

PALM SUNDAY
8 - 9 APRIL 2017

Our Parish Mission

The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart. Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."



From the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

As we enter into Holy Week 2017, let's allow our liturgical celebration of the Lord's Death and Resurrection remake us in His image! This holiest of weeks is that important time in which we recall Christ's salvific action for us all. From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday we are reminded of God's unconditional love for His Creation. Despite our weakness and human tendency to say 'no' to God, the Lord does not desert us. Let's rejoice in the great Gift of the Son, sent to suffer and die for our Salvation!

There will be a Second Rite of Reconciliation at Castle Hill on Tuesday night from 7:30. Also, both Fr Thomas and myself will be available for Reconciliation after masses Mon-Wed.

Once the Mass of the Lord's Supper commences, we should have already been to confession... so that we can celebrate the Easter Triduum well.

| APR | | PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR |
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| SUN | 9 | <i>Palm Sunday</i> |
| MON | 10 | |
| TUE | 11 | |
| WED | 12 | |
| THU | 13 | <i>Holy Thursday</i> 7:30pm - Mass of the Last Supper |
| FRI | 14 | <i>Good Friday</i> 10am - Way of the Cross 3pm - The Lord's Passion |
| SAT | 15 | 7:00pm—Easter Vigil |

Pastor's Desk cont'd

The *TIMETABLE* for Holy Week:

Holy Thursday:

7:30pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper... with adoration until 11pm.

Good Friday:

10am Stations of the Cross... (at Holy Cross School)

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion...

Holy Saturday:

7:00-9:30pm Easter Vigil...

Easter Sunday:

Masses as normal (including Sunday evening).

God Bless you all. Let us keep each other in prayer this most important of weeks.

Fr. John

15 Day Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Duration: 15 day pilgrimage plus optional extension

Departure: Saturday 6th January 2018

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Parish News

CHURCH SECURITY

We regret having to issue this warning. There have been a number of thefts from the church, including choir equipment and ladies' handbags, mainly during the week. Please do not leave your valuables unattended and bring them with you to communion. Please call the parish office if you notice anything suspicious.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please bring your Project Compassion boxes to one of the Easter liturgies next week.

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!

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

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

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 ashamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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!

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. 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. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel (long version)

Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

(N. Narrator, J. Jesus, O. Other single speaker, C. Crowd or more than one other 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 the 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:

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 again back 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

Gospel (long version)

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.

N 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 pieces of silver 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 went 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 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. 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 put 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.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N 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 Arimathaea 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 imposter 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 guards. 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.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died and was buried; he descended
into hell; on the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty; from
there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting. Amen.



*will help you
increase your
faith to receive
your
breakthrough.*

Readings for Next Week

10 Mon Holy Week

1st Reading Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm Ps 26:1-3. 13-14

Gospel John 12:1-11

11 Tues Holy Week

1st Reading Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17

Gospel John 13:21-33. 36-38

12 Wed Holy Week

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalm Ps 68:8-10. 21-22. 31. 33-34

Gospel Matthew 26:14-25

13 Thu Chrism Mass

1st Reading Isaiah 61:1-3. 6. 8-9

Psalm Ps 88:21-22. 25. 27

2nd Reading Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel Luke 4:16-21

14 Fri Good Friday

1st Reading Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Psalm Ps 30:2. 6. 12-13. 15-17. 25

2nd Reading Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Gospel John 18:1 - 19:42

Full weekly readings can be found in the
parish website

<http://john23rd.com/our-parish/daily-reading/>

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Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Nena Celdran Matias,
Marcel Zaia, Yelly Joko,
Victoria Vergel-Roldan,
Soledad Bautista



Deceased:

Consuelo Ravelo Teoano, Rita Mizzi,
Vivianne Van Schellebeck

Anniversary:

Giorgio Kavo, Domina Fernandes,
Roland Fernandes, Elizaida R Kawarai,
Ernesto R Ribargoso, Ernesto Coronel,
James K.R., Tomas Ferino Sr,
Marica Kukan, Meric Kukan,
Ferdinand Jacob

Sick:

Pat Daley, Karam Matte, Cay Espanta,
Genevieve D'Silva, Elpido Beltran,
Greg Chapman, Alfred Miler,
Sue Laxton,

Thanksgiving:

Paying our debt together

The First Collection – for the diocese. The 1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

The Second Collection – for the parish. The 2nd Collection is used to meet our parish running costs (*rates, utilities, insurance, telecommunication, computers, photocopiers, stationery and postage, church and altar requisites, repairs and maintenance of the church, presbytery, office buildings and grounds*).

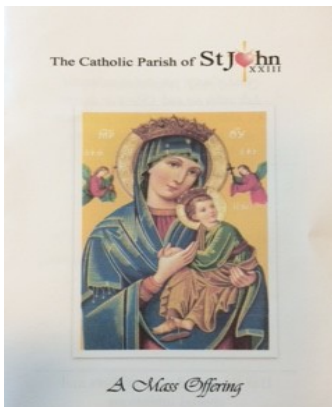
It is used to pay the team/staff salaries, superannuation and each priest's car expenses, loan interest and loan repayment.

