

# Cathedral Parish

Cathedral, Stanley Street, Townsville. **St Mary's**, West End.  
**St Francis Xavier**, Railway Estate. **St Patrick's**, South Townsville.  
**St Joan of Arc**, Magnetic Island and **St. Joseph's Church**, North Ward

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**Parish Hours:** West End: Monday thru Friday 9:30am - 5:00pm /  
North Ward: Monday thru Thursday 9am - 12noon  
Saturday and Sunday Closed

**Moderator:** Fr Rod Ward  
**Pastor:** Fr Jan Szweda SVD and Fr Gideon Awudi SVD  
**Parish Staff:** Juliet Walker and Jo-Anne O'Brien  
**Director of Music:** Jackie Crocker, Catholic Diocese of Townsville

## MESSAGE FROM MODERATOR

Easter 2024 is upon us. Easter is the centre of our Church year with the Easter Triduum commencing on Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Triduum continues with Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Easter Friday afternoon and continues through to Mass of the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. At the Easter Vigil, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

Participating in the ceremonies for the full Easter Triduum, focuses our faith and gives us a grounding to strengthen us on our faith journey. Many attend our churches for Easter Sunday Masses and we need to welcome the stranger and invite them into our Parish community.

Times for all our Parish Easter ceremonies are published in this news bulletin and are available on the Parish Facebook page, on our website and are published in Catholic News and in the Townsville Bulletin.

In recent years, Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 9am on Good Friday have been well attended.

Cathedral Parish wishes all a Happy and Holy Easter.

**FATHER ROD WARD, MODERATOR  
CATHEDRAL PARISH**

## CATHEDRAL PARISH Women's Group Fundraising

EASTER HAMPER



TICKETS - \$1

Tickets on sale from 10th March at  
**St Francis Xavier Church, St Mary's Church & St Patrick's Church.**  
Tickets drawn 26th March  
after the 7am Mass at  
**St Patrick's, South Townsville.**



**Mary Help of Christians Parish SVDP Conference**  
The Conference wishes to thank "ME" for their generous donation

**Palm Sunday Year - B 24 March 2024: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.**



**This parish acknowledges the Bindal and Wulgurukaba peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work and we pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.**

### COMMUNION ETIQUETTE:

**Out of consideration for the community, please do not receive Communion from the Cup if you are unwell. If you receive Communion on the tongue please ensure that you fully extend your tongue for the ease of the minister.**

## CATHEDRAL PARISH MASS TIME

### WEEKDAY MASS & EASTER SERVICES

#### MONDAY AND TUESDAY

7:00 am St Patrick's Church, South Townsville

#### WEDNESDAY

7:00 am St Mary's Church, West End

#### THURSDAY - HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Sacred Heart Cathedral Church, Stanley St  
6:30 pm St Joseph's Church, North Ward  
7:00 pm St Joan of Arc, Arcadia, Magnetic Island

#### FRIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY STATION OF THE CROSS

9:00 am Sacred Heart Cathedral Church, Stanley St  
(followed by reconciliation)  
10:00 am St Joseph's Church, North Ward  
(followed by reconciliation)

#### PASSION OF THE LORD

3:00 pm Sacred Heart Cathedral Church, Stanley St  
3:00 pm St Joseph's Church, North Ward  
3:00 pm St Joan of Arc, Arcadia, Magnetic Island

#### SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL

7:00 pm Sacred Heart Cathedral Church, Stanley St  
6:00 pm St Joseph's Church, North Ward  
6:00 pm St Joan of Arc, Arcadia, Magnetic Island

#### SUNDAY - EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 am St Francis Xavier Church, Railway Estate  
8:30 am St Mary's Church, West End  
8:30 am St Joseph's Church, North Ward  
10:00 am Sacred Heart Cathedral Church, Stanley St  
5:00 pm Sacred Heart Cathedral Church, Stanley St

### PARISH NOTICES:



**Baptisms** are held every Sunday at **Sacred Heart Cathedral Church** and **1st & 3rd Sunday at St Mary's, West End** and **2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday at St Joseph's, The Strand Church**. For further information and booking, please contact the Parish office on **4771 4461**.



