



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist  
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

Palm Sunday  
5 April 2020

### Welcome to St John's

*Come in and sit down, relax, don't stress. I welcome you to our beautiful parish & church. Please feel welcome and tell me if you need anything. Keep Smiling, **Francis Tran PP***



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### GOSPEL

**Matthew 21:1-11**

#### **Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!**

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

*Hosanna in the highest!*

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

O gates, lift high your heads;

grow 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.

*Hosanna in the highest!*

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

#### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

**I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed**

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

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

#### SECOND READING

**Philippians 2:6-11**

**Christ humbled himself but God raised him 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**

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**

**Matthew 26:14-27:66**

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

**Key: N. Narrator. J. Jesus. O. Other single speaker. C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.**

**N.** One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

**O.** What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?

**N.** They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,

**C.** Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the passover?

**N.** He replied:

**J** Go to so-and-so in the city and say to him, 'The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples.'

**N.** The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said:

**J.** I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.

**N.** They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,

**C.** Not I, Lord, surely?

**N.** He answered,

**J.** Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!

**N.** Judas, who was to betray him, asked in his turn,

**O.** Not I, Rabbi, surely?

**N.** Jesus answered:

**J.** They are your own words.

**N.** Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

**J.** Take it and eat; this is my body.

**N.** Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, saying:

**J.** Drink, all of you, from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.

**N.** After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

**J.** You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: *I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered*, but after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

**N.** At this, Peter said,

**O.** Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.

**N.** Jesus answered him,

**J.** I tell you solemnly, this very night, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.

**N.** Peter said to him,

**O.** Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

**N.** And all the disciples said the same.

Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

**J.** Stay here while I go over there to pray.

**N.** He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And sadness came over him, and great distress. Then he said to them,

**J.** My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.

**N.** And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed:

**J.** My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.

**N.** He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter:

**J.** So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is



weak.

**N.** Again, a second time, he went away and prayed:

**J.** My Father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!

**N.** And he came back again and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy. Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,

**J.** You can sleep on now and take your rest. Now the hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is already close at hand.

**N.** He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him a large number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He had said,

**O.** 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge.'

**N.** So he went straight up to Jesus and said,

**O.** Greetings, Rabbi.

**N.** and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

**J.** My friend, do what you are here for.

**N.** Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said,

**J.** Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?

**N.** It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds,

**J.** Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.

**N.** Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture. Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.

The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter followed him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward. Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,

**O.** This man said: 'I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up.'

**N.** The high priest then stood up and said to him,

**O.** Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

**N.** But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him,

**O.** I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

**N.** Jesus answered:

**J.** The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

**N.** At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said,

**O.** He has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?

**N.** They answered,

**C.** He deserves to die.

**N.** Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him,

**C.** Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?

**N.** Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said,

**O.** You too were with Jesus the Galilean.

**N.** But he denied it in front of them all, saying:

**O.** I do not know what you are talking about.

**N.** When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there,

**O.** This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.

**N.** And again, with an oath, he denied it:

**O.** I do not know the man.

**N.** A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

**C.** You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.

Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing:

**O.** I do not know the man.

**N.** At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will have

disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led him away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor.

When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty silver pieces back to the chief priests and elders, saying:

**O.** I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.

**N.** They replied:

**C.** What is that to us? That is your concern.

**N.** And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said,

**C.** It is against the Law to put this into the treasury: it is blood-money.

**N.** So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: *And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me.*

Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

**O.** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N.** Jesus replied,

**J.** It is you who say it.

**N.** But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him,

**O.** Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

**N.** But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

**O.** Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

**N.** For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

**O.** Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

**N.** The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them,

**O.** Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

**N.** they said,

**C.** Barabbas.

**N.** Pilate said to them:

**O.** But in that case, what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

**N.** They all said:

**C.** Let him be crucified!

**N.** Pilate asked:

**O.** Why? What harm has he done?

**N.** But they shouted all the louder,

**C.** Let him be crucified!

**N.** Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

**O.** I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

**N.** And the people, to a man, shouted back,

**C.** His blood be on us and on our children!

**N.** Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying,

**C.** Hail, king of the Jews!

**N.** And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.



Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

**C.** So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

**N.** The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

**C.** He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He puts his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God.'

**N.** Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

**J.** Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

**N.** That is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said,

**C.** The man is calling on Elijah.

**N.** and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

**C.** Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

**N.** But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said,

**C.** In truth this was a son of God.

**N.** And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

**C.** Your Excellency, we recall that this impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again.' Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

**N.** Pilate said to them:

**O.** You may have your guard. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

**N.** So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.



## **REFLECTION**

Holy week, the most sacred time in the church year, begins today with the triumph entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The enthusiastic crowd of people gathered in the city for the religious festival of Tabernacles, were in a joyous mood as they spread their cloaks on the road, waved palm and olive branches in the air and openly declared Him as their King.

