



St Mary's Parish Concord

Passion Sunday

Year C

10 April 2022

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus humbled himself. God highly exalted him.

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14 - 23:56

The Passion of Christ, the Lord.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for Teresa Raimondi, Carmela Carrolo, Phillip Doran, Bobby O'Keefe and all those who have died recently.

We pray for Cristina Bortolussi, Marco Bortolussi, James McKenzie, Walter Utber, Pippo Senzio and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time and for all our deceased family members, friends, and parishioners.

We pray for all health care worker and all those who continue to work to protect the community. We pray for peace in the world and especially for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for all those affected by floods and other natural disasters.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE UPDATE: All are welcome to join us at our Sunday and weekday Masses. Face masks are no longer mandatory for the church. However, masks are recommended for those indoor settings where it is not possible to maintain social distancing. Please respect other people's space.



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Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal

The escalating violence in Ukraine has become a humanitarian crisis. Over three million people have been forced from their homes and thousands of civilians have lost their lives.

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this humanitarian crisis.

Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

PASSION SUNDAY: On Passion Sunday we remember how Jesus was welcomed by the crowds as he entered Jerusalem but within days they were calling for him to be crucified.

Each year on Good Friday we read St John's account of the Passion. On Passion Sunday this year we listen to St Luke's account of the Passion.

Each evangelist offers a different insight into the story of the Passion of Jesus. Only in Luke's Gospel does Jesus say "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Only Luke has the dialogue between Jesus and the two criminals who were crucified with him. As he dies on the cross Luke's Jesus proclaims "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit".

In St Luke's Gospel Jesus is the face of a compassionate and forgiving God.

THANK YOU to all who provided extra palm and other branches to share at our Masses.

Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Wangal people of the Eora nation as the traditional custodians of this land

PENANCE FOR LENT: Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. All those who have turned 18 and have not yet turned 60 are bound to fast on those two days unless health reasons prevent them. All those who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from eating meat on those days. Please see the Notice Board for a fuller description of Penance for Lent.

CONFIRMATION 2022: Registrations have now closed. Thank you to all those who have registered.

PROJECT COMPASSION *Providing Hope for All Future Generations:* Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry, and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come. It's through the generous support of people like you, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever. Thousands of schools and parishes in Australia have supported Project Compassion over the past year alone. **Thank you** for your continued support for Project. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow. You can donate by placing your Project Compassion envelopes in the buckets for the parish collections or by visiting: lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413

EUTHANASIA LAWS IN NSW Sign an ePetition



A debate on euthanasia and assisted suicide has resumed in the NSW Parliament. A petition against this Bill can be signed using the QR code above or go to the website for the Archdiocese of Sydney.

EASTER TRIDUUM 2022

HOLY THURSDAY 14 April

Please note there is no 8.30 am Mass
7.30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY 15 April

Please note there is no 8.30 am Mass
10.00 am - Stations of the Cross
3.00 pm - Celebration of the Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 16 April

7.00 pm The Easter Vigil
Please note there is no 6.00 pm Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY 17 April

Masses 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
The 9.30 am Mass will be livestreamed

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

The First Rite of Reconciliation (individual) is available on Saturdays from 5.00 to 5.30 pm in the Reconciliation Room near the Baptism Font. Saturday 9 April is the last opportunity for individual Reconciliation at St Mary's Concord before Easter.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday afternoon during the Celebration of the Passion.

BAPTISM AT THE EASTER VIGIL We pray for Sonyla Zarb and Austin Yeung who are preparing for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. When adults are baptized, they also receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in the one celebration. These three sacraments are known as the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

CHRISM MASS - BLESSING OF OILS All are invited to participate in the Chrism Mass at 10.30 am on Holy Thursday (14 April) in St Mary's Cathedral. During the Mass, Archbishop Fisher will bless the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Baptism and the Chrism. Chrism is the oil used in the celebration of Baptism and Confirmation. It is also used during the Ordination of Presbyters and for the dedication of a church or altar.

COLLECTIONS: The normal practice of passing the collection plates remains suspended. There are two containers at the back of the church and at the side door marked 1st and 2nd Collection. Your regular donations can be placed in the appropriate containers. For your convenience Tap and Go stations are now available at the doors of the church. Tap to donate the set amount. Please note that receipts cannot be issued for donations and the transactions cannot be reversed.

St Mary's School Concord

The First School Building 1894



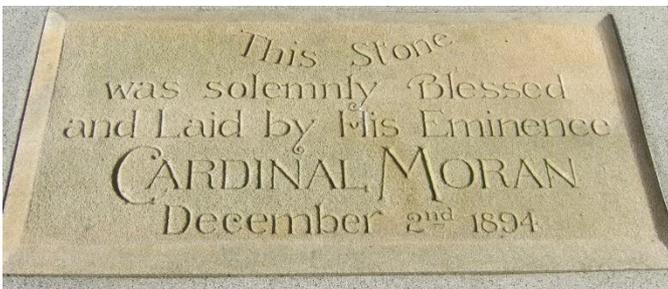
The photo of the 1894 school was taken 1917 as the hall was under construction (on the left).

The 1845 church also served as a hall and from 1846 as a classroom for a one-teacher school with John Clancy as the first schoolmaster.

