

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Year C, 13 April, 2025

Embracing the communities of
Cherbourg, Goomeri, Murgon,
Proston and Wondai



Unity in Diversity ... being one in Christ through Baptism!

Palm Sunday and Passion week

Dear Parish family and Friends,

Passion Week, also known as Holy Week, is the final week of Lent in the Christian liturgical calendar, leading up to Easter Sunday. It commemorates the events of Jesus Christ's last week on earth, including his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his suffering, death, and resurrection.

As we commemorate Palm Sunday, we are reminded of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where He was greeted with palm branches and cries of "Hosanna!" On this day, Jesus began His journey to the Cross to fulfill the most significant Old Testament prophecy of His death and resurrection. Though He is the King of kings, Jesus entered Jerusalem not on a grand chariot but on a humble donkey, symbolising the humility and service we are called to embrace.

Palm Sunday represents Jesus's obedience, humility, and dedication to fulfilling God's divine purpose in His life. He chose to obey God and walked the path laid out for Him, enduring pain and suffering to redeem humankind. Similarly, God has a purpose for each one of us. Living according to one's calling means understanding and embracing our purpose, walking our journey faithfully with God, and radiating His true love with passion, even when the journey feels daunting. Just as Jesus remained steadfast in His mission to save humanity, we too must find strength in our values and faith to fulfill His will in our lives.

Spiritually, this day invites us to reflect on our own journey of faith toward eternal life. Are we

welcoming Jesus into our hearts with the same enthusiasm as the crowd in Jerusalem? Let us renew our commitment to living a faithful life, overcoming temptations, and triumphing over sin by remaining truthful to God in our thoughts, words, and actions. Let the waving of palm branches serve as a reminder of the peace and hope that Jesus brings into our lives and families.

Palm Sunday and the ensuing Passion Week together remind us that true glory is found not in self-exaltation but in self-emptying love. As you celebrate Palm Sunday, rejoice in the arrival of Christ – the humble King who came to save you – and prepare your heart for the solemn journey of Passion Week. Let his example guide you to live a life of genuine humility, sacrifice, and hope.

May you embrace both the joy of his triumph and the depth of his passion, allowing them to transform your life and draw you closer to the eternal promise of resurrection.

I'd like to remind those parishioners who are unable to attend Holy Week liturgies in their local church, due to there being only one priest, that you are most welcome to come to our mother church at Murgon, where there will be a priest leading the entire Easter/Holy week liturgies.

Many Blessings and prayers,

Fr Geo Francis MCBS



Mass Schedule



Holy Week 17/18/19/20 April

17 April, Holy Thursday, 9.00am
Murgon

17 April, Holy Thursday, 7.00pm
Gayndah

18 April, Good Friday, 9.00am
Gayndah

18 April, Good Friday, 3.00pm
Murgon

19 April, Easter Vigil, 6.30pm
Gayndah

20, April, Easter Sunday, 8.00am
Murgon

4th Sunday of Month - 26/27 April

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

Sunday, 6.00pm, Goomeri

1st Sunday of Month - 3/4 May

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.30am, Mundubbera

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

2nd Sunday of Month - 10/11 May

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston

(Liturgy of the Word)

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Cherbourg

Sunday, 6.00pm, Goomeri

3rd Sunday of Month - 17/18 May

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah



PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

We pray for a renewal of our faith during Holy Week. May we learn more deeply what it means to be pilgrims of hope in this Year of Jubilee. Through works such as Project Compassion, may we *Unite Against Poverty* and walk alongside our sisters and brothers towards the new life of Easter.



Lam stands with his parents in front of their farmland in Vietnam. © Caritas Australia

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Today, we draw our inspiration from **Blessed Carlo Acutis**, the computer genius who loved playing video games and is set to become the Church's first millennial Saint. Carlo was born in 1991 and died in 2006 at just fifteen years old. From a young age, Carlo had a profound relationship with the Blessed Sacrament which he called his "highway to heaven". He attended daily Mass, spent time in Eucharistic Adoration and inspired others to grow in their faith. He firmly believed in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and dedicated his life to promoting this truth. Carlo's love of Christ guided his selfless kindness toward others. Despite his young age, he was compassionate and mature. He was keenly aware of others' suffering and went out of his way to offer comfort, companionship and kindness. At just eleven years old, he started a project to catalogue all the Eucharistic miracles of the world. Carlo taught himself the coding and technology skills required to publish his work online by building a virtual museum. Carlo's mother described this project as "planting a seed with this exposition on Eucharistic miracles to help the world believe".



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We pray for those who are sick:

Graham Burgess; Orlando Dyrity;
Rodney Euler; Pope Francis;
Phillip Gaffney; Nerla Knight;
Dr Graham McAllister; Kai Vera.

Carlo's innovative use of technology embodies his selfless and deep faith. His work helps theological truths become accessible to anyone with an internet connection in the hope that it will bring others closer to God. Please take a moment to pray...

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, You gifted Blessed Carlo Acutis with a brilliant mind, a deep care for others and a heart set on You. He used his talents in technology to spread the beauty of the Eucharist and inspire faith in countless others. Help us to follow his example, using the tools of our time to share Your love, truth, and mercy. May we, like Carlo, see technology as a means to evangelise, bringing light to the digital world. We pray also for the leaders of technology platforms. Inspire them to use their influence for good, promoting truth, unity, and the dignity of all people. Guide them to create spaces that uplift humanity and reflect Your love. Bless our efforts to spread the Gospel online and guide us to use our gifts wisely for Your glory as we take inspiration from Carlo's dedication to You. Amen.

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