

ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

PALM PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Grow higher ancient doors,
Let Him enter, the King of glory,
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, Almighty, valiant in war.

Then opened heaven's gate,
and I saw in a garment of blood,
riding the horse of victory, with eyes of fire, the word of God.

I was in the spirit of God,
when I heard his voice like a trumpet,
turning to gaze upon him,
I saw from his mouth a double edged sword.

Some seed fell on the path, some fell among rocks and brambles, that which produced a harvest fell in the soil of the pure in heart.

Blessed is he who reads aloud, Blessed those who heed what is written, who are his mother and brothers? those who hear and keep his word.

Lo, he comes, whom we have heard, He who was from the beginning, Someone whom we have gazed on, whom we have touched, the Word of Life!

Let him listen, who has ears!

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*All Glory, Laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's Royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest,
The King and Blessed One.

The company of angels
Are praising thee on high;
And mortal men, and all things Created,
make reply.

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went:
Our praise and prayers
and anthems Before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise:
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayer we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

AMEN:



COMMUNION HYMN:

Jesu, rex admirabilis et triumphator nobilis, dulcedo ineffabilis, totus desiderabilis,

Nec lingua potest dicere, nec littera exprimere: experto potest credere, quid sit Jesum diligere.

Jesu, dulcedo cordium, fons vivus, lumen mentium
Excedens omne gaudium Et omne desiderium.

Rex virtutum, Rex gloriae, Rex insignis victoriae,
Jesu, largitor gratiae, honor caelestis curiae

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Praise Him, Praise Him,
Praise Him, Praise Him
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise Him, Praise Him,
Praise Him, Praise Him
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, Praise Him,
Praise Him, Praise Him
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him, Praise Him,
Praise Him, Praise Him
Praise with us the God of grace.

CHURCH AND AID GROUPS APPEAL FOR AN END TO SYRIAN CONFLICT

By Philippa Hitchen

As the Syrian civil war enters its eighth year this week, the humanitarian agency Save the Children has issued a new report urging the international community to push for an immediate end to the conflict.

In the report, published on Monday, Save the Children, describes the "apocalyptic" bombing campaign in Eastern Ghouta that has targeted homes, schools, hospitals and other medical facilities, forcing thousands of families to live in underground shelters. "For hundreds of thousands of children in Syria, this is the worst point of the conflict so far," the report says.

MILLIONS OF CHILDREN MALNOURISHED

Of Syria's estimated 10 million children, the U.N. says 8.6 million are now in dire need of assistance, with over half of them displaced or living as refugees. Many face the daily hazards of land mines, even in areas where the conflict has died down. Most suffer from malnutrition, preventable illnesses and severe stress, living in fear of their lives.

While casualty figures vary, the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights has documented over 19,000 children killed since the conflict began in March 2011. Calls for cease-fires have been ignored, with dozens of civilians dying every day, according to recent statistics.

In an attempt to respond to the most urgent needs of the people in Syria, the Vatican's representative Cardinal Mario Zenari on Tuesday called for financial and practical support for three Church-run hospitals in Damascus and Aleppo.

DAMASCUS AND ALEPPO 'OPEN HOSPITALS'

Speaking at a press conference, the nuncio noted that Syria's health system has been destroyed and that two thirds of its medical personnel has been killed or fled the country. Last year the cardinal launched a project called "Open hospitals", seeking to provide basic health services for the poorest sectors of the largely Muslim population.

POPE FRANCIS' URGENT APPEALS FOR PEACE

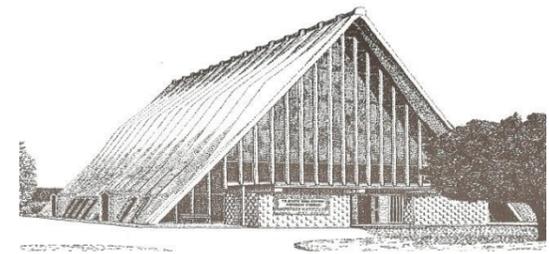
The nuncio recalled Pope's Francis' many pleas and practical initiatives on behalf of the Syrian people over the past five years. Those include a first day of prayer and fasting for peace in 2013, a 2016 letter to President Bashar al-Assad, as well as many urgent appeals for an end to the conflict.

