



Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family
Cathedral
Michael's Mount

St. Martin de Porres
Parham

St. Anthony's
Potters

St. Francis of Assisi
Villa

Good Samaritan
Donovans



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - 13th April, 2025 - C

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

Mondays

Holy Family Cathedral - 6:00 am

Tuesdays

Holy Family Cathedral 6:00 am
Potters - 6:00 pm

Wednesdays

Holy Family Cathedral - 6:00 am

Thursdays

Holy Family Cathedral - 6:00 am
Villa - 6:00 pm

Fridays

Holy Family Cathedral
6:00 am & 12:15 pm

Saturdays

Holy Family Cathedral - 8:00 am

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Holy Thursday** (*The Last Supper*)...
7:00 pm at HFC.
- **Good Friday**... 8:00 am from
Tyrells to Mt Tabor. This will be the
second pilgrimage. All are asked to
wear the Green Pilgrims of Hope T-
shirt. The bus leaves Holy Family
Cathedral at 7:15 am. Anyone
desirous of parking and using the bus
are asked to call the Pastoral Centre.
- **Passion & Death of Our Lord -
Veneration of the Cross: 3:00pm**
- **Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil:**
10:00pm. Parishioners are asked to
bring a candle with a candle holder.
- **Easter Sunday - Mass** at the
Cathedral and Parham will be at
9:00am, Villa and Potters will be at
11:00 am.

The Pastoral Centre will be closed
from Thursday 17th April, 2025 to
Monday 21st April, 2025. The office
will re-open on Tuesday 22nd April at
9:00am.

**Holy Family Cathedral's Parish
Council** will host a takeaway breakfast
on Sunday 20th April 2025
immediately after the 9:00 am Mass.
On sale will be ling-fish, red herring,
mackerel, boiled eggs, chop-up,
pawpaw, stewed sausages, lettuce,
tomato, cucumber, fried plantain, ham,
turkey, fried dumpling, bread and a
complimentary tea or coffee will be
given.

Tickets are \$25.00 and can be
purchased from any member of the
Parish Council and at the Pastoral
Centre. All proceeds will go towards
the ongoing maintenance.

**Catholic Radio - invites all to Small
Fryes Beach on Easter Monday** (21st
April, 2025) to its Annual Beach Lime
Fundraiser. There will be lots to eat
and drink on SALE. Please support.

THE DIVINE MERCY ASSOCIATION

(In formation) Invites All Parishioners to
Pray **THE NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY** In
Community:

The **FIRST DAY** of Our Novena will be
Prayed after the **3:00pm** Service in the
Cathedral on Good Friday.

We will gather in **THE AREA OF THE
CATHEDRAL CLOSE TO THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT CHAPEL**. Please remember
we are dismissed **IN SILENCE** at the **END** of
the 3:00pm Service.

We will Meet Again to Pray **The SECOND
DAY** on Saturday Morning at 9:00am in the
Cathedral.

The **THIRD DAY** and the Following Days
will be prayed In Community Daily 15
Minutes before Holy Mass.

On Sunday April 27th - **THE DIVINE
MERCY SUNDAY'S HOLY HOUR OF
ADORATION** will begin in the Cathedral at
3:00pm. ALL Are Invited.

Please pray for the candidates who will
be confirmed on **May 4th**. We pray that
the Holy Spirit will inspire and ignite them
to become disciples of Christ.

Letrell Anthony, Kristina Butros, MayaAnn
Crawford, David Doumet, Amaia Emanuel-
Yearwood, Nia Gomes, Alejandra
Gonclaves, Lynnier Greene, Vernon Henry,
Alyssa Jardine, Skylar Joseph, Zariya
Joseph, Ashlyian Lewis, Kayden Lewis,
Joneiker Lopez, Dejanae Meade, Sunday
Mitchel, Mekhi Prosper, Jean Regelan, Ruez
Titre, Shane Walsh, Grace Zreibi.

