

LENT AND HOLY WEEK PROGRAM

VIGIL MASS OF PALM SUNDAY

Saturday: 12TH APRIL 5:30pm
Music: Angela Chan, Thomas Wilson and Dominic Blake

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday, 13TH APRIL

9:00am (Mass begins on Convent Lane)
Music: Holy Cross and Visiting Choristers - String Quartet

6:00pm

Music: Matthew dal Cin and Margaret Lindsay

Maundy THURSDAY

Thursday 17TH APRIL 7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Music: Holy Cross and Visiting Choristers -
8:30pm to Midnight:

PERSONAL ADORATION AND CONFESSION

The Altar of Repose will remain
open from 8:30 PM on April 17 to 2:00 PM on April 18.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 18TH APRIL

10:00am - Stations of the Cross
Music: Domenica Riggio, Matthew dal Cin and Margaret Lindsay.

3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Music: Gaetano Bonfante, Chris Libro and String Quartet

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 19TH APRIL 7.30pm

Easter Vigil Mass

Music: Holy Cross and Visiting Choristers - String Quartet and Trumpets

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday 20TH APRIL

9:00 am & 11:00 am

Music: Holy Cross and Visiting Choristers String Quartet and Trumpets

Easter Saturday and Sunday masses Easter eggs will be available for children immediately after Mass.

After the Mass, you are all warmly invited to join us for some tea, coffee, or hot chocolate.

Lenten Talks Centre of Catholic Studies

Friday, 4 April, 2025 at 6:30pm

Dr. Ken Brimaud

Does God Suffer? How do we Know?

Ken is a Catholic Theologian and Biblical Scholar who gained his Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome

Both events will be held at the Parish Community Centre, Holy Cross Parish Church, 17 Adelaide St. Woollahra

Friday, 11 April, 2025 at 6:30pm

Dr. Peter McGregor

Jesus the Bridegroom.

Peter is a Catholic Theologian who lectures in Theology and Spirituality at the Catholic Institute of Sydney

ALL ARE WELCOME. PLEASE INVITE FRIENDS.

*Refreshments will be provided after the talks

EASTER EGG RAFFLE



Valued at \$1,200

AND IT COULD BE YOURS!

Tickets Just \$5 each

(Buy 5 tickets, get 1 FREE!)

Raffle drawn on Easter Day

[After 11am Mass]

Get your tickets:

At church after Mass or with the link provided.



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Mass Shedule - Week 7th April - 13th April

Monday: NO MASS

Friday: 7:30am

Tuesday: 7:30am

Saturday: 9am and 5:30pm

Wednesday: 9:00am

Sunday: 9am and 6pm

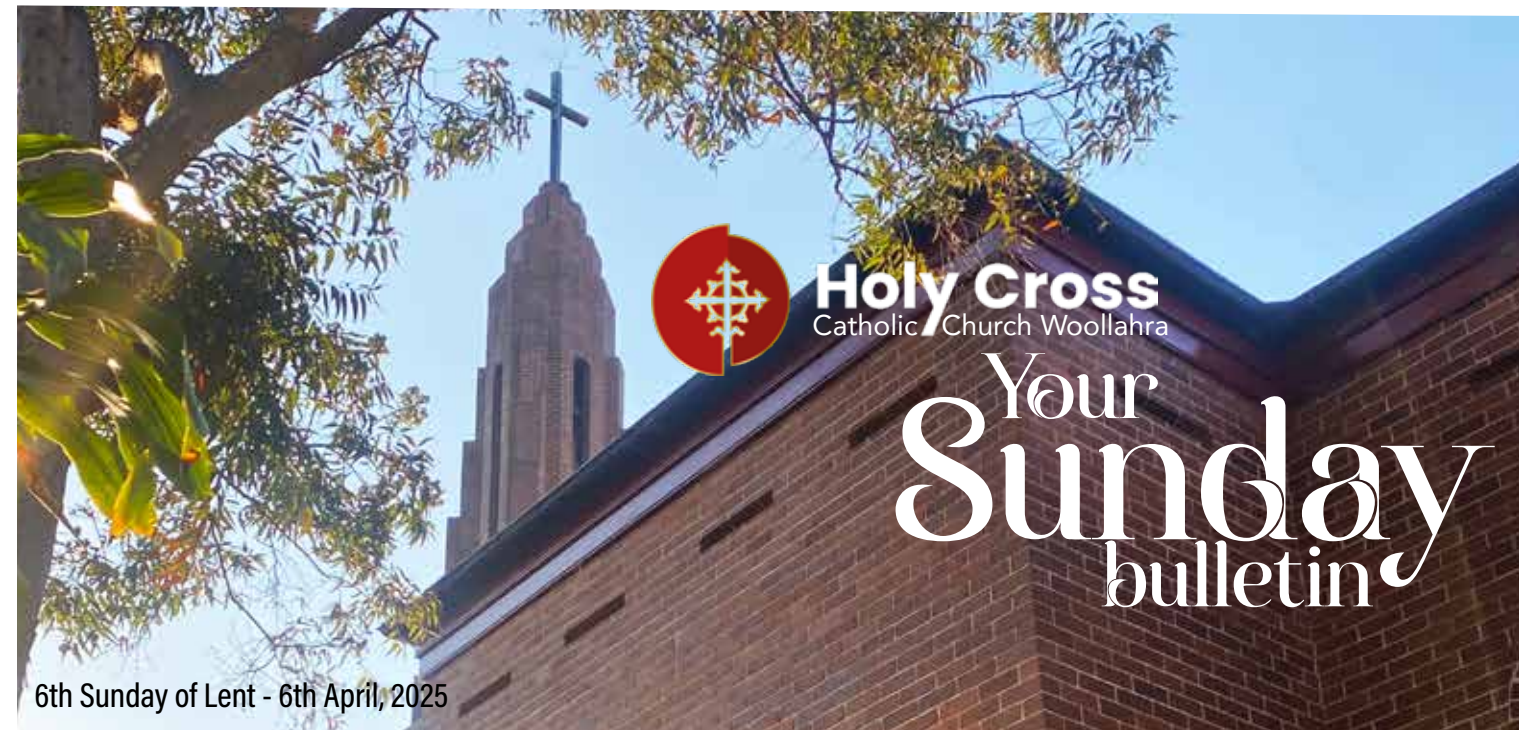
Thursday: 7:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:45pm-5:30pm

