

DUTTON PARK CATHOLIC PARISH

EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF: St Ita's, Dutton Park, St Francis of Assisi, West End & Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield. Under the care of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars

NEWSLETTER

Palm Sunday (Year B) 25th March 2018

What an amazing 3 weeks! Words cannot describe my experience of the pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Assisi and Rome. It was a profound and powerful pilgrimage. There were 22 of us, and the pilgrimage was a lifechanging experience for all of us. The 3 weeks went by so quick. As promised, I remembered all of you in prayers during the pilgrimage.

Our pilgrimage began in the Holy Land. We went to Mt Nebo, the Jordan River where Jesus was baptised (although the Israeli think they have the actual site), Bethlehem, Nazareth, Tiberius, Galilee, Capernaum, Mt Tabor, Mt. Carmel, Haifa, and of course Jerusalem! I loved every second of it. I felt I was watching the pages of the Bible unfold before me. To have walked in the footsteps of the Lord, to have breathed the air that He breathed, to have seen the sights that he saw, to be able to visualise the scene of so many of the Lord's miracles - it was just miraculous! The Gospel became real and tangible for us whenever we had mass. We had Mass on one of those 'Jesus boats' on the Sea of Galilee and I would say it was like having Jesus on the boat with us. You could sense Jesus walking on it towards you. It was magical!

Our next stop was Assisi and La Verna. The place where it all started for us Franciscans. We visited the tombs of St Francis and St Clare, and some of the churches that St Francis rebuilt. It was like coming home for me. No matter how many times I have been in Assisi, I always feel a sense of peace and stillness from the place. The spirit of St Francis is alive in this special little town of Umbria.

Our final stop was the Eternal City - Rome. Here we visited the tomb of St Peter and the Necropolis under the Vatican Basilica, the Colosseum, the catacomb, St. Peter's Basilica, the holy steps (which we had to climb up on our knees), the Basilica of St. John Lateran, and St Mary Major. On Wednesday we woke up early for the audience with Pope Francis in front

These few, inadequate lines cannot do justice to what was a most wonderful, uplifting and prayerful pilgrimage which I am still trying fully to digest. I believe the pilgrimage has changed me and I feel renewed by God's

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This gospel is read at the procession with palms before 2018 Easter Triduum **Gospel Acclamation** Philippians 2:8-9 Mark 11:1-10 Mass: Gospel Mass Times Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! When they drew near to Jerusalem, Christ became obedient for us even to death, Monday 26th March to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, dying on the cross. Confession (1st Rite) (St Francis') 6 -7pm Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, Therefore God raised him on high 'Go into the village opposite you, and gave him a name above all other names. Wednesday 28th March and immediately as you enter it Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! 6 -7pm Confession (1st Rite) (St Mary's) you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47 Thursday 29th March HOLY THURSDAY untie it and bring it. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Night If any one says to you, Communion Antiphon Mt 26: 42 Prayer (St Mary's) "Why are you doing this?" say, Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Night "The Lord has need of it your will be done. Prayer (St Francis') and will send it back here immediately." Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43; And they went away, Friday 30th March GOOD FRIDAY **2nd reading**: Col 3:1-4; **Gospel**: Jn 20:1-9 and found a colt tied at the door out in the open 10am Stations of the Cross followed by Confes-Excerpts from the Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL)" and "Excerpts from Universalis © 1996street: sion (St Mary's) 2017 Universalis Publishing Limited: see www.universalis.com and they untied it. 10am Stations of the Cross followed by Confes-And those who stood there said to them, (St Francis') sion **TWO MINUTE CATECHISM** 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' 10am Stations of the Cross followed by Confes-And they told them what Jesus had said; The Easter Triduum sion (OLPS Fairfield) and they let them go. 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion The climax of the Easter Triduum comes with the Easter And they brought the colt to Jesus, (St Mary's) Vigil on Holy Saturday night. This ceremony begins and threw their garments on it; 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion outside the church, with the lighting of the Easter fire. and he sat upon it. (St Francis') From this fire the Easter Candle (known as the Pascal And many spread their garments on the road, 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Candle) is then lit and carried in procession into the and others spread leafy branches (OLPS Fairfield) darkened church. The priest holds the Pascal Candle which they had cut from the fields. up high and sings, 'Christ our Light" to which all the Saturday: 31st March HOLY SATURDAY And those who went before people reply, "Thanks be to God'. As the Paschal 6pm Easter Vigil Mass (St Ita's) and those who followed cried out, Candle is carried to the front of the church, the can-7pm Easter Vigil Mass (St Mary's) 'Hosanna! dles of all the people in the congregation are lit from Sunday: 1st April EASTER SUNDAY Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! it, so that soon the whole church is aglow with the light Mass (OLPS Fairfield) 7am Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is comof Christ, our Saviour. 8am Mass (St Ita's) ing! Once the Paschal Candle is set in its place, the priest Mass (St Francis') 9am Hosanna in the highest!' or a cantor, sings the great Easter song, the Exultet. 9am Mass (St Mary's) The song tells the story of why this is a night of great 5pm Mass (St Mary's) Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10 rejoicing, and how Jesus, the Son of God, was sent Six days before the Passover, into the world to bring God's great love, to free us when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, from the power of Satan, and to reconcile all people **Good Friday's Collection** the children ran to meet him; to God. The risen Christ is the light that never goes out, in their hands they carried palm branches This collection will be given to support the missionary and who leads us to eternal life with God. work of the church in the Holy Land. The annual Good and with a loud voice cried out: To be continued next week... Friday collection unites all Christians in supporting our Hosanna in the highest! brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. It allows our pa-Except from the Making the most of the Mass © 2003 Archdiocese of

