The 5th Sunday in Lent 26 March 2023



Acknowledgement of Country. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land; our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing; and our hope that we may walk together in harmony, in the spirit of Reconciliation.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn.

RIEVAULX



Father of heaven, whose love profound A ransom for our souls hath found, Before thy throne we sinners bend: To us thy pardoning love extend.

- 2 Almighty Son, incarnate Word, Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord, Before thy throne we sinners bend: To us thy saving grace extend.
- 3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
 The soul is raised from sin and death,
 Before thy throne we sinners bend:
 To us thy quickening power extend.
- 4 Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son, Mysterious Godhead, Three in One, Before thy throne we sinners bend: Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

Edward Cooper 1770-1833

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 43.1-2

The choir sings the Entrance Antiphon.

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Invocation and Greeting

▲ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Penitential Act

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister, says

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All say

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest says:

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon ♣ you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
in order that we children of earth
might discern good from evil
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:
as the light of Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in truth and goodness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice.
- 2 O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.
- 3 If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?
- 4 For there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.
- 5 I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.
- 6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.
- 7 O Israel, trust in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.
- 8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

New Testament Reading

Romans 8.6-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 11.25-26

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Reading John 11.1–45

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

₩ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Fr Steven Ogden

Profession of Faith

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life for the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The priest may say

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers may conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

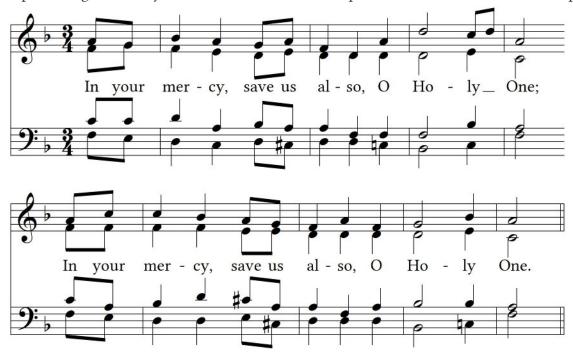
God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the preparation of the gifts, the chant is sung. Please note that there will be no Collection taken up: offerings of money can be left in the Collection plates at the front and rear of the pews.



Paul Stetsenko b.1962 (Kyiv, Ukraine)

When all is prepared, the priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

May the Lord accept our sacrifice for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

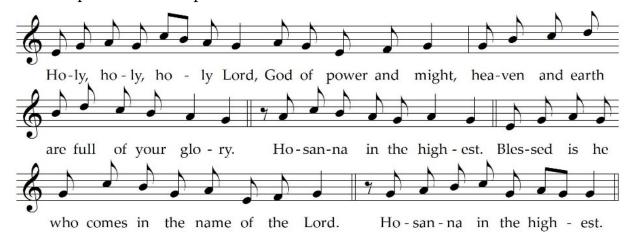
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As a human being, Jesus wept for Lazarus, his friend; as eternal God, he called him forth from the tomb. In his compassion for the human family, Christ leads us by the Easter mysteries from death to new life.

Through him the hosts of angels adore you and rejoice in your presence for ever.

May our voices join with theirs in the triumphant chorus of praise:



You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the cup and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.



The my-ste-ry of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come a-gain.

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Cup of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit. Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Geoffrey our Bishop and all those whose lives bring hope to this world.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your presence.

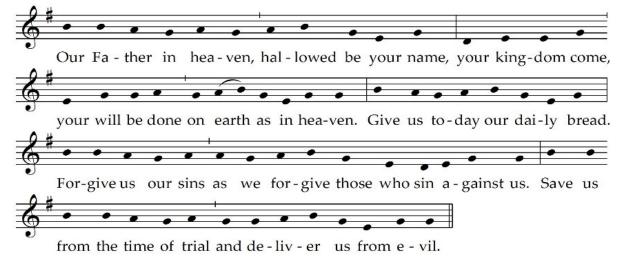
Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, Mary Magdalene and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may be worthy to stand in your presence and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through whom, and with whom, and in whom, O God, Father almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit is all honour and glory for ever and ever. **Amen**.

