

ALL GLORY, PRAISE AND HONOUR

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**All glory, praise and honour to you, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the King of Israel, great David's royal son,
and, in the Lord's name coming, the king and blessed one.

The company of angels are praising you on high,
as here on earth your people respond with joyful cry.

The children of the Hebrews with palms before you went,
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise,
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

As you accept their praises: accept the prayers we bring,
rejoicing in all goodness, our Saviour and our King.

JESUS, FACE OF GOD

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Jesus, Face of God,
Holy Mystery.
Truth beyond what we've
conceived, Bold Reality.

Jesus, Word of God,
Heaven's poetry.
Wisdom born beyond our
minds, Divine Humanity.

(Instrumental)

Jesus, Heart of God,
pierced on Calvary.
Love beyond imagining,
Heaven's Majesty.

Jesus, Song of God,
Spirit's melody.
Sounding deep
within our hearts,
Transforming harmony,
Holy Mystery.

CLOSER THAN YOU KNOW

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I am here, your God revealed,
behind the veil, closer than you know.
Humble lamb, fragile flesh, crying out,
closer than you know.

***I am here, close to you.
Tear the veil and see.***

***Your every step, your every breath,
I share eternally.***

Disfigured face, wounded fool, rejected sign.
Giving all I am. Torn away, tortured soul.
Sacrificed. Giving all I am.

(Refrain)

I am here, your God revealed. Crucified.
Closer than you know.
Abundant love, enduring hope. Opened up.
Closer than you know.

***I am here, close to you.
Tear the veil and see.***

***Your every step, your every breath,
I share eternally, I share eternally,
I share eternally.***



Passion (Palm) Sunday

In a world of inequality we are called to hunger and thirst for what is right. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Bule from Malawi. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and its people have continued to suffer a food crisis, food shortages, poor health and environmental degradation. Bule is participating in a Caritas Australia-supported project that is addressing this food insecurity and malnutrition. It provides training in sustainable agriculture practices that enables families like Bule to have access to enough food, safe water and a small but regular income. Your donation to Project Compassion empowers vulnerable communities to become self sufficient.



Reflection on Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

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

Philippians 2:6-11

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

Luke 22:14-23:56

The passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Week 6 - Bule from Malawi

MDG 7 Ensure Environmental Sustainability (1,6,8)

Jesus, the faithful suffering servant of God, draws strength from God in the face of oppression and injustice. The Passion story illuminates the authority of Jesus as different to that of worldly power. We need the spirit of Christ who "humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross".

Jesus' experience becomes real when we reflect on the extreme poverty, injustices and violence suffered by so many in our world today. We are called to open our hearts and eyes to the injustices in the world, offering our prayer and acts of penance for those who like Christ suffer at the hands of injustice.

This week's Project Compassion story focuses on Malawi where more than half the population live below the poverty line. Caritas Australia supports the Catholic Development Commission's Community Development Program which improves access to food, safe water and sanitation for the poorest families in Mzuzu Diocese in the north of the country. As we journey to Easter and the message of hope that it brings to all of humanity, we can bring the spirit of Christ and this gift of hope to those who suffer through our generous support of Project Compassion.

**Holy Saturday Night Supper – 3rd April
For Josephine Pretorius, her family and our parish.**

Join us on Holy Saturday Night, after the Vigil Mass, for a supper to welcome Josephine into our parish. We would like a selection of sandwiches, slices, etc. to accompany the 'cuppa' for our supper. Please contribute if you can. Contact Michelle Funnell (4757 2638) if you have any queries.

Blackfeath Phoenix Choir

presents

**'Olivet to Calvary' ~ A Sacred Cantata
by J.H. Maunder**

**Good Friday, 2 April, 3.00pm at St Alban's
Anglican Church, 137 Megalong St, Leura**

Donation: \$10 includes afternoon tea.

Proceeds go to the

Ibulanku Health Centre, Uganda

Contact: Elizabeth ~ 4787 6198

**ECUMENICAL EASTER SUNRISE
SERVICE:**

Our annual Easter Sunrise Service,
Sunday 4 April, 6am, Leuralla
Amphitheatre, Olympic Pde, Leura.
BYO cushion and blanket. If wet the
service will be held in Leura Uniting
Church, Cnr Grose & Megalong Streets.
For those who wish, breakfast will be
served after the service at the Uniting
Church - \$3.00. Enquiries Sr. Jacinta
4757 2290, Louise Mattay 4782 2931.

