



St Joseph's Parish—Cedara

Weekend 23 Mar & 24 Mar 2024

PALM SUNDAY

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Palm Sunday

God's Word tells us the people cut palm branches, waved them in the air, and laid them out on the ground before Jesus as He rode into the city. The palm branch represented goodness and victory and was symbolic of the final victory He would achieve over death.

Jesus chose to ride in on a donkey, which directly fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy of Zechariah. In Biblical times, it was common for kings or important people to arrive by a procession riding on a donkey. The donkey symbolized peace, so those who chose to ride them showed that they came with peaceful intentions. Jesus even then reminded us that He is the Prince of Peace.

When the people shouted "Hosanna!" they were hailing Christ as King. That word actually means "save now," and though in their own minds, they waited for an earthly king, God had a different way of bringing true salvation to all who would trust in Him.

The Bible says that Jesus wept for Jerusalem. Amid the praise of the moment, He knew in His heart that it wouldn't be long that these same people would turn their backs on Him, betray Him, and crucify Him. His heart broke with the reality of how much they needed a Saviour.

Palm Sunday marks the end of Lent and the start of Holy Week. It reminds us that the reign of Christ is far greater than any man's mind could ever conceive or plan. Man looked for someone to fight their battles in the present-day world.

But it is also useful reminder of the fickleness of the human heart, and the need for us to continually recommit ourselves to Christ.

EASTER SERVICES



Paschal Meal
(Tues 26 Mar 2024)
6pm

BUY TICKETS NOW
LAST CHANCE
Bring Cash—R150

Holy Thursday
(28 March 2024)
(Combined)
Mass: 6pm

Good Friday
(29 March 2024)
(Combined)
Stations of the Cross: 2pm
(Combined)
Service: 3pm

Easter Vigil
(30 March 2024)
2 Masses:
6pm (English)
8pm (Isizulu)

Easter Sunday
(31 March 2024)
8am (English)

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK (23Mar / 24Mar)

	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 8.00am	Sat 5.00pm	Sun 8.00am
Welcome	Robyn Leisegang	Graham / Pia Harvey	De Klerk Family	Nigel Du Trevou
Sacristans	Mary-Anne Hodgkinson	Pia Harvey	Beth De Klerk	Ronel Du Trevou
Readers	Robin Leisegang / John McMichael	Graham / Pia Harvey	De Klerk Family	Nigel / Ronel Du Trevou
Collection	John / Mary-Anne	Harvey Family Boys	De Klerk Family	Nigel / Ronel Du Trevou
Ministers	Mary-Anne Hodgkinson	Graham / Pia Harvey	De Klerk Family	Nigel / Ronel Du Trevou
Flowers / Tea	NA [Lent]	Sue	Bev Lalor	Ann
Intention				

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK (30Mar / 31Mar)

MASS TIMES & SACREMENTS:

Tue — **11am** (1st Tue / month; Garlington)

Wed & Adoration— **5pm**

Fri. — **6am** (1st Fri each month)

Sat. — **5pm**

Sun.— **8am** (English)

Sun.— **10am** (Isizulu)

Confession:

Fri. — **After Mass** (1st Fri each month)

Sat — **Before Mass:** 4.10pm (1st Sat each month)

Alternatively — by appointment

Baptism — by appointment

Marriage — by appointment

Rosary — Thursdays. 10am

(Pia — 082 589 3580 or Catherine — 082 969 4300)

Mens Group — Fridays. 7am

(Except first Fridays)
(Rowan — 082 901 7633)

RCIA — Thursdays. 6pm
(Nigel — 066 214 9902 - English
Sipho — 084 583 4340 - Isizulu)

Bible Sharing — every 2nd Wed
Dave Geber — 082 338 4044

Catechism — Wednesdays, 4.45pm

Pre Holy Communion

Robyn (071 402 6476)

First Holy Communion

Veronica (082 939 1191)

Post Holy Communion

Anto (079 935 4721)

Confirmation—Wed, 6.30pm

OMI Brothers

Collections — Every week

"Food for the Hungry"

Bring donations weekly to mass

~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~~

- **REMINDER: No Wednesday Mass** or Adoration this week! Fr Dlamini is in Durban for the Chism mass with the Bishop
- **EASTER TRIDIUM SERVICES:**
Holy Thursday Mass: 28 Mar, 6pm, (combined)
Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 29 Mar, 2pm (combined)
Good Friday Service: 29 Mar, 3pm (combined)
Easter Vigil: (ENGLISH) 30 Mar, 6pm
Easter Vigil: (ISIZULU) 30 Mar, 8pm
Easter Sunday: 31 Mar, 8am (English mass only; no Isizulu 10am service)
- **PASCHAL MEAL. TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEK** - 26 Mar, Tues, 6pm
- **LENTEN ALMS GIVING:** Please remember to bring food parcels and Easter eggs for our Lenten drive to help some of the less fortunate in our community.
- **RCIA 2024 / 2025:** The next course for adult initiation into the church will begin after Easter. Anyone interested please speak to Fr Dlamini or Nigel du Trevou

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Thank you to all who contribute regularly.

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BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

25 Mar— Andrew George
26 Mar— Dave Geber
27 Mar— Hugh Perry
28 Mar— James Greenwood
29 Mar—Mekwenhle Mbanjwa
31 Mar— Mia Luphinda

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for all the parishioners sick, lonely or sad at this time, that they may feel God's consoling warmth of our parish in them.