



St George Maronite Catholic Church, Thornleigh

Our Parish

2020 Parish Theme

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. (Heb 1:8)

Hosanna (Palm) Sunday

Sunday 5th April 2020

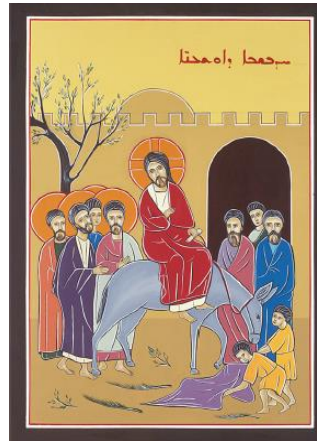
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The Gospel

John 12: 12-22

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!' Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Passion Week



Next Sunday

Resurrection Sunday

Epistle

Phil 2: 1-11

Gospel

Matt 28: 1-10

During this pandemic crisis we are facing, we encourage our parishioners to use social media to watch Masses and participate in the liturgy.



We also encourage families to organise prayer sessions within their homes.

الإنجيل

يو ١٢: ١٢-٢٢

لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرُ ، الَّذِي أَتَى إِلَى الْعِيدِ ، أَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ ، حَمَلُوا سَعَفَ النَّخْلِ ، وَخَرَجُوا إِلَى مُلَاقَاتِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ: «هُوْشَعْنَا! مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِأَسْمِ الرَّبِّ ، مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ». وَوَجَدَ يَسُوعُ جَحْشًا فَرَكَبَ عَلَيْهِ ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «لَا تَخَافِي ، يَا ابْنَةُ صِهْيُون ، هُوَذَا مَلِكُكَ يَأْتِي رَاكِبًا عَلَى جَحْشٍ ابْنِ أَثَانٍ». وَمَا فَهِمَ تَلَامِيذُهُ ذَلِكَ ، أَوَّلَ الْأَمْرِ ، وَلَكِنَّهُمْ تَذَكَّرُوا ، حِينَ مُجِدَّ يَسُوعَ ، أَنَّ ذَلِكَ كُتِبَ عَنْهُ ، وَأَنَّهُمْ صَنَعُوهُ لَهُ. وَالْجَمْعُ الَّذِي كَانَ مَعَ يَسُوعَ ، حِينَ دَعَا لِعَازَرِ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ ، كَانَ يَشْهَدُ لَهُ. مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا أَيْضًا لِقَاءَهُ الْجَمْعَ ، لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا أَنَّهُ صَنَعَ تِلْكَ الْآيَةَ. فَقَالَ الْفَرِّيسِيُّونَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: «أَنْظَرُوا: إِنَّكُمْ لَا تَنْفَعُونَ شَيْئًا! هَا هُوَ الْعَالَمُ قَدْ ذَهَبَ وَرَاءَهُ!». وَكَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. قَدَنَا هَؤُلَاءِ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: «يَا سَيِّدَ ، تُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ». فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لَأَنْدَرَاوُسَ ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ.

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Divine Liturgy Times

Sunday: 9am, 11am and 6pm

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Bishop's Corner: Year of Maronite Outreach