Blessing of the Baskets at the Easter Vigil

There will be a blessing of Easter Baskets after the Easter Vigil mass. Traditionally, the basket contains a sampling of Easter foods (non-perishable) to be shared with family and friends. The basket is lined with white linen and decorated with ribbons and sprigs of an evergreen plant.



Bishop Anthony's Installation Mass DVD: A DVD of the Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of Installation of Bishop Anthony Fisher OP as the third Bishop of Parramatta will soon be available. Place your order now for a special commemorative recording of this joyous event in the life of our Diocese. Price: \$19.95 (incl. GST + P&H). For an order form go to: www.parra.catholic.org.au

GOOD FRIDAY, BISHOP ANTHONY FISHER ON ABC RADIO 702

On Good Friday, Bishop Anthony Fisher joins host John Cleary for a panel discussion on ABC Radio 702 from 10-11pm. Discussion will be on the Crucifixion – the mystery of suffering: why does a good God permit evil? Other panellists are theologians Rev Dr David Millikan, Uniting Church, and Dr Heather Thompson, St. Mark's Canberra. (You can also tune in to this program through 97.3 FM.)

National eConference: Mary – First Disciple - Tuesday 18 May

It's free and will be fantastic! Fr Frank Moloney SDB will engage you as he shares his insights into Mary as disciple, woman and mother. To register go to www.bbi.catholic.edu.au and follow the links to Mary-First Disciple and be in the draw to win a pilgrimage for two to Italy in 2010 with Harvest Travel.

Farewell for Bishop Kevin Manning: On Sunday 11 April there will be a farewell for Bishop Kevin, who has retired after more than 12 years as Bishop of Parramatta. Everyone is invited to The Prayer of the Church in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 2.30pm, to be followed by afternoon tea. For catering purposes, please **RSVP by 29 March** to Loretta Ring tel 9683 6277.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY -11 APRIL at 3pm – 5pm St. Bonaventure's Church, Leura.

A special day of prayer and celebration offering us the opportunity for extra-ordinary and unlimited grace. To observe the Feast of Mercy we should:

1. *Sincerely repent of all our sins*
2. *Place our complete trust in Jesus*
3. *Go to Confession 20 days before or after the Feast*
4. *Receive Holy Communion worthily on the day of the Feast of Divine Mercy*
5. *Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy*
6. *Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*
7. *Be merciful to others, through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf*

It is good to prepare by reciting the Chaplet as a 9-day novena, starting on Good Friday. Leaflets will be available after Mass today.

**Divine Mercy Sunday: 11 April
at 2.30pm St Nicholas, Penrith**

- ◆ Blessing of Divine Mercy
- ◆ The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ◆ Confessions
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Afternoon tea
- ◆ 6.00pm Mass

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom". He replied, "Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise." Lk 23:42-43

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY GATHERING

As Good Friday falls on the first Friday of the month, there will be no Benedictine Studies in April but the gathering will continue on 7 May. Enquiries: 4757 2290.

Chrism Mass Wednesday 31 March at 7.30pm

Bishop Anthony will preside at this year's Chrism Mass where the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. During the Mass, Bishop Anthony and the priests will renew their commitment to priestly service. Everyone is welcome.

Music of JS Bach and Sacred Readings ~ Good Friday - 7.30pm

On Good Friday, a special service in St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook, will offer choral and organ music of JS Bach, together with special readings and meditations. The Blue Mountains Chorale will be joined by organist Robert Ampt. There will be a Retiring Collection. Starts: 7.30pm. Inquiries: 4758 6067.

Position Vacant: Parish Secretary

Blessed Mary MacKillop Parish, Rockdale City is seeking applications for the role of Parish Secretary. This is a part time position, Tuesday to Friday, 4 hours per day. Applications to Anthony Spata, Polding Centre, Level 5, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney 2000 or anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org Applications close 9 April 2010. Enquiries: 9390 5317.