

First Reading

Jer 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.



Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading

Heb 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

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Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words, he indicated the kind of death he would die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection by Dianne Bergent

The gospel opens with the approach of some Greeks. Neither Jesus himself nor any of the disciples went out to them; they came on their own initiative. Mention of Greeks suggests the inclusion of the Gentile world in the salvation brought by Jesus. The 'hour' is the time of Jesus' anguish and also the hour of his exaltation. References to death and subsequent fruition apply not only to Jesus' situation but also to that of his followers. They too must be willing to die in order to live. The interior struggle that Jesus endured is revealed in his prayer. He prays that God's name might be glorified, even though this will be accomplished through his own death and exaltation.



Feast of The Annunciation
Mass 9am - Thursday, 25th March



Safeguarding our Parish:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Supporting our Parish: (1) Offering envelopes or the Planned Giving Program (2) Online Donations via the website

(3) Cashless tap devices (4) Collection - the 1st collection is for Archdiocesan priests and the 2nd collection is for parish expenses.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sick: Bourke Gibbons, Christina Apolinari Daniel Matesic, Daniel Clarke, David Sanders Eileen Ellery, Heather Graham, Irma Buoro John Sanders, Kerry Gibbons, Margaret Ward Marie Reic, Mary Strambi, Phillip Nehme Romela Onkowitz, Rosa Agostino Tamara Kalass, Tony Strambio, Vic Ryan Warren Clarke.

Recently Deceased: Antonia Simeone, Bishop Bede Heather, George Voss, Fr Isidip Wilson,

Anniversaries: George Stevenson, Connor Biskin, Vera Jean Maher, Elizabeth Sullik, Paul Oscar Wilson Eileen Regan, Heather Bellach, Mary Bentley Patricia Mulholland, Joe Martin, John David Mayo, Colin Mills, Enriqueta De Guzman, Stanislaw Ziolkowski Bill Mitchell, Donald Scott, Terese Tripodina, Ivy Dickson, Petic Spliet, John Dally McGaurian, Timothy Patrick King, Victoria Bonnici, Antonio Tallarida, Angela Porreca, Silverio Toigo, Waddih Awada, Eileen Pullicino, Iris Caruana, Clemantina DiGiorgio

*Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon
them. May all the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, rest
in peace. Amen.*

† Holy Week Ceremonies †

Holy Thursday - April 1

7.30pm - Mass of the Last Supper.

Good Friday - April 2

10am - Stations of the Cross

procession throughout the parish grounds.

**3pm - Celebration of the
Lord's Passion.**

Holy Saturday - April 3

7pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 4

8am, 10am and 5pm - Holy Mass

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Reconciliation

Tuesday after the 6pm Mass until 8pm.
Holy Thursday after the Mass until 9pm.

2021 Sacrament of First Reconciliation

An information session will be held on
Tuesday 4 May at 7pm in the Church
for parents/guardians wanting to enrol their
children in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Youth Group: Ephesus

Sunday fortnight 6pm - 7.30pm

Contact: Grace Mokdassi

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The Resurrection... Fact or fiction?

Join us this Sunday to find out! There'll be games
and prayer, and an interesting insight into the
conspiracies, theories and evidence for the
Resurrection of Jesus Christ!
Bring a friend.

St Mary's Primary School

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2022 Enrolments are now open for our school.

Tours are held fortnightly, on Tuesdays. Bookings
are essential.

St Mary Queen of Heaven, Georges Hall



5th Sunday of Lent | Year B | Sun 21st March 2021



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm

Vietnamese Masses:

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm & Sunday: 3pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm

(Preceded by Holy Hour at 5pm)

Wednesday - Friday: 9am

(Preceded by the Rosary at 8.45am)

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4pm or by appointment

Palm Sunday Masses

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Palms will be
available and blessed at the start of every Mass.
You are most welcome to bring your own palms or
olive branches.

Palms and Olive Branches

Palms and olive branches are
needed for Passion Sunday. If you
can donate some please bring
them to the church on **Friday 26th
March** and place them in the
chapel. You are welcome to bring some for
personal use on Passion Sunday. Thank you.



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross, a traditional
Lenten prayer form, will be prayed
each Friday of Lent at 7pm in the
Church.



Preparing Our Church for Passion Sunday

We need volunteers to help set up the church for
Passion Sunday - Palms and olive branches will
need to be placed around the church, in baskets
and statues will need to be covered. If you have
some spare time on Saturday 27th March at
10.00am your help would be gratefully
appreciated. Thank you.

Rosters

Acolytes, Commentators, Readers, Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy Communion - Roster for Holy
Week are on display in the church. Thank you to
our volunteers.

Communion to the Sick

Anyone intending to take Holy Communion to
the sick, please speak to Father Laurie prior to
Mass.