Hosanna Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters, on Hosanna Sunday, we remember the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, and we join with the crowds crying out to the son of David, "Hosanna, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." This is the second Sunday since the doors of our Churches were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. My heart burns as does yours, to see the empty pews and the empty courtyards at all the Maronite Churches. Although we have been physically separated, we remain spiritually united to one another. We are united in our faith, because together we form the Mystical Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is the living Church. This Hosanna Sunday will be different. **But today, more than ever, is the Hosanna needed.** Today, we will not hear this Hosanna in the parish church courtyards and on the streets surrounding them. **Today we will hear this Hosanna coming out from every home and every family.** Jerusalem today has been moved into your homes. On this Hosanna Sunday, I invite you to gather as a family wearing your finest clothing. Decorate your homes with palms and olive branches. Light your candles and do a procession around your homes transforming them into the courtyards of the churches and the streets of Jerusalem. Shout out with your loudest voices, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna!" The word Jerusalem means "city of peace". This city of peace represents what we look forward in the eternal Jerusalem, the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father. However, this city of peace which welcomed Jesus turned against him the following day. The cry of Hosanna quickly turned into the cry of "crucify him, crucify him." I pray that your homes, your domestic churches, remain small cities of peace at this time and protected from domestic disputes, frustrations, and spiritual isolation. We need to be careful that this time together be an opportunity to bind our families together and not break them apart. I say this whilst fully aware of the financial, physical, emotional and mental challenges facing every individual and every family during this time. But do not underestimate the sacredness of your homes. Work together to make them a sanctuary where peace and love reside, because wherever peace and love reside, that is where the Lord will also be. In this Year of Maronite Outreach, I call on you all to stretch forth your palm and olive branches and raise up your candles with your family, take beautiful photos as you would every year on this Sunday and post them on your social media platforms and share them with friends. Although we are unable to reach out in person, we will be able to outreach to the world through technology and social media. We will be able to show the world that Jesus has entered into our homes and through this family photo, we are radiating his light to the world, calling on him: Hosanna, save us Lord! **+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay**

A reminder that the Hosanna Sunday mass will be broadcast on Aurora TV Channel on Sunday at 11am and again on Wednesday at 12 noon, as well as on Tele Lumiere Noursat on Sunday at 1.45pm (all times are AEST).

Saint of the Month: St Catherine of Siena Part 1: Her Early Years



Caterina di Giacomo di Benincasa was born on 25 March 1347 (shortly before the Black Death ravaged Europe) in Siena, Republic of Siena (today Italy), to Lapa Piagenti, the daughter of a local poet, and Giacomo di Benincasa, a cloth dyer who ran his enterprise with the help of his sons. The house where Catherine grew up in still exists. Lapa was about forty years old when she gave premature birth to twin daughters Catherine and Giovanna. She had already borne 22 children, but half of them had died. Giovanna was handed over to a wet-nurse and died soon after. Catherine was nursed by her mother and developed into a healthy child. She was two years old when Lapa had her 25th child, another daughter named Giovanna. As a child Catherine was so merry that the family gave her the pet name of "Euphrosyne", which is Greek for "joy" and the name of an Euphrosyne of Alexandria. Catherine is said by her confessor and biographer Raymond of Capua O.P.'s Life to have had her first vision of Christ when she was five or six years old: she and a brother were on the way home from visiting a married sister when she is said to have experienced a vision of Christ seated in glory with the Apostles Peter, Paul, and John. Raymond continues that at age seven, Catherine vowed to give her whole life to God. When Catherine was sixteen, her older sister Bonaventura died in childbirth; already anguished by this, Catherine soon learned that her parents wanted her to marry Bonaventura's widower. She was absolutely opposed and started a strict fast. She had learned this from Bonaventura, whose husband had been far from considerate but his wife had changed his attitude by refusing to eat until he showed better manners. Besides fasting, Catherine further disappointed her mother by cutting off her long hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance to attract a husband.

Reflection of the Week: "Hosanna (Palm) Sunday"