It is also used to provide for our pastoral and ministry outreach activities from the parish.

Money received in the 2nd collection is banked into the parish "Church Account".

If you would like to be a part of the church's plan giving program, an **SJ23rd form** (white) is available at the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Mass
cards
available
at the
parish
office



If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Corner

It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father.
— Pope St John XXIII

FAITH FORMATION

⇒ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Statue

We continue to ask for host families to pray the Rosary at home and request our Blessed Mother's intercessions. Tuesday nights beginning with Evening Prayer at 6.30pm, Rosary at 7.15pm, Mass and Novena prayers at 7:30pm with sung Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the novena mass.

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home contact Bart Sarlabus bart.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto (after novena mass). Pick up the statue after the novena mass and return a week after, before the start of the novena mass. ***"A family that prays together, stays together: Fr Patrick Peyton"***

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

| Apr | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
|-----|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| | Jacinta | Olan | Sebastian | Jacinta | |
| May | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| | Shalini | Cano | Ivon | Fernando | Solisa |
| Jun | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
| | Sebastian | Mojica | Matias M | Matias J | |
| Jul | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| | Tangunanan | Shalini | Ivon | Available | |
| Aug | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| | Lozada | Available | Available | Pangilinan | Available |

⇒ **The St. John XXIII Prayer Group** is a "parish based prayer group united and committed to love and serve God and one another, moving within our family, community and nation". The Prayer Group invites you to their basic formation seminar ***"Living by the Power of God"***

When: 29 April 2017 **Time:** 8:00am - 5:30pm

Where: St. Mark's Staff Room St. John XXIII Parish Stanhope Gardens

COMMUNITY BUILDING

⇒ KNIT/CROCHET CLUB

Calling all those avid knitters and crocheters, we are preparing for the winter months and we have some projects underway. If you are able and would like to join us and help out, please contact, via email, Coleen McCunnie colleenmcc@bigpond.com or Rita Mateazzi marcellino5@bigpond.com.

Youth Corner

IGNITE - Enkindling the fire of faith

Young adults from 16 - 35 years of age meets every 4th Sunday of the month after the 6:00pm mass. Meet new people, enjoy some food and develop your relationship with God and those around us through prayer, reflection and good discussions with insightful guest speakers.

Next session: 23 April 2017

Topic: tba

Guest Speaker: tba

CRL (*Community of the Risen Lord*)

When: 2nd & 4th Saturdays
Praise & Worship

Time: after 6:00pm vigil mass

BLAZE

If you're in Years 7 to 10, come and join us. Starts at Term 2.

Dates to remember:

28th April, 7pm kick-off night

Brochures at the foyer for more information.

WHY?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?



Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Find the difference



5 differences to find



Word Find

Hosanna to the Son of David!

U C S F U V F W X C R P A O I F L
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Find these words

Branches clothes crowd disciples donkey excited followed
 Hosanna Jerusalem road shouted village

Diocesan News

9 & 14 April - Journey through Holy Week with Catholic Youth Parramatta

All are invited to join youth and young adults of the Diocese for the Palm Sunday Procession, WYD Mass & Event at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta on Sunday 9 April. The procession down Church Street with Bishop Vincent will depart at 5.30pm from Parramatta Town Hall following a short liturgy.

On Friday 14 April the Good Friday Night Walk will take place at 10.00pm through the night departing St Patrick's Church at Blacktown and concluding at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta at 7am.

Building on the success of more than 1300 participating last year, the journey will again take us through the parishes of Blacktown, Seven Hills, Toongabbie, Wentworthville, Merrylands and Parramatta.

Further details on Catholic Youth Parramatta Facebook Events. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, (02)8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

14 April—Stations of the Cross at Mt Schoenstatt on Good Friday

Commences at 10.00am in the valley to the Shrine. Please arrive early as the walk to the valley will take 5-10 minutes. Bring your family and church communities. You may wish to have a picnic in the grounds after the Stations. Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Details on Facebook event <https://www.facebook.com/>

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14 April - Good Friday – quiet meditation at the end of the day

The traditional candlelight presentation of music of JS Bach, complemented by Sacred Readings from the Passion of Christ, will be held at St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook, at 7.30pm.

The Blue Mountains Chorale conducted by Robert Ampt will sing poignant excerpts from St John's Passion and all will be encouraged to participate in singing congregational hymns, accompanied by the magnificent pipe organ. The service will conclude with quiet meditation. There will be a retiring collection. Suggested donation: \$15 and \$10 conc. Inquiries tel (02) 4754 1780.

17-20 April - Girls' Camp at Mount Schoenstatt

Girls aged 13-15 are invited to a three-day camp at Mount Schoenstatt. Our theme is: Reflected in Our Lady's image: What is real beauty? Program also includes a movie night where family and friends are invited, prayer, craft and fun activities. From 4.00pm on Easter Monday 17 April to 4.00pm on Thursday 20 April. Venue: Home of Light at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost: \$100 includes food and accomm. RSVP: Friday 7 April (registration form and deposit required). Inquiries: Sr M Luka tel 0439 537 843, fax (02) 4773 8530, sr.m.luka@bigpond.com

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