**We also pray for those in the RCIA
programme** who will receive the
Sacraments during the Easter Vigil
celebration:

Jordan Byron, Mary Grace Espeleta, Ulica
Gauduchau. Jillarina Greene. Renee
Quinland and John Uzoma.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 6th April, 2025

Cathedral	1st	2nd
Saturday	\$2,095.83	\$ 616.40
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ 1,333.48	\$ 309.05
9:00 am	\$ 2,171.65	\$ 639.17
Out Stations		
Potters	\$ 560.00	\$ 130.00
Parham	\$ 515.00	\$ 130.00
Villa	\$ 893.85	\$ 430.25
Diocesan Schools	\$ 60.00	

Thanks for your Generosity

The Holy Family Cathedral Liturgical Dance Group & The Xclamation Mas Troupe will host a Finger Food Sale on Sunday 27th April at Holy Family Cathedral After Mass.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on Sunday May 11th. Parents wishing to have their children baptized are asked to bring a copy of the birth certificate for registration and the names of two confirmed Catholics as god-parents.

St. Joseph's Academy Entrance Exams and Interviews

- Application Forms for students wishing to enter **Forms 1 – 4** are now available at the school's office. Office hours are from **8:00 am – 2:00 pm**.
- The final date for submitting applications for **Form 1** students is **Thursday, May 8**.
- The exam for students wishing to enter **Form 1** will be held on Saturday, May 10, beginning at **8:00 am**.
- Interviews for students wishing to enter **Forms 2 – 4** will begin on Monday, May 26, 2025.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & SHUT- INS:

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands.

We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Amen.

Gillian Howie, Catherine Durand, Georgina-Glave-Toussaint, Catherine DeTouche, Edward Lewis, Arnold Gomes, Jean James, Conrad Looby, Cecelia John, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart, Joan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Andrea Canterbury, Colette Simon, Brenda Frederick, Elma Skerritt.

Christ the King High School is now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Please collect an application form from the school's office or send an email request to ckhs1933@outlook.com.

Application Deadline is Friday **16th May, 2025**.

The Charismatic Renewal Pre-Pentecost Lunch will be on May 31st on the Holy Family Cathedral Grounds.

Dishes on Sale

- ◇ Ducanna & Saltfish
- ◇ Potato Dumpling
- ◇ Coconut Dumpling
- ◇ Fungi, Chop up & Saltfish
- ◇ Bull Foot Soup
- ◇ Seasoned Rice
- ◇ Lots of Drinks

Tickets are only \$25.00 and can be purchased at the Pastoral Office or from any member of the Charismatic Renewal Prayer group.

Proceeds are in aid of our ongoing Food Program.

The Prophetic Word a new radio program by **Fr. Arnold Francis** will now be played every **Monday at 8:00 am and Friday at 5:00 pm**.

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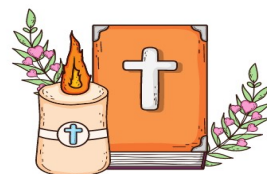
We welcome Sr. Margaret Kissani from Papua New Guinea and Sr. Edita Maria Ulman from Ukraine, for ministry in our diocese. Two more Sisters will arrive in the coming weeks. Sr. Theresia Jadul and Sr. Yustina Intan, both from Indonesia.

Jubilee of Teenagers will be celebrated worldwide from April 25-27, 2025. In celebrating our teens there are two major events planned: **Friday Evening** a Showcase of Talent entitled Retro Rewind- This will be presentations of music, instruments, dance, songs from the 60s to present.

Saturday- Sports Day

Sunday - Mass - celebrating our teens
More details upcoming.

LECTIO DIVINA



"The Suffering Servant"

Read: Christ, the Son of God strips himself of his divine glory to become one of us, that we might be saved. As a suffering servant, he humbly submits to his accusers and executioners. He is faithful to his saving mission and to God his Father. Peter denies Jesus, in fear. Most of the crowd does not recognize their Saviour, but some, like the repentant thief, do recognize Christ's divinity, and ask his saving help.

Reflect: Today's Palm Sunday liturgy combines the joy of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, amid cries of jubilation of the crowds, with the sorrow of the Passion, throughout which the crowds jeer at and mock the One who would save them all. Christ identified with Isaiah's prophecy of the suffering servant, the one who does not shield his face from "blows, spittle or disgrace," because he trusts in his loving Father, and he understands that the pouring out of his blood will forge the New Covenant between God and mankind.

Pray: Meditate with the palm leaves you received at church today and a crucifix. Think of your own faith and of its weaknesses. Pray the words of the repentant thief.