By Dr (Sr) Margaret Ghosn MSHF

Hosanna Week is the most sacred week in the Christian calendar. It commences with Palm Sunday, moves through the Last Supper, the horror of Good Friday and the hope of Resurrection Sunday. Jesus decides to enter Jerusalem, the capital, the sacred city. This is nothing extraordinary about that, but what grabs our attention is the mode of entry. 'Jesus found a young donkey' (v14) and sitting on it, he enters Jerusalem to the waving of palm branches and praises from the crowds. That is the big deal. It is the fact that Jesus is now for the first time publicly showing everyone that he is a king – riding into Jerusalem as a king would, to the adulation of the crowds. However, as always, Jesus twists the understanding. Rather than come riding on a horse, he rides a donkey. He enters Jerusalem as king, but a king of humility. We know that while Jesus was in Jerusalem, he went to the Temple and drove out all who were selling and buying and he overturned the tables of the money changers (see Matthew 21). It is these two distinct events – riding into Jerusalem and cleansing the Temple, that were the final acts that pushed his enemies to tipping point. Jesus would die, because he had gone too far – the people were abandoning the religious traditions and the Jewish and Roman leaders were feeling threatened by the popularity of Jesus. And so we are plunged into a week of injustice, brutality and darkness. But we know Jesus emerges out of it all, into divine eternal light. That is indeed the greatest story ever told. Amen

Parish News and Upcoming Events

Maronite Eparchy of Australia

PRAYER DURING THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Merciful Father,
 Creator of the universe and Saviour of mankind, as our world is anxious and fearful at this time of the Coronavirus pandemic, we turn to you, source of all peace, hope and healing, and we ask you to:
 Give wisdom to the leaders making decisions.
 Give strength to the health professionals caring for the sick.
 Guide the scientists searching for a cure.
 Heal the sick.
 Visit the ill and elderly.
 Console those who are lonely.
 Bring hope to those who are anxious.
 Bring light to those in darkness.
 And shower your mercy on us all.
 We praise you and thank you with Christ your Son and your living Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

ST GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH

DAILY LIVESTREAMS

9 AM - Divine Liturgy
 8 PM - Rosary, followed by Eucharistic Adoration

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CONFESSION

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أبرشية أستراليا المارونية

صلاة في زمن وباء الكورونا فيروس

أيها الأب الرحيم،
 خالق الكون ومخلص الإنسان، فيما يتخبط عالمنا ويقف حائراً وخائفاً أمام وباء الكورونا فيروس، نلجأ إليك في هذا الوقت، وكلنا إيمان أنك أنت مصدر كل سلام ورجاء وشفاء، ونطلب منك: أن تمنح الحكمة للقادة الذين يتخذون القرارات الصعبة. أن تمنح القوة للأطباء والممرضين الذين يقومون برعاية المرضى. أن ترشد العلماء الباحثين عن علاج. أن تشفي المرضى. أن تزيل الحزنى والمسنين. أن تعزي من لا معيل لهم. أن تعطي الأمل لأولئك القلقين. أن تمنح النور في الظلام. وأن تغمرنا جميعاً برحمته اللامتناهية. فرفع الشكر والتمجيد إليك وإلى ابنك الوحيد ربنا يسوع المسيح وروحك الحي القدس، الآن وإلى الأبد. آمين.

"Churches may be closed, but our faith continues!"

The following liturgies and services are streamed on our Parish Facebook page

Weekly pre-recorded English Masses celebrated by Mons Shora Maree screened every weekend

Live Daily Masses celebrated by Fr Claude Rizk

Live Daily Rosary and Adoration led by Fr Claude Rizk



Congratulations to the newly Christened: Indiana Lucia Arida



St George Maronite Catholic Church Online
 Passion (Holy) Week & Easter
 Liturgies Program 2020



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Raising of Lazarus Saturday 4 April

9:00am Mass Raising of Lazarus (Ar/Eng) *Facebook Live Stream
 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Hosanna Sunday (Ar/Eng) Facebook Live Stream & (English) *Youtube

Hosanna (Palm) Sunday 5 April

9:00am Mass & Blessing of the Palms (Ar) Facebook Live Stream
 10:00am Mass & Blessing of the Palms (English) Youtube
 11:00am Mass & Blessing of the Palms (Eng/Ar) Facebook Live Stream
 6:00pm Rite of Arrival at Harbour (Ar/Eng) Facebook Live Stream

