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We come to the most amazing week in our church year. This is it. The whole reason we are Christians is because of this week. Jesus Christ who came as a preacher, teacher and healer is now becoming our Saviour. Although the events happened two thousand years ago, the Easter ceremonies are lived out in our present moment: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are all one and the same continuous movement of liturgy led by the Spirit to sanctify us, give us life and draw us into the Easter mystery.

On Holy Thursday we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper where Jesus showed in a profound and simple way how to be a servant: he washed the Apostle's feet. This year, we have the privilege of the RCIA candidates and members in having their feet washed. Holy Thursday was also the first Mass in which Jesus gave his Body and Blood to all.

Good Friday is the solemn day of the Lord's Passion and Death. At 10:00am we have the full re-enactment of the Lord's Passion in the dramatized Stations of the Cross in our church. Then at 3pm Jesus dies. We have a chance to offer our own reverence to the Cross at the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. In solidarity with our Christian brethren in the Holy Land, there is a special collection for them to maintain and keep open all the churches and holy places. Reconciliation will be offered in the Chapel of the Innocents. In addition, our Mater Youth will be selling freshly baked hot cross buns which is the traditional meal of Good Friday.

Holy Saturday is a day of expectation. The daytime is an opportunity for quiet reflection and lament over the death of Lord. However, the promise that He would rise again comes to fulfilment in the great and amazing ceremony of Holy Saturday vigil at 6:00pm. Six RCIA candidates will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter Saturday Vigil Mass. We are encouraged to wear yellow or white as colours of joy and celebration.

These ceremonies lift our hearts and minds to God, are all ONE continuous unbroken rite of remembrance and celebration. Please come, and experience as a community of faith these ceremonies which for us, are a way of participating in the life of Christ.

May Holy Week and Easter 2018 be a time of fulfilment and holiness for you all!"

*Fr Dat and Fr Joe*

**HOLY WEEK @ Mater Christi**

**Holy Week and Easter Services**



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am	Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am 7.00pm	Mass <b>CHRISM MASS</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	5.00pm 6.00pm	Eucharistic Hour Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 7.00pm	(wear White) <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 10.00am 3.00pm	(wear Red) <b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Solemn Liturgy of the Passion</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 5.00 - 5.30pm 6.00pm	(wear White/Gold) Reconciliation <b>Solemn Easter Vigil &amp; First Mass of Easter</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	(wear White/Gold)

The Archbishop has invited all to attend the Annual Chrism Mass at 7pm on 27 March 2018 at St Mary's Cathedral.



News from the Parish Office – Do note that while our Secretary Marina is away in the Holy Land and vacation (5 weeks in total), the office will still be OPEN on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am – lunchtime. Thank you to the Administration Team – **Sister Emmanuel, Vivienne, Bridget** Marina's absence! Office is closed on Good Friday. *Please turn over for other important news*



Altar Servers to volunteer for the Holy Week Services by putting their name down on the roster which will be located in the sacristy.

If you have any old blessed palms that you wish to dispose of, please bring them and they will be used for next year's Ash Wednesday. Thank you.



Sixth Sunday of Lent  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2018



When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive. Thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia, in 2018, Psyche Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling to leave poverty behind them, with plans to study a Master's degree.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.**

**A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Family of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism:  
**Nate**, son of Amanda and Marvin  
**Ethan**, son of Sasha and Lawrence  
**Carter**, son of Amanda and Stewart  
**Penelope**, daughter of Sarah & Lloyd

*Please pray for the newly baptised, their parents and godparents.*

Father Dat is leading a  
**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND PRAGUE**  
**13 Days – leaving Sept 17th and returning on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>.** Please see the flyers in the foyer. Parishioners interested in joining this Pilgrimage are requested to fill in their names and contact numbers on the list on the clipboard.

### RCIA CORNER :

The RCIA catechumen/candidates have completed the 15th week of their faith journey. Mater Christi Parish Community will witness the Baptism, Receiving of Eucharist and Confirmation of a Catechumen and five Candidates during the Easter Vigil. The RCIA team would like to encourage the community to celebrate and welcome our new brothers and sisters into the Catholic faith. All are welcome to a fellowship after the 6pm Easter Vigil Mass. Contribution of a share plate will be appreciated. Please contact the following Catechists with regards to your contribution. Donna Johnson – 0408942443 or Olivia Rodriguez – 0439323769.

The enrolment for **RCIA 2018/2019** has commenced. If you have friends or loved ones who are interested and want to journey towards the Catholic faith. Please forward an **email** to the coordinator of RCIA stated below.

Do you wish to share your faith and experience of what being a Catholic is all about? The RCIA door is open and we encourage and welcome you to be an RCIA catechist. If you're interested or wish to make enquiries, please forward an email to the coordinator of RCIA at [rcia.mc@westnet.com.au](mailto:rcia.mc@westnet.com.au)

### Youth Mission Trip for 2019 : *Would you like to go on mission overseas but don't know where to start?*

Would you like to travel with other young people to another country? There is an opportunity for all young people 14yrs+ for an overseas mission experience to Vietnam for two weeks (14-27<sup>th</sup> January 2019) led by an experienced Vietnamese Catholic priest of Perth. Fr Vinh Dong, the tour director, will come to our parish to celebrate the 5pm Mass and answer any questions you have. All inclusive: food, accommodation, transport, sightseeing for \$2,000. All details are in the foyer. **Contact Fr Vinh Dong on 0422 422 773 for more details.**

Passion Play organised by Disciples of Jesus. **He did it for you!** Come and see. Passion Play **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 9.45am** held at the school oval at Holy Spirit Primary School, Brompton Rd/Bent Street City Beach. We hope to see you, your families and friends there as we prepare for the Paschal Triduum.