When John Clancy retired due to ill health in 1858, he was followed by a series of lay teachers. Records are unclear about the school's operation in the 1860s but when St Mary's Parish was established in 1870, the existing one-teacher school became part of St Mary's Parish.

When the New South Wales Colonial Government withdrew funding for denominational schools in 1879, it became more difficult for the parish to pay the salary of the teacher and to maintain the school.

Fr Callaghan McCarthy, the first parish priest, asked the Sisters of Charity to take charge of the school and in 1883 the Sisters began travelling each day from Ashfield to teach in the school-hall.



The first school building was erected on the parish site in 1894. It stood on the western side of the present Church Forecourt on what is now the "grass" area within the school precinct. The foundation stone laid by Cardinal Moran can now be seen on the western side of the church steps.

St Mary's School continued to grow and expand. In 1917 a new hall was built with classrooms above and after the present church opened in 1929, the second church built in 1874 was used for classes.

In 1940 a new infants' school building was built facing Burton Street and in 1956 a Commercial College for girls was built on the site of the second church.

When more classrooms were needed in the 1970s, the first school building that had opened in 1894 was demolished to make way for a new block of classrooms which was blessed and opened by Archbishop James Freeman on 3 September 1972.

Kindergarten moved into the new classrooms until almost forty years later when, in 2011, another new classroom block was built for Kindergarten along the Parramatta Road boundary of the school precinct. That project also enabled the 1972 classrooms to be demolished to create the present "grass" area.



The 1972 block after the 2000-2001 renovations – it was demolished in 2011.

HERITAGE SIGNS: In 2020 St Mary's Parish commissioned five heritage signs to mark the sesquicentenary of the parish. They recall historical parish buildings that once existed on the parish site: the first church (1845), the second church (1874), the presbytery (1882), the first school building (1894) and the convent (1898). The signs have been placed close to the original locations of the buildings.

SYDNEY METRO WEST is the new metro railway connecting Parramatta to the Sydney central business district (CBD). One of the stations, to be called Burwood North, is located at the corner of Parramatta Road and Burwood Road. For more information go to: <https://caportal.com.au/tfnsw/sydmetrowest/virtual-station>

St Mary's Church Concord



The painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary that is the dominant image of Mary in the church is a copy of *The Immaculate Virgin of Los Venerables* painted by the Spanish artist Bartolome Esteban Murillo (1618-1682) in about 1678.

It is believed that the original painting was commissioned from Bartolomé Esteban Murillo by Justino de Neve, who was ecclesiastical president of the *Hospital de los Venerables* in Seville. He later donated it to the chapel at the hospital. The original painting is now in the Prado Museum in Madrid. The title of Immaculate Virgin reflects the belief that Mary was without sin from the first moment of her being. Although it was only officially declared a dogma of the Church in 1854, belief in the Immaculate Conception of Mary had been a popular devotion in Spain since the 16th century.

In this painting Murillo combined two different iconographic traditions: the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption of Mary. Although the Assumption of Mary was only declared to be a dogma in 1950, it too had been a popular devotion for many centuries.

The parish's copy was cleaned and restored in February 2020 to mark the Sesquicentenary of the founding of St Mary's Parish (1870-2020).

VOTIVE CANDLES: A long Christian tradition has linked lighting a candle to prayers of petition. When we pray for a particular intention or for someone who has died, lighting a candle often provides a visible expression of our prayer. That is also why we give a donation so that it becomes “my candle” that I am offering as a sign of my prayer. Many churches have moved to electric votive candles. We have two electric votive candle stands to give



parishioners an opportunity to “light” a candle. You simply need to touch the button in front of the candle.

We also have a votive candle stand in the shrine of *Santa Maria Vergine Annunziata* at the back of the church. It offers an opportunity to light a specially designed candle that fits into a glass holder. A donation can be placed in the box at the front of the stand.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office provides support and training for parish communities to ensure that our communities offer a safe and caring environment. The Safeguarding Office also provides support for those who have suffered abuse.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Safeguarding Office will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone: 9390 5812.

Are you struggling in this time of crisis?

Depression. Anxiety. Loneliness. Conflict. Stress. CCareline 13 18 19 is a free and confidential helpline for counselling, relationships, parenting, ageing, disabilities, addictions and mental health.

For help finding help, call CCareline on 13 18 19



LIVE STREAMING FROM ST MARY'S

We began live streaming the parish 9.30 am Mass in December 2020. When we were locked-down from June to October 2021, the live streamed Mass provided a valuable link for our parish community.

The dynamic coverage is made possible because someone is directing the cameras. A small team of volunteers has enabled that to happen each Sunday. In 2022 we need directors. **Are you interested in becoming part of the live-streaming team?**

The 9.30 am Sunday Mass is live streamed to on the parish Facebook page (St Marys Parish Church Concord) and to the parish YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL0awxfUmJ6XjHJZcqsR2_A



HOUSE OF WELCOME FOODBANK APPEAL

Foodbank provides household necessities for people seeking asylum who have limited or no income. People can access groceries on a weekly basis to alleviate the cost of living. The Foodbank program is largely stocked through the generosity of people in the community. No contribution is too small.

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