The powerful feeling of those moments resounded in the exiting chants: "Hosana to the son of David". Christ has no illusions about this crowd because as the week unfolds, the Palm and olive branches will shape themselves into a cross and the hosannas will become the jeers of a dangerous mob calling for his death. "Let him be crucified, his blood be upon us and upon our children".

The Passion presents the ultimate humbling of Jesus involving for more than the physical cruelty of the crucifixion. There was terror and agony of mind to be endured and this pain was so intense that his sweat became like drops of blood long before the nails were driven into his body on the cross.

The loneliness and isolation which he felt when friends deserted the hill of Calvary was nothing to the experience of being abandoned by the Father, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

It would be a mistake to comfort ourselves with the thought that it was a group of Jews who killed Christ. The people involved in Christ's death are very much like us. The rejection and crucifixion continue daily especially in this civilised world. We must never forget that each of us has a hand in Jesus' death when we hurt others through gossip and slander and discriminate them for our own purpose. Jesus is crucified every time a human being is degraded, treated unjustly and deprived freedom.

This final week of Lent is a great opportunity to celebrate the suffering, the death and the resurrection of the Lord in a way that will change our lives.

The simple truth of the Christian experience is that sin has marred our lives, has made a mess of our world by controlling us and leading us to conduct our affairs with hearts hardened against God. The cross is lifted up as a sign of Christ taking the sins of humanity upon himself in order to soften our hearts, by revealing the depth of his perfect love.

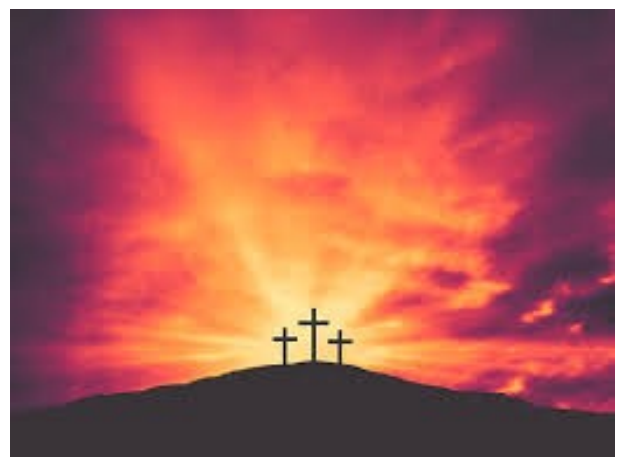
The fact that God thought we were worth all that pain and suffering should reduce us to silence. We must never forget that Jesus died on the cross so that we might have new life. We should try in our own simple way to imitate him.

As we are unable to physically join together in the church building during this Holy Week to celebrate the mystery Our Lord Jesus, who has suffered, has died and rise again to bring his salvation and hope for all of us.

A big cross is now standing tall in the front of our church at Dapto and will remain there to remind us of the crucifixion of Jesus on the mount of Calvary as a sign of hope, he sacrificed his life for us to live and to mark this historical crisis in our world caused by the corona virus and the isolation during this Holy Week from the church. We hope this cross will bring us spiritual nourishment, strength, comfort and hope. Let us mingle our sufferings at this time of trouble with the suffering and death of Jesus....

We believe "The sea will be calm, and the wind will stop" and the Lord will set us free. Happy Holy week and may the Risen Christ be with you and bless you always.

Take care and be strong.



## THE HOPE AT HOME FILM FESTIVAL

Some Great home viewing starting HOLY WEEK / EASTER provided Heritage Films – faith-based films of hope and inspiration. It feels like we could all do with a good dose of hope, courage and inspiration right now! We invite you to join with thousands of others at The HOPE at HOME Film Festival. (1 movie per week over 10 weeks - \$30) [https://www.hopeathome.com.au/?code=SPECIAL50&gclid=EAlaQob-ChMlwKSV\\_9jD6AIVkAsrCh1kdQSsEAAYASAAEgKK4PD\\_BwE](https://www.hopeathome.com.au/?code=SPECIAL50&gclid=EAlaQob-ChMlwKSV_9jD6AIVkAsrCh1kdQSsEAAYASAAEgKK4PD_BwE)

## CONNECTING ONLINE – Simple Steps to Video Group Gatherings

Connecting online can be simple and straightforward enabling people to feel supported, connected and able to pray and share faith and life together. The following simple process will give you access to a 40min time period of a zoom video call. A picture is also attached: Decide on your regular time

Create a free Zoom Account ([www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us))

Share your Zoom meeting ID

Start your gathering at the appointed time



## ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, parishes are going to need the financial support of parishioners more than ever as their overhead costs will not change.