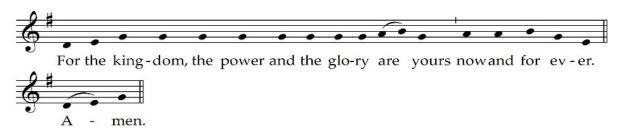
THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



The Breaking of the Bread

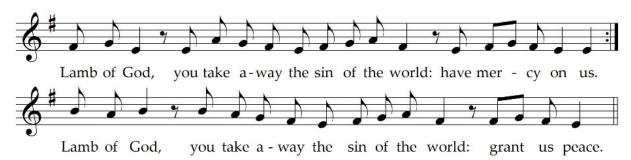
The priest breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.



Invitation to Communion

The priest says

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

All receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants should approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning via the side aisles. Communicants should remove their face masks prior to receiving Holy Communion, replacing them afterwards.

Healing ministry will be offered in the Holy Innocents chapel. Please enter the chapel one at a time. You may wish to record prayer points or remembrances on a piece of paper prior to Mass.

During Communion, the choir sings.

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Hymn

EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL)



Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
In your death we are reborn,
Though you die in all of history,
Still you rise with every morn.
Seed that dies to rise in glory,
May we see ourselves in you,
If we learn to live your story
We may die to rise anew.

- We remember truth once spoken, Love passed on through act and word, Every person lost and broken Wears the body of our Lord. Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, Come inflame our hearts anew, We may all your joy inherit If we bear the cross with you.
- 3 Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
 Stumbling though our steps may be,
 One with you in joy and sorrow,
 We the river, you the sea.
 Light of life beyond conceiving,
 Mighty Spirit of our Lord;
 Give new strength to our believing,
 Give us faith to live your word.

Marty Haugen b.1950 adapt.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer over the People and Blessing

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ★ and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon or another minister says,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

FROM FR STEVEN - ONE FOR THE BOYS

Many Australians are battling, especially young people. It is hard for many of them to buy a house, let alone attain a suitable rental property. And they will have to deal with the worst effects of climate change. To this end, I am delighted to have been invited to preach every morning at St Peter's College in Holy Week, from Monday to Thursday, to years 7-12.

I am seeing it as a great opportunity to, on the one hand, acknowledge their sense of frustration and powerlessness and, on the other hand, play a small part in encouraging them to find their own voice.

Of course, many of them already have a very sophisticated understanding of the climate crisis. They have their own voice. I hope then to encourage them in finding ways of moving forward.

Certainly, St Peter's College has a very good environment program. It is part of their strategic plan. But the problems are becoming increasingly complicated.

The challenge for schools is how to address the problem of the agency of young people, that is, how do we enable young people to find their voice and act with integrity?

My experience has been that young people are very quick on the uptake. Often, it is just a matter of opportunity. In many cases, it is about encouraging others to trust our young people to be astute, courageous, and compassionate.

Please pray for all young people this week.

Fr Steven

VEILS IN LENT

You will notice today that the crosses and images in the church have been veiled. The veiling of images has a long history in the church. It is known in France from the 7tth century, and in Italy in the 9th century. By the late Middle Ages the veiling of Crosses and images during Lent was universally common. The most recent custom is for veiling to commence on the 5tth Sunday of Lent, though over its history the period has extended to the whole of Lent, and even some weeks beforehand.

The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum, the Great Three Days from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. The veils are hard to miss and they serve as a reminder to get ready!

The veiled images build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. The veils seem out of place, and even counter-intuitive. It can seem strange that the crucifix is covered up during these last weeks of Lent, when our devotion deepens almost daily. Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened and we become more aware of what is missing. We may at this point remember that we have not sung "Alleluia" during Lent, a reminder that we are "in exile" from our true Home, where the angels sing Alleluia without ceasing.

When we again see the Crosses and images unveiled at the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world. It is through our own death that we are able to see our true home, and the veil is lifted. Christ lifts the veil through his Resurrection.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

At the Annual Vestry Meeting, there was a question about the correctness of the auditor's report which included a Qualification on the basis of "Going Concern". It was suggested at the meeting that this was a drafting error, based on a previous report when the finances were under considerable pressure. It has been confirmed by the auditors that this was indeed a drafting error, which will be corrected. The auditors apologise for the error, and confirm that there is no qualification of this kind.

