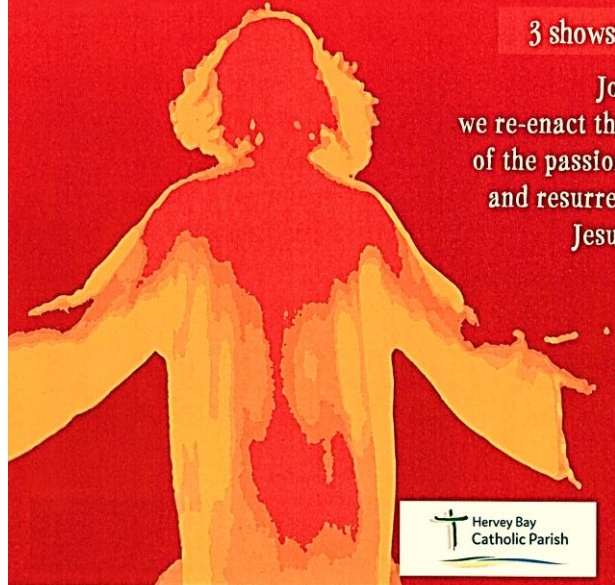


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FRIDAY 22 MARCH - 7PM | SATURDAY 23 MARCH - 1:30PM & 7PM

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Thank you to all who have assisted to bring this Play to our region. Especially the Parish Pastoral Council, particularly Annette, those who have assisted with supplying food, local actors, Star of the Sea School, Principal Nathan Wilson and the cast of the Iona Play.

MUMS N BUBS GROUP

Mother Mary's Little Blessings Playgroup is a warm and inviting space for Catholic women and their children aged 6 months and up. Come and join our group to Praise, Pray and Play. Connect with like-minded women and children, and create beautiful memories together whilst fostering a deeper connection to our Catholic faith. Bring a plate, a toy to share or a gold coin donation to support our women and children in our parish and community.

Free every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 9am to 11am at Sr Scholly Hall, Hervey Bay Catholic Parish. For more information and to stay updated on our upcoming gatherings, contact mothermaryslittleblessings@outlook.com. We look forward to welcoming you and your little ones into our loving community!

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