Announcements

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LUNCH WITH YOUNG ADULTS

We invite any young adult (18-35) to ioin our youth gathering at Irish Club on 14th April (Sun) @ 12pm. Fr Boyce will lead a discussion on Apologetics.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

We are currently on holiday. Class will resume on 14th April (Sun) at 9am.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 28/3: Maundy Thursday: 7PM (Sung Mass), followed by Adoration until mid

-night. 29/3: Good Friday: 10AM (Stations of the Cross), followed by confessions.

3PM Good Friday Liturgy 8PM Tenebrae Service (Divine Office)

30/3: Easter Vigil: 9PM (Sung Mass)

Confessions will only be heard before and after Mass during the Holy Triduum.

EASTER BASKET WORKSHOP

If anyone would like to know how to make Easter Eggs and prepare Easter Baskets properly, please join our workshop **TODAY** after 10am Mass. Children and adults are both welcome!

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest!

Matthew 21.9

LATIN GRAMMAR CLASS

For Beginners— It meets EVERY SATURDAY between 10:30AM and 11:30AM.

CASH & ONLINE DONATIONS 17 Mar — 23 Mar First collection: \$ 1873.75 Second collection: \$ 1322.4 Building fund: \$ 105 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SATURDAY CLASS **Topic: Spiritual Theology** We are currently on holiday, class will resume on **13th** April (Saturday) at 10:30am. Next Topic: Temptations

CATECHISM CLASS FOR ADULTS Class will be cancelled in the next few weeks until 18th April (Thurs).

Next Chapters: 42-45 **Topic: 7 gifts of the Holy Ghost** People who are discerning to become Catholic or hoping to review their Catechism are most welcome!

LEGION OF MARY It will meet EVERY MONDAY at 6:30pm.

Visitors are welcome!

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24th March 2024 **Palm Sunday**

CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION
Mon, 25 Mar	Monday in Holy Week	Garran. 7AM (Low)
Tue <i>,</i> 26 Mar	Tuesday in Holy Week	Garran. 7AM (Low)
Wed, 27 Mar	Wednesday in Holy Week	Garran. 7AM (Low)
Thu, 28 Mar	Maundy Thursday	Garran. <u>7PM</u> (Sung), fol- lowed by Adoration until mid -night.
Fri, 29 Mar	Good Friday	Garran. <u>10AM</u> (Stations of the Cross), followed by Con- fessions. <u>3PM</u> —Mass of Presanctified <u>8PM</u> —Tenebrae Service
Sat, 30 Mar	Easter Vigil	Garran. <u>9PM</u> (Sung)
Sun, 31 Mar	Easter Sunday	Garran—8AM (Low) 10AM (Sung)



HISTORY AND TRADITIONS RELATED TO PALM SUNDAY

As soon as the Church obtained her freedom in the fourth century, the faithful in Jerusalem re-enacted the solemn entry of Christ into their city on the Sunday before Easter, holding a procession in which they carried branches and sang the "Hosanna" (Matthew 21:1-11). In the early Latin Church, people attending Mass on this Sunday would hold aloft twigs of olives, which were not, however, blessed in those days.

The rite of the solemn blessing of "palms" seems to have originated in the Frankish kingdom. The rite was soon accepted in Rome and incorporated into the liturgy. A Mass was celebrated in some church outside the walls of Rome, and there the palms were blessed. Then a solemn procession moved into the city to the basilica of the Lateran or to St. Peter's, where the pope sang a second Mass. The first Mass, however, was soon discontinued, and in its place only the ceremony of blessing was performed.

Everywhere in medieval times, following the Roman custom, a procession composed of the clergy and laity carrying palms moved from a chapel or shrine outside the town, where the palms were blessed, to the cathedral or main church. Our Lord was represented in the procession, either by the Blessed Sacrament or by a crucifix, adorned with flowers, carried by the celebrant of the Mass. As the procession approached the city gate, a boys' choir stationed high above the doorway of the church would greet the Lord with the Latin song Gloria, laus et honor. This hymn, which is still used today in the liturgy of Palm Sunday, was written by the Benedictine Theodulph, Bishop of Orléans (821):

Glory, praise and honor, O Christ, our Savior-King, To thee in glad Hosannas Inspired children sing.

After this song, there followed a dramatic salutation before the Blessed Sacrament or the image of Christ. Both clergy and laity knelt and bowed in prayer, arising to spread cloths and carpets on the ground, throwing flowers and branches in the path of the procession. The bells of the churches pealed, and the crowds sang the "Hosanna" as the colorful procession entered the cathedral for the solemn Mass.

In the spirit of this blessing, the faithful reverently keep the palms in their homes throughout the year, usually attached to a crucifix or holy picture, or fastened on the wall. In South America, they put the large palm bouquets behind the door. In Italy people offer blessed palms as a token of reconciliation and peace to those with whom they have quarreled or lived on unfriendly terms. The Ukrainians and Poles strike each other gently with the pussy-willow palms on Palm Sunday; this custom, called Boze Rany (God's Wounds) they interpret as an imitation of the scourging of our Lord.

In Austria, Bavaria, and in the Slavic countries, farmers, accompanied by their families, walk through their fields and buildings on the afternoon of Palm Sunday. Praying and singing their ancient hymns, they place a sprig of blessed palms in each lot of pasture or plowland, in every barn and stable, to avert the punishment of weather tragedies or diseases, and to draw God's blessing on the year's harvest and all their possessions.