THELMA ZIMMERMAN

Thelma Zimmerman's funeral was held on Monday 20 March, at the War Widows Memorial Hall in Rose Park. Fr Steven assisted with the final committal, and Chris Gent sang. Thelma's wishes were that there be a church celebration at a convenient time. We will keep this on notice, and advise of an occasion when Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul will be sung. May Thelma rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT - NEXT SUNDAY

The Archbishop's annual visit will be next Sunday, Palm Sunday, 2 April, where he will join the city churches at the ecumenical blessing and procession of palms at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, then return to St Mary Magdalene's for the Solemn Mass. The service at St Francis Xavier's begins at 10.30 am, so it will be approximately 10.50 am by the time the procession arrives at Church for Mass. This visit is the archbishop's first since Fr Steven was commissioned, and is an occasion of the greatest importance for the parish: please plan to be present.

Please also note that **Daylight Saving ends on Sunday morning at 2 am**. CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR.

THE WATCH OF THE PASSION ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

At the end of the "Mass of the Lord's Supper" on Maundy Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the "Altar of Repose" in the Holy Innocents Chapel, where it is reserved for the Communion on Good Friday (when Mass is not celebrated). We have a long-standing custom—which, as far as we are aware, is only maintained at one other church in Australia—of keeping watch before the Sacrament throughout the night of Maundy Thurdsay to the liturgies of Good Friday.

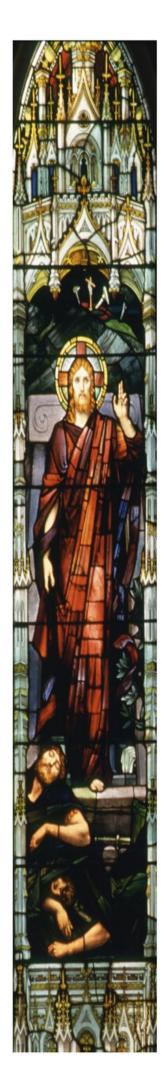
A roster is available today. Please consider your availability and nominate a time. For those who are not familiar with this custom, there are arrangements in place to ensure security and safety, especially in the night hours.

LENTEN STUDY: TRANSFORMATION: THE STORY OF NICODEMUS: 16 - 23 - 30 MARCH

Three-part Lenten study in two groups (Thursday 10am (Parco, 259 Hutt Street) or 7pm on Zoom)

- Thu 16 "How can anyone be born after having grown old?" (Jn 3:1-17)
- Thu 23 "Never has anyone spoken like this" (Jn 8:45-52)
- Thu 30 "They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with spices in linen cloths" (Jn 19:38-42)

There is still time to join the studies for the final week. Please speak to Fr Steven.



St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church Moore Street, Adelaide

Join us for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday 2 April

10.30 am Solemn Mass with the St Matthew Passion
* beginning at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral *
Archbishop Geoff Smith will preside



Holy Wednesday 5 April

7.30 pm, Tenebrae



Maundy Thursday 6 April

7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament, Stripping of the Altars

The Watch of the Passion throughout the night



Good Friday 7 April

10 am The Liturgy of the Day
Solemn Prayers, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion
3 pm Solemn Liturgy
with singing of the St John Passion



Easter Eve 8 April

8 pm The Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter Followed by an Easter Cocktail Reception



Easter Sunday 9 April

10 am, Procession and Solemn Mass

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SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8 am Reflection and Prayer

Thursday 12 noon Angelus; **12.10 pm** Mass (traditional rite)

Friday 6.15 pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday 10.30 am Visit of the Archbishop: Blessing and Procession of Palms at St Francis

Xavier's Cathedral, with procession to the Church for Sung Mass.

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral from Monday to Friday at 7.30 am, and on Wednesday at 10 am. Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Steven Ogden.

Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

Regular Giving and Donations

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

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The Magdalene Centre

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church or delivered to the Magdalene Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm, Monday to Friday.

Donations of cash are welcome via https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/.

The Collective of St Mary Magdalene (Mary Mags Dinner)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support, and who are seeking meals and companionship at other times during the week.

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Fr Steven's appointment is part-time. His days on duty are Tuesday - Thursday and Sunday

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Next Sunday, 2 April - Palm Sunday - beginning at 10.30 am at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a • Psalm 31.9-18 • Philippians 2.5-11 • Matthew 27.11-54

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the COVID-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees, asylum seekers, and those seeking places of safety and security.

Pray for all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Sim, Jasmin, Henry, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), Robert Whalley (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Mark, Olivia, Nance, Neil, Elaine, Edward and Neil.

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and in other tragic circumstances; those who have died recently, especially Thelma Zimmerman, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.