Act: Plan your week, so that you can participate as fully as you can in Holy Week, noting down times of prayer and of the liturgies at church.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Second Reading

Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel

Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56

Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 14th April

Isaiah 42: 1-7

Psalms 27: 1-3, 13-14

John 12: 1-11

Tuesday 15th April

Isaiah 49: 1-6

Psalms 71: 1-6, 15 & 17

John 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wednesday 16th April

Isaiah 50: 4-9

Psalms 69: 8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34

Matthew 26: 14-25

Thursday 17th April

Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14

Psalms 116: 12-13, 15-18

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-15

Holy Thursday of The Lord's Supper

Friday 18th April

Isaiah 52: 13—53: 12

Psalms 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-17 & 25

John 18: 1—19: 42

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 19th April

Genesis 1: 1- 2:2 / Genesis 1: 1, 26-31

Psalms 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12—14, 24, 35

Genesis 22: 1-18

Psalms 16: 5, 8-11

Exodus 14: 15—15: 1

Exodus 15: 1-6, 17-18

Isaiah 54: 5-14

Psalms 30: 2, 4-6, 11-13

Isaiah 55: 1-11

Isaiah 12: 2-6

Baruch 3:9-15, 32– 4:4

Psalms 19: 8-11

Ezekiel 36: 16-28

Psalms 42: 3,5; 43:3-4 / Isaiah 12: 2-6 /

Psalms 51: 12-15, 18-19

Epistle Reading: Romans 6:3-11

Luke 24: 1-12

WHAT THE FIRST READING

SAYS TO ME

This reading is taken from the third song of the Servant of Yahweh. As mentioned at the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is not clear whom the inspired writer had in mind when he composed these four songs describing the ideal Servant (Son) of God. Is he a collective person: Israel, God's people? Is he a king of the past or the Messiah (anointed king) to come?

In any case the Christian community applied these hymns very early to Jesus and they are used throughout Holy Week as a beautiful commentary on the passion narratives. Indeed, "the Son of Man [Jesus] did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many".

WHAT THE SECOND READING

SAYS TO ME

This text is actually a Christ hymn, sung in church. It beautifully describes our Lord's utmost humiliation that he suffered on the cross. By being obedient, he made up for our sinful disobedience. But this hymn also sings of Christ's exaltation by the Father.

Meditating on the Lord's suffering and death, as Christians do during Holy Week, we should keep both sides of the Christ event in mind. It is suffering and death that actually constitutes a passage to exaltation. Good Friday and Easter belong together even in our lives!

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

Paul states: "For our sakes [God] made him [Jesus] to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him". Jesus identified himself entirely with sinful man, whom he freed from sin and death. Each of the evangelists relates the narrative with only a few different memories of the tragedy. In Matthew and Mark, Jesus' last words are: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?". Luke remembers that on the cross Jesus promised paradise to the criminal who repented and that Jesus said: "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit". All three relate the Lord's Supper, which Jesus gave us to celebrate as a memorial of his passion, death, and resurrection.

Prayerful meditation on Jesus' passion should make us grateful for what Jesus did. He has said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends".

What is Palm Sunday?

Every day of Holy Week is one step on a spiritual pilgrimage, and Palm Sunday is the day that pilgrimage begins.

Palm Sunday takes place one week before Easter and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Catholics carry blessed palm branches into church, symbolizing the crowd's welcoming gesture as Jesus rode into the city on a donkey. The Gospel readings recount the story of Jesus' death and Passion, inviting us to reflect on his sacrificial love and the profound significance of Holy Week. You can reflect on this passage by reading the Gospel of Mark Chapter 11, verses 1-11.

How to Observe Palm Sunday

Celebrating Palm Sunday begins with a uniquely powerful experience of Mass. This particular Mass includes two incredible readings from the Gospels. As Mass begins, we hear the account of Jesus triumphantly entering Jerusalem on a donkey and being praised by massive crowds. It is a special opportunity to begin a spiritual pilgrimage toward Easter.

Then, during the Liturgy of the Word, we dive into the entire Passion account. Many parishes present this account in an interactive format: the priest reads Jesus' lines, lectors narrate and read the parts of many characters, and everyone in the pews reads the part of the crowd. As you listen, place yourself there in the story. Imagine the sights and sounds. Who do you resonate with? What words or phrases stick out to you? It is a particularly long reading, so try to focus on the one thing God is trying to say to you.

At Palm Sunday Mass, you'll also receive blessed palm branches. Many people keep these palm branches all year, using them as a religious decoration in their home or weaving them into a cross shape. Since palm branches are a blessed item, they should not be thrown in the trash. If you do not want to keep your branch, you can return it to the church where it will be burned for ashes the following Ash Wednesday!



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