SOCIAL MEDIA - CURRENT NEWS & UPDATES

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Holycross Parish Woollahra
Mirko Integlia



6th Sunday of Lent - 6th April, 2025

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Mass Readers Schedule

Saturday – 5:30 PM Mass
First Reading: TBC
Second Reading: TBC
Prayers of the Faithful: TBC

Sunday – 9:00 AM Mass

First Reading: Francine
Second Reading: Angelina Gomez
Prayers of the Faithful: Wifredb Pangan

Sunday – 6:00 PM Mass

First Reading: Loreta Speranza
Second Reading: Gerard Fernandes
Prayers of the Faithful: Loreta Speranza

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

C: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: ‘What marvels the Lord worked for them!’ What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus. **C: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, ‘Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?’ They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, ‘If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Then he bent down and

GOSPEL cont.

and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, ‘If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir,’ she replied. ‘Neither do I condemn you,’ said Jesus ‘go away, and don’t sin any more.’

C: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, o Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: God’s covenant has been revealed through the ages. Let us turn to him in faith and ask for our needs.

Reader: That the Church will always stand up for those who are treated with injustice and disrespect.
In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That victims of violence and abuse will be protected and healed.
In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That those who are falsely accused will find justice and freedom.
In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: That those who have died will find perfection in Christ.
In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: God of compassion and kindness, we strain ahead for what is still to come. Hear our prayers and keep us always in your mercy.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.
All: Amen.

Last week's Collection:

First Collection: \$827.55
Second Collection:\$606.30
Candles: \$466.75
Tap & Go, 26th March - 1st April: \$455.00

An Ode to Love (Actually)

James Corcoran

The opening scene of Love Actually has always stuck with me. It’s an odd film. A cheesy relic of the early 2000’s. Hugh Grant is the heartthrob, Keira Knightley the beauty. There’s cheap laughs and quick thrills and in the end the guy(s) gets the girl(s).

There’s no irony, no cynicism. There’s no superheroes, no spaceships. There’s a moral in there somewhere but it’s muddled and inoffensive. It is charmingly ignorant of politics.

The film opens with the candid embraces of strangers. Big men in big coats, small kids with thick gloves. Mothers and fathers, husbands and wives. The scene is filmed slowly, deliberately. You can feel joy, kinship, warmth, connection. You can peer into faces and see love.

As the scene fades to black the voice of Hugh Grant dances over a choir. What he says, in some way, will tell the whole story.

“Whenever I get gloomy with the state of the world, I think of the arrivals gate at Heathrow airport... [it] seems to me that love is everywhere...
If you look for it I’ve got a sneaky feeling you’ll find that love actually is... all around us.”

As a monologue it is clumsy and menial. Those saccharine words seem to crawl up the spine. That instinct is modern. That instinct is false. In all honesty - what could be truer? Love, like God, “actually is.”
“I am that I am.”
In life, as in art, we must attend to beginnings. To know them, to feel them, to hold them in place.
“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

As Christians we know that the end is in some ways the beginning, an inseparable and divine inversion.

In our faith we must not only face, but embrace the inversion. God became man, flesh became bread, blood became wine. We must believe in things we cannot see. We must see things we cannot believe. The Cross teaches us that all endings are in some way beginnings, and all beginnings are in some ways the end.

So let us attend to beginnings. To funerals, friendships, firings, death. For us, the whole story is already revealed. We know that to start is to finish, that to conclude is to begin. We must arrive where we started. And know the place for the first time.