As the vast majority of parishioners give physically to their parish in the first and second collection baskets during Mass, we are encouraging all parishioners to join the electronic parish planned giving program.

We have created a page with two simple options for parishioners to give to their parish electronically.

[www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving](http://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving)

**REGULAR OR ONE OFF PAYMENTTS CAN BE MADE BY FOLLOWING THE ABOVE LINK.**

**For those who are not able to give electronically but would still like to continue their weekly giving, the office is open from Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 4pm. There is a locked drop box safe in the foyer that you can safely leave your donation.**

## STAYING CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

Facebook search: **St John's Catholic Parish Dapto**

Instagram search: **St John's Parish Dapto**

Website: [www.stjohnsdapto.org.au](http://www.stjohnsdapto.org.au)

## PARISH OFFICE OPEN

At this stage the parish office is open, however if you are feeling unwell please do not come in.

If you have any questions you are encouraged to phone or email if convenient. Please be assured that we are still here to help.

If you have an urgent matter you can contact Fr Francis directly on 0413 449 821

## PRAYER RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

During this time of social isolation it is important that we pray and stay connected to our community. A range of online resources are available to assist with this. These include daily prayers and readings, prayer services, the Sunday Office, commentaries, homilies and reflections as well as Gospel based activities and resources to support personal and family prayer. Go to: [liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray](http://liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray) and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully these resources will help create prayerful solidarity with our community and the whole Body of Christ.

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – Airs 5 April 2020

Listen in this week for Palm Sunday on the Journey. Bishop Brian Mascord proclaims the Gospel and Sr Anastasia Reeves provides some great Spiritual Direction for the 5th week of Lent. You'll hear some uplifting music and encouragement. It's free – go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) to get it sent to you each week.

## 2020 WOLLONGONG HOSPITALS

Fr George Condookala will be available for visits to the sick. He can be contacted on 0475 815 506.

## FAITH CIRCLES - FREE SMALL GROUP RESOURCE:

During this period of Pandemic isolation, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer and spiritual reading and faith Circles is one way that you can do this. The weekly *Faith Circles* resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use, and could easily be done in your household or even by skype / phone with others at this time, with its questions and prayer points. It is available to download at [www.faithcircles.dow.org.au](http://www.faithcircles.dow.org.au) or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.

## **MASS ONLINE AND OTHER SPIRITUAL RESOURCES**

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, it is important to know that you have not been abandoned by the Church. Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by making an act of **Spiritual Communion**, a well-established devotional practice of uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice when circumstances prevent one from receiving holy Communion.

**Starting on Sunday 29 March, we will be premiering Sunday Mass online available at [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au) and on the diocese's Facebook page with Bishop Brian Mascord and other priests from the diocese.**

**These online Masses will continue every Sunday (including the Paschal Triduum during Holy Week) giving parishioners the opportunity to make an act of Spiritual Communion together as a diocese.**

For daily Masses, parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to access other home worship resources including:

- Mass for You at Home is available across the Ten Network on Sundays at 6:00 a.m. and any time on Ten Play
- Daily Mass on Demand is available at CathNews YouTube channel
- Saturdays 5pm and Sundays 10am Mass from St Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, Oran Park
- Daily Mass from St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, Campbelltown
- Daily 7 p.m. Mass and Sunday 10 a.m. Mass from Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Eagle Vale
- Daily 1 p.m. Mass and Sunday 11 a.m. Mass from the Archdiocese of Melbourne
- Daily Mass from Bishop Robert Barron's chapel

The following resources are also available on our website to assist parishioners with their home worship:

- Liturgy and prayer resources from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.
- Daily Mass readings.
- Act of Spiritual Communion prayer card.
- Journey Catholic Radio is a Diocesan weekly podcast. It includes awesome music, a weekly Gospel reflection, interviews and a variety of weekly inputs from some of the best Catholic presenters in Australia.
- Faith Circles is free weekly single-sided A4 PDF resource that contains the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading as well as a reflection on the Gospel (usually by Pope Francis) accompanied by questions for discussion and prayer points. It is a great resource for individual and families to use at home.
- The diocese's Lenten Program is still available to purchase as a PDF and the MP3 resource is now available to download for free.

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### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, but since I cannot receive communion at this moment, feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you. Never let me drift away from you. Amen





# Holy Week

*online* with Bishop  
Brian Mascord

- 7pm** Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 10am** Good Friday – Stations of the Cross
- 3pm** Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
- 7pm** Holy Saturday – Mass of the Easter Vigil



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