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; arow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

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First readina Isaiah 50:4-7 I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Psalm Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second reading Phil 2:6-11 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses) Holv Week Monday 26th: Monday of Holy Week R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation. Tuesday 27th: Tuesday of Holy Week

R/I will sing of your salvation. Wednesday 28th: Wednesday of Holy Week R/Lord, in your great love, answer me. Thursday 29th: Holy Thursday No 6.15am Mass Friday 30th: Good Friday No 6.15am Mass Saturday 31st: Easter Vigil

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boxes by Easter Sunday to your local church and

hand it to Father after Mass.

Adelaide

rishioners to help maintain a presence of Christians in the Middle East.

Fasting and Abstinence on Good Friday

1) Abstinence:

No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. The sick, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

2) Fasting:

- Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

- Catholics from 18 to 59 years old are bound to fast. Again, the sick, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

Parish Activities in 2018

Awaken Together In Christ Tuesday 27th March - 7pm Pilgrimage testimonies Awaken A ministry bringing hope and the tangible presence of Christ to the lost and a deeper connection for those who know Him.

We invite you to come along and enter into God's presence, watch Him move in your circumstances today. **Everyone welcome!**

No 6.15am or 7am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday



On Holy Saturday, 31st March Easter Vigil Mass will be at 6pm

Reclaim Meeting

Is a collaborative initiative between ACU Campus Ministry, QUT Freedom and the UQ Catholic Chaplaincy for Catholic young adults . Reclaim creates a space for community, fellowship, prayer and formation - where young adults can be challenged to reclaim their faith for themselves. We want to foster a generation of Catholics who encourage each other to run the race with intention, who live lives with prayer and Christ at the centre!

March 27 - 7 to 9pm - 19 Merivale Street, South Brisbane

Bid for a Breakthrough

Sat 28th April, St Francis Church Hall, West End, from 6pm, All welcome.

Having beaten cancer as a 4 year old, parishioner Peter Hagan is hosting a Trivia Night and Cancer Charity Fundraising Auction to celebrate his 50 year cancer-free anniversary. Currently seeking sponsors + donations. For details contact Peter on 0412 344 698 or hagan.peter@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Sunday at St Mary's—8th April 2018



Come and celebrate: **3pm** Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Rosary, Readings from the Diary of St Faustina, Adoration, Confession (3 Priests) **5pm** Parish Mass

Our Lord said to St. Faustina:

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699)

"When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy." (Diary 1602)

p.s. Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday

Dutton Park, West End & Fairfield Collections Last Weekend

1st Collection: \$793.80 + \$135.77 (Direct Debit)=\$929.57 2nd Collection: \$631.65 + \$203.46 (Direct Debit) = \$835.11