

SOUTH OTAGO PASTORAL AREA
Parishes of Balclutha, Milton and Lawrence
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SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE COMING MONTH – Year A

2nd April – Palm Sunday – (Procession - Matt 21:1-11), Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

9th April – Easter Sunday – Acts 10:34.37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

16th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy – Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20: 19-31

23rd April – 3rd Sunday of Easter – Acts 2:14.22-33, 1 Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

30th April – 4th Sunday of Easter – Acts 2:14.36-41, 1 Peter 2:20-25, John 10:1-10

7th May – 5th Sunday of Easter – Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12

EASTER CELEBRATIONS 2023

Mass of the Oils – St Joseph’s Cathedral, Dunedin.

Wednesday 5th April 10.00am

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM:

BALCLUTHA

HOLY THURSDAY: 7.30pm (please stay awhile after Mass in Prayer, Song, Silence & Adoration).

GOOD FRIDAY:

Ecumenical Walk of the Cross 8.30am (from St Mark’s Church)

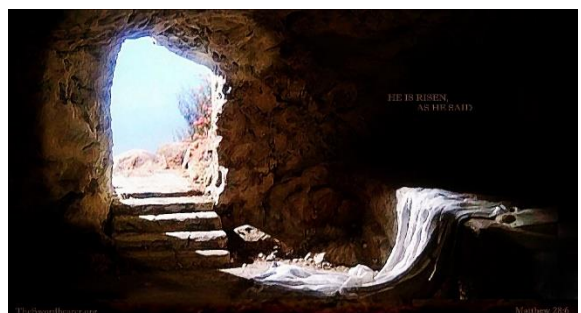
Stations of the Cross 10.00am

Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY: 7.30pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY: 2.00pm

MILTON – Easter Sunday: 9.00am. LAWRENCE – Easter Sunday: 11.00am





An Easter Message from Fr Jacob:

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum – from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten Season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

His Grace Cardinal Timothy Dolan (Arch Bishop of New York), expounds on the meaning of this sacred time:

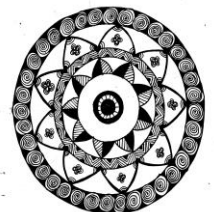
A lot of ups-and-downs, light and darkness, life and death this week we Christians deem "Holy." From the raised palms of victory greeting Jesus seated on a donkey, to the raised fists demanding His torture and death the following Friday. From the warmth of that fraternal meal at what would be His "Last Supper" on Holy Thursday, to the anguish of blood, sweat, and tears only hours later in His "agony in the Garden," from the misery, defeat, and death on that Friday weirdly called "good," when the sun hid and darkness covered the earth, to His radiant Resurrection after three days. Faith to doubt... to faith again; Joy to sorrow... to jubilation again; Good to evil...back to good; Life to death... and a return to life; Victory to defeat... to triumph again. Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday...

I humbly invite you all to actively partake in the Triduum Liturgy and experience the New Life and Blessings that Jesus offers.

At the Mass of the Chrism, our Priests renew their Priestly Promises. Pope Saint John Paul 2 said of 'The Gift of Priesthood,' – In practical terms the only priest who will always prove necessary to people is the priest who is conscious of the full meaning of his priesthood: the priest who believes profoundly, who professes his faith with courage, who prays fervently, who teaches with deep conviction, who serves, who puts into practice in his own life the programme of the Beatitudes, who knows how to love disinterestedly who is close to everyone, and especially to those who are most in need... **Let us pray for our priests, that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them, and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, the High Priest, so that they may lead us to him who is the source of salvation. Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.**

St Joseph's School Children and Staff – invite you to come and share in their Holy Week Liturgy on Thursday 6th April. This will be held in the St Mary MacKillop Church at 2.00pm. They will tell the story, through word and song, of Jesus' journey into Jerusalem and to His Resurrection. Please come and celebrate, you are most welcome.

Mandala Evening – Mandalas are Sacred Circles which can be used as tools for insight and growth. Mandalas can be seen in nature, in art and architecture. We will draw our own Mandalas and discover what they say to us. No particular artistic talent is required. Sr Teresa Hanratty RSM will lead this session on Thursday 20 April 7.00-8.30pm at Kostka Lounge, McAuley House, 21 McBride Street, South Dunedin. Contact Teresa if you are interested thanratty@xtra.conz 027 533 1515 Koha: item for St Vincent de Paul Foodbank.



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