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WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ST MICHAEL’S THIS WEEK

MON 26 MAR
Weekday Mass 6.45am

TUE 27 MAR
Weekday Mass 6.45am
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle 6pm Church
Devotion to St Michael & the Angels 7pm

WED 28 MAR
Weekday Mass 6.45am
Legion of Mary 7.30pm Parish Office

HOLY THURSDAY
No morning Mass (Chrem Mass 10.30am at St Mary’s Cathedral)
MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER 7.00pm
followed by Adoration Altar of Repose (Old Church) till midnight

GOOD FRIDAY
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION 3.00pm
Reconciliation 4.30pm—5.30pm
Novena to the Divine Mercy 7.30pm

HOLY SATURDAY
MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS) and Rosary 9.00am
Reconciliation 9.30am—10.30am
Novena to the Divine Mercy 3.00pm
EASTER VIGIL MASS 7.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY
Mass Times: 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm
Mandarin Mass 12.15pm
Novena to the Divine Mercy 3.00pm

MONDAY 2 APR
Octave of Easter Mass 9.00am (No 6.45am Mass)
Novena to the Divine Mercy 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
The annual collection for the support of our Church in the Holy Land. Envelopes will be available for your generous support of the general support for the upkeep of holy places.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2018
and help equip people to succeed in the future. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes.

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Novena to the Divine Mercy
2018 Schedule
Good Friday 30 March 7.30pm
Black Saturday 31 March 3pm
Easter Sunday 1 April 3pm
Easter Monday 2 April –
Easter Friday 6 April 7.30pm
Easter Saturday 7 April 3pm

Divine Mercy Sunday 8 April

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Palm Sunday —25 March 2018 Year B

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COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM
PRIESTS INTRODUCTION BLESSING OF PALMS

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.

GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-10
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, ‘Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” say, “The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately”’. And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!’
The Gospel of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2
All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
They trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.
2. 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.
1. 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!
2. 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.’
All: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: Phil 2:6-11
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippian
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.

RESPONSES:
Psalm 21:8
Psalm 21:17-20
Psalm 23:4
Psalm 118:26
Psalm 118:29-31

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

PRIVATE SCREENINGS: Paul, Apostle Of Christ

Paul, Apostle of Christ is the new and highly anticipated film which explores Saint Paul’s final days. Starring Jim Caviezel, Olivier Martinez and James Faulkner in the title role. You are invited to 3 special screenings on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 at Dendy Opera Quays. Choose between the 12pm, 3pm or 6pm sessions with tickets selling for only $12 each. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Priests’ Retirement Foundation. To reserve your seat phone the Development and Fundraising Office on 1800 753 959. No tickets sold on the day.