PRAY FOR SYRIA !

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Palm Sunday

25th March 2018



First Reading. Isaiah 50:4-7;

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. Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24;

R. My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me, they curl their lips, they toss their heads,
He trusted in the Lord, let him save him, let him release him if this is his friend. *R.*

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet, I can count every one of my bones. *R.*

They divide my clothing among them, they cast lots for my robe
O Lord do not leave me alone, my strength make haste to help me!. *R.*

I will tell of your name to my brethren, and praise you where they are assembled,
You who fear the Lord give him praise, All sons of Jacob give him glory. *R.*

Second Reading. Philippians 2:6-11;

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. Mark 14:1-15:47;

The Narrative of the Passion is read.



Passiontide
(Fifth Sunday of Lent)

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The final two weeks of Lent in the Roman Rite used as an immediate preparation for the sorrowful events of the Easter drama is traditionally called 'Passiontide'

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Passiontide is a season within a season (i.e., the Season of Lent).

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It is a period of time to focus more and more on the Passion and Death of Jesus and so to accompany Him on His way to Calvary.

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For several centuries the Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as "Passion Sunday" and marked the beginning of the special sub-season called Passiontide, which extended up until Holy Saturday.

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During this time the Church's liturgy became more somber and a sorrowful mood was reflected in the various practices that occurred in the liturgy.

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The most obvious example of a more somber mood was the veiling of statues and images.



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Passiontide as a special time in Lent had emerged by the time of the early Roman Pontifical in general use in the 9th century.

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In the papal chapel at the gospel reading from St John Chapter 8: 46-59 and upon speaking the last verse:

"And they took up stones to throw at him but Jesus hid himself and went out of the Temple" (Latin "Jesus autem abscondabat se")

the deacon then...

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...covered the processional cross with a linen cloth...



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... followed by all the statues and crosses in the chapel.



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Palm Sunday was seen as the "Second Sunday in Passiontide," and is currently listed in the liturgical calendar as "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion."

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It is on this day that the Passion narrative is read, the longest Sunday Gospel reading of the entire year.

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It is a preview of what is to come on Good Friday.



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After Palm Sunday, Passion Week gives way to Holy Week and the Church follows Jesus during his final days in Jerusalem.

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Wednesday during this week is known as "Spy Wednesday" signifying the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus and informed the Sanhedrin of his plan.



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Passiontide is meant to be a special penitential period where we focus on Jesus' bitter passion and foster within ourselves sorrow for our sins.

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THE CRUCIFIX IS FOR PRAYER, NOT DECORATION

Last Sunday Pope Francis said that the crucifix is not just something decorative to hang on the wall or wear, it is an important sign of our beliefs - and should be truly looked at and prayed before as the source of our salvation.

"Today's Gospel invites us to turn our gaze to the crucifix, which is not an ornamental object or clothing accessory - sometimes abused! - but a religious sign to be contemplated and understood," the pope said March 18.

"The image of Jesus crucified reveals the mystery of the death of the Son of God as the supreme act of love, the source of life and salvation for humanity of all times. In his wounds we have been healed."

HOLY WEEK

~ HOLY THURSDAY ~
29th March
The Mass of the Last Supper - 7pm
Adoration till 12am (Midnight) in Church

~ GOOD FRIDAY ~
30th March
The Passion of Christ
Veneration of the Holy Cross

Stations of the Cross - 11am
Veneration of the Holy Cross - 3pm

~ HOLY SATURDAY ~
31st March
Vigil of Light - 8pm
*Please bring:
a bell to ring during the Gloria
and a bottle for Holy Water*

Please note: We are providing candles this year.

