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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

28th/29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

My dear friends in Christ,

Today we begin Holy Week, the most sacred days of our Christian faith. Palm Sunday is a day filled with both joy and sadness. We start by remembering the crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with shouts of "Hosanna!" They waved palm branches and celebrated Him as their king. But only a few days later, the same voices cried out, "Crucify Him!" This sudden change shows how quickly human hearts can turn when expectations are not met.

The Jewish people were living under Roman rule. They longed for freedom and prayed for a Messiah who would save them from political oppression. They imagined a strong warrior king who would defeat their enemies and restore their nation. When Jesus came, they were excited. They thought He would be the one to lead a revolution. But Jesus did not come to fight with swords or armies. His way of saving was different. He came to bring peace, not war. He came to heal hearts, not destroy enemies. Because His way was not what they expected, many people rejected Him.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, He chose to ride on a donkey. This was not an accident. In ancient times, a king who rode a donkey was coming in peace. A king riding a horse was coming for war. By riding a donkey, Jesus showed that He is the King of Peace. His kingdom is built on love, forgiveness, humility, and a deep relationship with God the Father. He came to bring peace to the world, but even more importantly, peace to every human heart.

Today, our world still longs for peace. We have so much technology, so many advancements, and so many modern comforts. Yet we also see nations preparing for war, families struggling with conflict, and individuals carrying heavy worries. Modern life gives us many things, but it cannot give us true peace. Only Jesus can. When He enters our hearts, He brings a peace that the world cannot give. He can make our families more loving, our communities more united, and our hearts more calm and trusting.

Palm Sunday also invites us to think about what it means to follow Jesus. Many people followed Him when it was easy, when there were miracles, crowds, and celebrations. But when the Cross appeared, most of them ran away. Only Mary, John, and a few faithful followers stayed with Him until the end. Their love and courage inspire us. They remind us that true discipleship means staying close to Jesus not only in joyful moments, but also in difficult ones.

As we enter Holy Week, Jesus invites us to walk with Him. He invites us to stay close to Him in prayer, to come to the liturgies of the Triduum, to seek forgiveness, and to open our hearts to His love. Each time we do these things, we are saying to Him, "Jesus, I love You." This week is a precious gift. It is a time to feel again how deeply Jesus loves us—a love so strong that He gave His life for us.

If we walk with Jesus this week, if we welcome Him not only with our lips but with our hearts, then Easter will become a true celebration of love, hope, and new life.

Fr. Tomi Alexander

Readings for This Week (28th & 29th March)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
All who see me deride me.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:8-9

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 Reading: Matthew 27:11-54

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Readings for Next Week (28th & 29th March)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

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St Francis Jubilee Prayer

Saint Francis, our brother, you who 800 years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us with the Lord. In the Crucifix of San Damiano you recognised true peace; teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world erects borders.

In this time plagued by conflict and division, intercede so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.

Amen.

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Leanne Deerain, Jan Dore, John Breckon-Thomas, Carol Stainkey, John & Therese Hagan, Nereza Don, Marie McIlhatton, Rosemary Ryan, Rev Geoffrey Reader, Marie Harkin, Fae Eyears, Scott Murphy, David Murchie, Tony Torre, D Wilde, Janet Young, Rosie, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster, Moya Mitchell, Michael Gough, Andrew Gough, Liz Murray, Josie Buffalino, Sebastian Randall, John McCormack, Damian McCormack, Jenette Escrit, David Ward, Denice Ward, Holly Rogers, Nathan Craze, Heather Neeson, Bernice Mahoney, Bernadette Fitzgerald, Olwin Wendt & Janine Monteath.

We remember and pray for those who have recently died, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Edna Devlin

Meryllyn Moran

Andrew (Jay) Cahill

Anthony (Tone) Ward

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Come along and show your support!

For more information please contact Michelle at 0499277763.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Tambourine Mountain: Monday 30th of March, 6:00pm

Beaudesert: Tuesday 31st of March, 6:30pm

As we approach the holiest days of our faith, let us open our hearts to God's mercy. With renewed spirit and a pure heart may we celebrate the joy of Easter.

Donating Via EFTPOS

We are now set up to receive donations via EFTPOS at Mass! If you wish to give a little to the church, but don't have cash on you – this is the perfect solution! Located at the back of the St Mary's church, all you have to do is choose which amount you'd like to donate from the set options on the screen and tap your credit or debit card.

April Morning Teas

April morning teas will be the 12th (second Sunday) and 26th (fourth Sunday) of April.

Choir Rehearsal

Choir Rehearsals will be Tuesday 31st March at 7:00pm.
All are welcome.

Easter Liturgy Volunteers Roster

The roster for the Easter Triduum will be at the back of St Mary's Church for anyone to volunteer. Please write your name and contact number on the ministry you wish to help with this year. *Thank you in advance.*

Holy Baptism

We welcome to our Parish, Thomas James Keys and Daisy Lee Keys who will be Baptised into the Catholic Faith on Sunday. Please keep these children and their family in your prayers.

Holy Land Collection—Good Friday

All donations collected during Good Friday Masses will go towards the Holy Land Collection, as it does every year. The proceeds from this collection provide support for the shrines and holy places in the Holy Land. *Your donation is appreciated.*

St Mary's Parish Easter Mass Times 2026

Vigil of Palm Sunday (28th March)

Beaudesert, 6:30pm

Palm Sunday (29th March)

Tambourine Mountain, 7:30am

Beaudesert, 9:30am

Holy Thursday (2nd April)

Beaudesert, 7:00pm

Tambourine Mountain, 7:00pm

Passion of our Lord Jesus (3rd April)

Beaudesert, 3:00pm

Tambourine Mountain, 3:00pm

Easter Vigil (4th April)

Christmas Creek, 4:30pm

Beaudesert, 7:00pm

Tambourine Mountain, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday (5th April)

Tambourine Mountain, 7:30am

Canungra, 9:00am

Beaudesert, 9:30am

O'reilly's, 10:30am

Stations of the Cross—Good Friday, 3rd April

Beaudesert: Jubilee Park at 10:30 am,

Rathdowney: 9:00am

Tambourine Mountain: 9:00am



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RCIA is a group of believers in the parish who meet regularly, and are ready to talk about any questions you may have! To begin a conversation, call the Parish Office 07 5541 1068, or email:

stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au



Mass Times: 30th March—5th April

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm — 3.15pm, St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.

Reconciliation—before weekday Masses. Please call (07) 5541 1068

<u>Monday 30th</u>	<u>Tuesday 31st</u>	<u>Wednesday 1st</u>	<u>Thursday 2nd</u>	<u>Friday 3rd</u>	<u>Saturday 4th</u>	<u>Sunday 5th</u>
Beaudesert	Beaudesert	Tamborine Mt	(Holy Thursday)	(Good Friday)	(Easter Saturday)	Tamborine Mt
7:00am	7:00am	9:00am	Beaudesert	Beaudesert	Christmas Creek	7:30am
		Beaudesert	7:00pm	3:00pm	4:30pm	Canungra
		Adoration	Tambourine Mt	Tambourine Mt	Beaudesert	9:00am
		4:30pm	7:00pm	3:00pm	7:00pm	Beaudesert
		Mass			Tambourine Mt	9:30am
		5:30pm			7:00pm	O'Reilly's
						10:30am

Our Mission

'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish; underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.' Our mission is: **evangelisation** of our parish and wider communities; **liturgy and prayer opportunities** that form, inform and transform our faith; **pastoral support** through initiatives that invite people to share their gifts and talents; and **leadership** that supports life-long faith formation and promotes responsible stewardship of our resources.

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