



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;  
**Yovita Maria Herawaty Renjut**  
 If you wish to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp for a week, please put the details and \$10 in an envelope and place it in the collection basket.



During these COVID-19 days I invite you all to keep in touch, and keep yourself informed of what is going on in the Archdiocese. And the parish by looking at the websites. We will try and update when required. Many Thanks. Fr Wayne



## Sixth Sunday of Lent 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dominic, 47, is a father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with Caritas Australia's partner, Centre of Hope who runs a safe house and family anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an unhappy relationship around.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

You can help by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

You can return your money boxes and envelopes to the Parish Office anytime.



**Please Note:** Due to COVID-19 virus Prue our parish secretary will only be in the office on Fridays with the exception of next week when she will come in on Thursday.

Fr Wayne will man the office the other days.



On behalf of the Claremont Conference Vinnies, thank you for your generosity. Should you be in a position to donate, we would be most appreciative.

**Please leave your goods on the porch of the Presbytery.**

Thanks again from the Vinnies Team



### EASTER EGGS FOR ROMILY HOUSE....

If you wish to donate Easter Eggs for the residents of Romily House.

Please contact:

**Maureen Gardner: 9389 8289**



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### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

**Due to Government Regulations the church is locked and closed until further notice. No Sacraments can be celebrated at this time, except funerals and weddings following government guidelines and regulations. Please see the Archdiocesan website for further information. Thank You.**

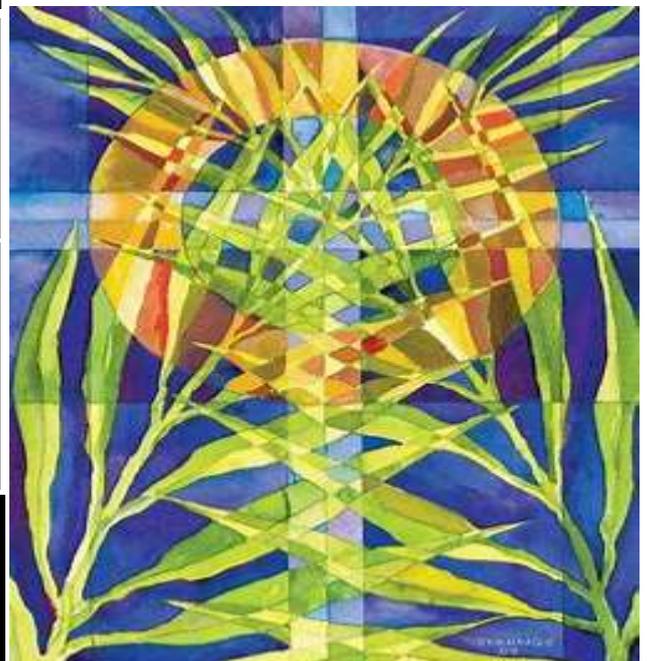
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## PALM SUNDAY Year A 4-5 APRIL 2020

**Next Weekend's Readings:**

**EASTER Sunday in Year A**

*Acts 10:34,37-43, Col 3:1-4, Mt 28:1-10*



**St. Thomas**  
PARISH BULLETIN



For our sisters and brothers around the world, we pray ...

Let us pray together for doctors, hospital staff and volunteers who are giving their own lives to save others. And for civil leaders, for those who have to make decisions at this time. All these people are the pillars defending us in this crisis ... The God of tenderness will heal us of all life's wounds and of all the bad things we have done. Returning to God means returning to an embrace, the embrace of the Creator. (Pope Francis, homily, 20 March 2020)

**CHICKEN CHOP SUEY—one of my favorite chicken dishes.—Fr Wayne**

**Ingredients: For the chicken & marinade:** 340g boneless skinless chicken breast ( sliced into ¼” thick slices) 3 tablespoons water 1 tablespoon oyster sauce 1 teaspoon Shaoxing wine (or dry sherry) 1 teaspoon vegetable oil 2 teaspoons cornstarch  
**For the sauce:** 2/3 cup chicken stock 1/4 teaspoon sugar 1 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce 1 teaspoon dark soy sauce 1 1/2 tablespoons oyster sauce 1/2 teaspoon toasted sesame oil 1/8 teaspoon white pepper  
**For the rest of the dish:** 3 tablespoons vegetable oil 2 cloves garlic (chopped) 4 mushrooms sliced 1/2 small carrot thinly sliced 1 celery stalk thinly sliced ½ bunch bok choy cut into ¾” x 2” pieces 1 tablespoon Shaoxing wine 3/4 cup mung bean sprouts 1 cup snow peas 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch (mixed with 2 tablespoons water)  
**Method:** Combine the sliced chicken with water, oyster sauce, and Shaoxing wine. Massage the chicken until it absorbs all the liquid. Next, mix in 1 teaspoon oil and 2 teaspoons cornstarch until the chicken is uniformly coated. Set aside. In a small bowl, mix together all the sauce ingredients, and set aside. Heat your wok over high heat until lightly smoking, and pour 2 tablespoons vegetable oil around the perimeter. Spread the chicken in a single layer. Sear for a few seconds, and then stir-fry the chicken for another 15 seconds, or until it is lightly golden brown and opaque. Remove the chicken from the wok and set aside. (It should be about 80% cooked at this point.) Turn heat back up to high, and add an additional tablespoon of oil along with the chopped garlic. Once the garlic starts to sizzle, add in the mushrooms, carrots, and celery. Stir fry for 20 seconds and add the bok choy. Give everything a good stir and spread the Shaoxing wine around the perimeter of the wok to deglaze it. Next, stir up your prepared chop suey sauce and spread that around the perimeter to further deglaze the wok. Use your wok spatula to give everything a quick stir. Once the sauce begins to simmer, add in your bean sprouts and snow peas. Also add the chicken back to the wok. When the sauce gets to a strong simmer or boil, mix up your cornstarch slurry. Drizzle it into the sauce, stirring constantly, until it thickens to a consistency you like. Add more cornstarch slurry mix if you like the sauce thicker. Cook for another 10 seconds to ensure everything is coated with the sauce. Serve immediately with steamed rice!