The parish warmly welcomes: **Banksia D Goodwin; Millie Joy Chester and Kaelan William Huston** who will be baptised in Sacred Heart Cathedral Church, this Sunday.



**CATHEDRAL PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP:**  
Next meeting for the Women's Group will be on **Tuesday 9th April, 11am at the Parish Office, 28 Ingham Road, West End.**

# Liturgy of the

## ✠ WORD ✠



### First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

*(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

### Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as 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: Mark 15:1-39

*Shorter form*

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head

with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*All kneel and pause a moment.*

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

### Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your death, O Lord and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

### Penitential Act:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words. In what I have done and in what I have failed to do. Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin All the Angels and Saints. To pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him, all things were made. For us men, and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day, 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.

I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA :

In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others. (continuation to next page....)



## Next Week's Parish Roster:

### 30 / 31 March 2024: EASTER SUNDAY YEAR B

<b><u>CATHEDRAL 10am</u></b> <b>Coordinator:</b> Lee-Ann Barton <b>1st Reader:</b> TBA <b>2nd Reader:</b> TBA <b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b> TBA <b>Collection:</b> Lee-Ann Barton	<b><u>CATHEDRAL 5pm</u></b> <b>Coordinator:</b> Carmelina <b>1st Reader:</b> John Gabriel Davis <b>2nd Reader:</b> Mai Luarca <b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b> Rochelle Trovato <b>Collection:</b> Grace Davis	<b><u>ST MARY'S CHURCH 8:30am</u></b> <b>Coordinator:</b> Alan Carman <b>1st Reader:</b> Robyn Smedley <b>2nd Reader:</b> Dianne Northey <b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b> Alan Carman <b>Collection:</b>	<b><u>ST FRANCIS XAVIER 7am</u></b> <b>Coordinator:</b> <b>1st Reader:</b> Belinda O'Donnell <b>2nd Reader:</b> Jim Stone <b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b> Mary McAuliffe <b>Collection:</b>
<b><u>ST JOAN OF ARC 5:15pm</u></b> <b>Coordinator:</b> Dot <b>1st Reader:</b> Val Z <b>2nd Reader:</b> Bernie K <b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b> <b>Collection:</b> Em <b>Music:</b> Cathy G <b>Pickup / Drop off Priest:</b> Dot	<b><u>ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, North Ward 6pm</u></b> <b>Commentator:</b> TBA <b>1st Reader:</b> TBA <b>2nd Reader:</b> TBA <b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion:</b> TBA	<b><u>ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, North Ward 8:30am</u></b> <b>Commentator:</b> Dave Reynolds <b>1st Reader:</b> Greg Reardon <b>2nd Reader:</b> Lynne Derry <b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion:</b> Paul Hanrahan; Lisa MacDonald; Greg Luckel	<b><u>ST PATRICK'S CHURCH 5pm</u></b> <b>Coordinator:</b> <b>1st Reader:</b> Paul Lucas <b>2nd Reader:</b> Greg Jameson <b>Prayer of the Faithful:</b> Lena Williamson <b>Collection:</b>
<b><u>CATHEDRAL COUNTERS:</u></b> <b>Tuesday 26 March:</b> Elizabeth Shinnick; Tony Reddy; Terry McAuliffe.		<b><u>CATHEDRAL PIETY:</u></b> Pam Rush and Tom Rush	<b><u>ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, North Ward: CLEANERS:</u></b> Team #7

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA : (cont....)

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.