~ EASTER SUNDAY ~
1st April
The Resurrection of the Lord
8:00am Sung Latin Mass
10:00am English Mass
**Please note: there is a change in Mass time for Easter Sunday Only.*

~ Easter Week (Monday - Saturday) ~
All Masses at 9am

-----NOTICES FOR THE PARISH-----

Altar Servers Practise: Holy Saturday, 31st March, at 11am. This practice is for the Easter Vigil at 8pm that night.

Catechism Classes: There are **No** Catechism Classes this weekend (Palm Sunday) and Easter Sunday. The last class for Term 1 will be on Sunday 8th April.

-----NOTICES FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE-----

Stay with Me: A beautiful Candle Light Vigil for Life - This Sunday - PALM SUNDAY 25th MARCH 7pm-8pm outside AMAC. Join us for the final hour of this Lenten 40 Days for Life. Bring your family and friends and join with all of those who have been involved in 40 Days for Life as we unite in prayer for one beautiful candle lit hour of prayer the unborn, for abortion vulnerable mothers and for all those hurting from the effects of abortion in our community at 286 Dominion Road, Mt Eden. Praying for healing - Praying for mercy - Praying for Life!

Divine Mercy Sunday: 8th April 7:00pm St John Vianney Parish 317 Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Images, Praise & Worship, Benediction, Holy Mass followed by Veneration of St Faustina's relic. Jesus told St Faustina "My Heart rejoices on this Feast Day" Please bring your divine mercy images & artefacts to be blessed. All Welcome.

"Pipes in Summer" : International Concert Organist Martin Setchell is coming to Town. All music-lovers are welcome and encouraged to come and enjoy a programme of Surprises. Admission by program. A donation (\$20) requested to support the refurbishment and maintenance of the Organ. Children & students free. Sunday 25th March 2018 at 4:00 pm at Takapuna Methodist Church 427 Lake Rd Takapuna.

Easter Sunday Broadcast of Mass from the Cathedral: The pre-recorded Easter Sunday Mass from the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, Auckland will be broadcast 11:05am and 11:05pm Easter Day, 1 April 2018 on RNZ National. Find out the frequencies that it will be on by visiting:
<https://www.radionz.co.nz/listen/amfm>

NEXT SUNDAY:
1 April 2018

Easter Sunday (Yr B)
*Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4
or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7;*

LITURGY ROSTER

Holy Week
(29th March to 1st April)

Holy Thursday:
Readers: Lupe Ahio, R. Lopez
Offertory: Hatzaw Family
Special Ministers: S. Molloy

Good Friday:
Readers: M. D'Souza, Leslie Ahio
Gospel Readers: S. Shaw, R. Hall
Special Ministers: F. Ulugia
Usher: W. Gee

Easter Vigil:
Readers:

1. C. Tagiilima
2. M. D'Souza
3. S. Shaw
4. A. Leifi
5. M. Tagiilima
6. R. Lopez
7. Lupe Ahio
8. F. Xavier

Offertory: Leamuona Family
Special Ministers: F. Ulugia

Easter Sunday:
Readers: E. Taffard, R. Cardoza
Prayers of the Faithful: F. Xavier
Offertory: Stowers - Subermani Family
Special Ministers: S. Molloy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Leamuona Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Nixon/Binu Families

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

27 Mar: Leo Hendrickx, Margaret Hall
28 Mar: Jean Harris, Robert Taylor,
Maria Trbuhovic, Leslie Hahn,
James Thomson and Brian Walsh
29 Mar: William Lorrigan

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$ 1032.90
Priests	\$ 516.40
Total Cash	\$ 1,549.30

NEW
Offering Envelopes

Pledge Envelopes - If you still haven't collected your envelopes they are in the Parish office waiting for collection.

Also if you would like to join the Planned Giving Scheme.
Contact Ellen on 8346677 (Tues, Thurs, Fri)