 I would like to say thank you to all those parishioners who have emailed, phoned, called in or left notes in the letter box who have been concerned about me during this time of isolation. I am coping ok. Keeping busy cooking, office work, making meccano models, and working through my reading list. Thank you all for your love, concern and compassion. You are blessed people and I am blest to have you all in my life. Fr Wayne

I am doing volunteer work for a group called **“Fostering Hope”** this group provide clean clothes, baby toys, prams, cots, formula and all sorts of baby/child equipment for foster parents. If you have any of the above and wish to donate please contact me at the Parish office. The organisers of Fostering Hope insist that foster children are entitled to good quality gear.  Thank you to all who have donated, regards Prue Pupazzoni

 Please Note: The Archdiocesan Offices are now closed until Friday 17th April 2020. This includes the Archbishops Office also.

 We congratulate the creators of the Australian children’s programme ‘Bluey’ on winning an International Emmy Award for children’s programme’s. If you haven’t seen it do so. It’s shown on ABC 22 of an evening around 6.20pm. You and your children will enjoy a programme that has a positive family message and will teach both you and your children the joys of family life and what we can learn from each other. I try and watch it each night.

**New Parishioners, and those not so new, who wish to update their census details:** Please put your name and address in the space below and drop into the collection basket or email to the office. Thanks!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address \_\_\_\_\_ No of People in household \_\_\_\_\_

**PS:** If you would like to join the St Thomas’ Parish Planned Giving Programme and give your financial support to the Parish, please tick this box  and Prue Pupazzoni (Parish Secretary) will organise for a set of planned giving envelopes to be issued to you. Alternatively, she can arrange for you to make your contributions by direct debit.

**From my Window..... Dear Parishioners,**

Just to inform you that **ALL masses at all Churches within the Archdiocese of Perth have been PERMANANTLY suspended at the present time UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, and all Churches within the Archdiocese are locked.**

Please see the Archdiocesan web page [www.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au) for further details, and the statements by the Archbishop. Our normal lives have changed dramatically over the past few weeks, and will no doubt change further in the days ahead. Stand firm in your faith and know that God is with you everyday and every hour. Support each other as families do, be mindful of each other and keep an eye out for your elderly and disabled neighbours who might need your help. This weekend we enter Holy week, but alas we cannot celebrate the way we wish we could. But we are joined together by our faith, and united by the Holy Spirit as we enter the most holiest of the churches celebrations. Please know you are all in my prayers at this time, let us be united in our prayer to the Divine One –God, and celebrate as best we can in our homes Holy Week. Let us celebrate Christ’s entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper where He gave us the Eucharistic and a model of service. Let us contemplate the horror and anguish of Good Friday. Then on Sunday we sing the great Alleluia’s and we are children of the Resurrection once more. God has not left us alone, He is with us along with His Son and the Holy Spirit. He is with you in your homes as you go about your daily lives. Remember Jesus’ words, “I am with you always, until the end of time”. Let us pray for each other and all Australians at this time in the history of the world. May our Beloved Mother Mary Help of Christians, hold all her children close to her and protect them in their time of need. Mary Mother of God, pray for us. May St Thomas the Apostle watch over us all, protect us, and keep our loved ones safe.

**Fr Wayne Davis PP**



**SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAMING INFORMATION** A livestreamed Mass for Sundays will be celebrated by Archbishop Costelloe SDB 11.00am from the Cathedral.

The links are as follows and will be accessible from approximately 11.00am on Sundays:

Archdiocese Website – [www.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au)

Archdiocese Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/perthcatholic/>

The Record YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFFqA8iYLIIVib72LXMYFQ/live>



**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be

put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must to be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others. The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:** Are you in the St Thomas’ Parish Planned Giving Program? Would you like to join the Program? If you join, you will assist the Finance Committee in planning for the Parish’s future on-going costs. If you would like to lend your support in this way, please phone Prue at the Parish Office on 9384 0598 during office hours, or fill in one of the direct debit forms available at the back of the church.



**REQUEST. As we are in a time of uncertainty perhaps you might consider your Planned Giving donation debited from bank on a regular bases. Please consider. Direct Debit Forms are available from the parish office. Please email me to forward one to you. Thanks**

**APOSTLES’ CREED....** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **Amen.**

**THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS....**

**First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm: (R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
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. (R.)
3. 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! (R.)
4. 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.' (R.)



**Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

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.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**PLEASE NOTE: This is an abridged version of the Gospel!**

**Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. When the soldiers reached the place they called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.' When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts. All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen. It was about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit'. With these words he breathed his last. Then a member of the council arrived, an upright and virtuous man named Joseph. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He then took it down, wrapped it in a shroud and put him in a tomb which was hewn in stone in which no one had yet been laid.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**