### PARISH PRAYER LIST:

***Please pray for the Sick:*** Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants: Sr Margery Daly; Jan Palmer; Rafael Zarate (2yo); Dorothy & Kevin Newman; Tom Fitzgerald; Peter Crossan; Sue Palmer; Peter Offermans; Deb Lowrie; Warwick Bull; Emma Moss (Luckel); Barry Robinson; Cecil Allen; Bernadane Morlin; Robert Tardini; Loreto & Bolton Clarke Nursing Home residents. For whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF THE DEPARTED:*** Loving and merciful God, we entrust - Juana Arana Martinez; Luz Sarmiento Rayo &, Josh Mills to your mercy. You loved her greatly in this life; now that she is freed from all its cares, give her happiness and peace for ever. The old order has passed away; welcome him/her now into paradise where there will be no more sorrow. No more weeping or pain, but only peace and joy with Jesus, your Son, and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen**

*\* Please be advised that the parish office requires individual and/or family permission for inclusion in the public prayer list under the Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012.*

### DIOCESAN BASED NOTICES:

#### ***PROJECT COMPASSION – SIXTH WEEK OF LENT PALM SUNDAY:***

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities. There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

***ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL FOR HOLY PLACES:*** The Annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 29th March. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land – the 'ancient stones' of our Christian heritage and the 'living stones' of our present and future Christians. In 2023, Australian Catholics were extremely generous and we were able to send nearly \$1.4 million to the Holy Land. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

***TIME FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:*** You are welcome to attend the regular programs at the House of Prayer which include Monday night Contemplative Prayer 7pm-8pm, Thursday Evening Christian Meditation (in person or via Zoom) 5:30pm - 6:00pm, Friday morning Contemplative Prayer 9:30-10:30am followed by morning tea and Saturday

## All Churches of Cathedral Parish Sunday Mass collections from 16 / 17 March 2024

Sunday Mass Collections	Cathedral 10am	Cathedral 5pm	St Mary's 8:30am	St Francis Xavier 7am	St Joan of Arc 5:15pm	St Patrick's 5pm	St Joseph's 6pm	St Joseph's 8:30am	TOTALS
First	\$465.55	\$209.15	\$190.05	\$243.60	\$220.00	\$123.10	\$243.20	\$226.35	<b>\$1,921.00</b>
Second	\$74.90	\$75.55	\$60.00	\$68.40	\$76.85	\$39.80	\$86.10	\$99.20	<b>\$580.80</b>
P/Giving Cash/DD	\$1,155.00	-	\$660.00	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$305.00	\$290.00	\$540.00	<b>\$3,150.00</b>
Total Collections for the Week	<b>\$1,695.45</b>	<b>\$284.70</b>	<b>\$910.05</b>	<b>\$462.00</b>	<b>\$346.85</b>	<b>\$467.90</b>	<b>\$619.30</b>	<b>\$865.55</b>	<b>\$5,651.80</b>

**Thank you** to all parishioners for your ongoing financial support of our parish and its good works. Your generosity helps continue the important ministries and services provided Across the many worshipping communities in our **Parish - Centered in Christ.** Missions - Maintenance - Ministries

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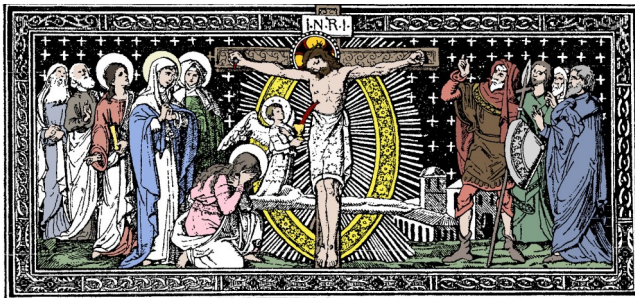


# St Joseph's Day Morning Tea Photos - Part 1



## Holy Week

This is a very special week. On Thursday we celebrate the day that Jesus ate the Last Supper with His apostles. This was the first Mass, when He gave His Body and Blood to them in what still looks like bread and wine. He also made them priests by giving them the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood to offer them to the Father,



On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord. He was beaten and made fun of, and had to carry the heavy cross. Then He was nailed to the cross, where He hung for hours before He gave up His life to God for us.

On Holy Saturday we remember the day that Mary and the apostles and Jesus' other friends were very sad and upset by what had happened. Their best friend and leader had just been killed! Do you think they knew what was about to happen on Easter Sunday?

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