

Christ's Cross embraced with love never leads to sadness, but to joy, to the joy of having been saved and of doing a little of what he did on the day of his death.

**3. Today in this church**, we are celebrating around Jesus, waving our palm branches, expressing our joy at being with him! Everyone has an important part in this celebration of faith! We bring to each other the joy of faith and tell to each other that we must live the faith with enthusiasm, always, even at the age of seventy or eighty. With Christ, the heart never grows old!

Yet all of us know very well that the King whom we follow and who accompanies us is very special: he is a King who loves even to the Cross and who teaches us to serve and to love. And we are not ashamed of his Cross, because we have understood that it is in giving ourselves, in emerging from ourselves that we have true joy and that, with his love, God conquered evil. We must say to the world: to follow Christ is good; to go with Christ is good; the message of Christ is good; to take Jesus to the ends of the earth and of existence, is good! Three points, then: joy, Cross, mission.

Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to **teach** us the joy of meeting Christ, the love with which we must look to the foot of the Cross, the enthusiasm of the young heart with which we must follow him during this Holy Week and throughout our lives. May it be so.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN: Our God is an Awesome God

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### Holy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

7.30 pm. Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
to 11.00 pm. Adoration in the Marian Room

### Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March (Day of Abstinence and Fast)

10.00 am Stations of the Cross  
3.00 pm. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

### Easter Vigil 31<sup>st</sup> March

8.00 am. Decorating the Church  
9.00 am. Rehearsal of the Easter Ceremony  
6.00 pm. Easter Solemnity

### First Sunday of Easter 01<sup>st</sup> April

7.00 am. Solemn Easter Mass  
9.00 am. Solemn Easter Mass  
5.30 pm. Solemn Easter Mass



Holy Family Catholic Parish  
Runaway Bay



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## COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

ANT. Mt 21: 9

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

### GREETING OF THE CELEBRANT

Dear brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem.

Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

Let us pray. Almighty ever-living God, sanctify † these branches with your blessing, that we who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*He sprinkles the branches with holy water without saying anything.*

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to Mark 11:1-10 **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" The disciples told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those



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Reconciliation at 4.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.

Baptism Preparation at  
7pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the  
month.

who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

### PROCESSION

Dear brothers and sisters, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

*The Procession to the church. The thurifer goes first, carrying a thurible with burning incense, then a server, carrying a cross decorated with palm branches according to local custom, between two servers with lighted candles. Then follow all the faithful and the Celebrant, carrying branches and shouting*

### ANTIPHON

The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches,  
went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying:  
Hosanna in the highest.

### Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

#### Refrain

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land—Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands—Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing—Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all”

### ENTRANCE HYMN: Hosanna to the Son of David

*Fr John says the Collect of the Mass, then come the Readings in the usual way.*

### FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7 *I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord helps me, therefore I have not been disgraced.*

The servant of the Lord said: “The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. “I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. “The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.”

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22 *R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; “Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver; let him rescue the one in whom he delights!” **R.**

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **R.**

### SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11 *Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

### GOSPEL Passion of Jesus according to Mark 14:1-15:47

## YOU ARE PRINCES, BUT OF A KING CRUCIFIED

**1. Jesus entered Jerusalem.** It is a beautiful scene, full of joy and celebration as he has shown the face of God’s mercy to all of us, to our sicknesses, to our sins.

*“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” (Lk 19:38).*

At the beginning of Mass, we too repeat it. We wave our palms. We too welcome Jesus. We too express our joy at accompanying him, at knowing him to be close, present in us and among us as a friend and also as a King. He is God, but he lowered himself to walk with us. And in this way we welcome him today.

Therefore today is the day of joy! Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but from having encountered that King who comes to us on a donkey. Our joy is born from knowing that with him we are never alone, even at difficult moments, even when our life’s journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable. Let us follow Jesus! And above all we know that he accompanies us and carries us on his shoulders. This is our joy that we must bring to this world.

**2. Today is also a day of the Cross,** as Jesus does not enter the Holy City to receive honours reserved to earthly kings; he enters to be scourged, insulted and abused, as Isaiah foretold in the First Reading. He enters to climb Calvary, carrying his burden of wood. He enters Jerusalem in order to die on the Cross. His royal throne is the wood of the Cross!

Benedict XVI once said to the Cardinals: *You are princes, but of a king crucified.* The cross is the throne of Jesus. He takes up to the cross the sin of the world as well as our personal failures in love and respect towards God, towards our neighbour and towards the whole of creation, and he cleanses them with his blood, with the mercy and the love of God.

Jesus on the Cross feels the whole weight of the evil, and with the force of God’s love he conquers it, he defeats it with his resurrection. This is the good that Jesus does for us on the throne of the Cross.