Passion (Holy) Monday & Tuesday 6 & 7 April

6:00pm Evening Prayer, Mass & Zeyh of the Cross (Eng/Ar) Facebook Live Stream

Passion (Holy) Wednesday 8 April

6:00pm Mass & Rite of the Lamp (Ar/Eng) Facebook Live Stream

Holy Thursday of the Mysteries 9 April

7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper (Eng/Ar) followed by Zeyh & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Facebook Live Stream & (English) Youtube

Great (Good) Friday 10 April

10:00am Rite of Adoration of the Cross (English) Youtube & (Ar/Eng) Facebook Live Stream

Holy Saturday of the Light 11 April

11:00am Prayer of Forgiveness (with Confession) (Ar/Eng) Facebook Live Stream
 6:00pm Rite of Peace and Children's Easter Vigil Mass (English) Youtube
 11:00pm Rite of Peace and Solemn Mass of the Resurrection (Eng/Ar) Facebook Live Stream

Resurrection (Easter) Sunday 12 April

9:00am Easter Mass (Ar) Facebook Live Stream
 10:00am Easter Mass (English) Youtube
 11:00am Easter Mass (Eng/Ar) Facebook Live Stream
 6:00pm Easter Mass (English) Youtube

Easter Monday 13 April

9:00am Easter Mass (Arabic) Facebook Live Stream
 10:00am Easter Mass (English) Youtube

*Confessions for grave matter by Appointment

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السبت إحياء لعازار ٤ نيسان:
 ٩:٠٠ صباحاً: قداس إحياء لعازار (عربي/إنكليزي) *Facebook Live Stream
 ٦:٠٠ مساءً: قداس الشعانين (عربي/إنكليزي) *Youtube

أحد الشعانين ٥ نيسان:
 ٩:٠٠ صباحاً: قداس وتبريك الشعانين (عربي) Facebook Live Stream
 ١٠:٠٠ صباحاً: قداس وتبريك الشعانين (إنكليزي) Youtube
 ١١:٠٠ مساءً: قداس الشعانين (إنكليزي/عربي) Facebook Live Stream
 ٦:٠٠ مساءً: رتبة الوصول إلى الميناء (عربي/إنكليزي) Facebook Live Stream

الاثنين والثلاثاء ٦ و ٧ نيسان:
 ٦:٠٠ مساءً: صلاة المساء، قداس وزياح الصليب (إنكليزي/عربي) Facebook Live Stream

أربعاء أيوب ٨ نيسان:
 ٦:٠٠ مساءً: قداس ورتبة القنديل (عربي/إنكليزي) Facebook Live Stream

خميس الأسرار ٩ نيسان:
 ٧:٢٠ مساءً: قداس العشاء السري، (إنكليزي/عربي) Facebook Live Stream & Youtube (English)
 يليه زياح وصمد القربان

الجمعة العظيمة ١٠ نيسان:
 ١٠:٠٠ مساءً: رتبة سجدة الصليب (أنكليزي) Youtube و (عربي/إنكليزي) Facebook Live Stream

سبت النور ١١ نيسان:
 ١١:٠٠ صباحاً: صلاة الغفران ورتبة القيامة (عربي/إنكليزي) Facebook Live Stream
 ٦:٠٠ مساءً: رتبة السلام وقداس القيامة للأولاد (إنكليزي) Youtube
 ١١:٠٠ مساءً: رتبة السلام وقداس القيامة (إنكليزي/عربي) Facebook Live Stream

أحد القيامة ١٢ نيسان:
 ٩:٠٠ صباحاً: قداس العيد (عربي) Facebook Live Stream
 ١٠:٠٠ صباحاً: قداس العيد (إنكليزي) Youtube
 ١١:٠٠ صباحاً: قداس العيد (إنكليزي/عربي) Facebook Live Stream
 ٦:٠٠ مساءً: قداس (إنكليزي) Youtube

ثلاثاء العيد ١٣ نيسان:
 ٩:٠٠ صباحاً: قداس (عربي) Facebook Live Stream
 ١٠:٠٠ صباحاً: قداس (إنكليزي) Youtube

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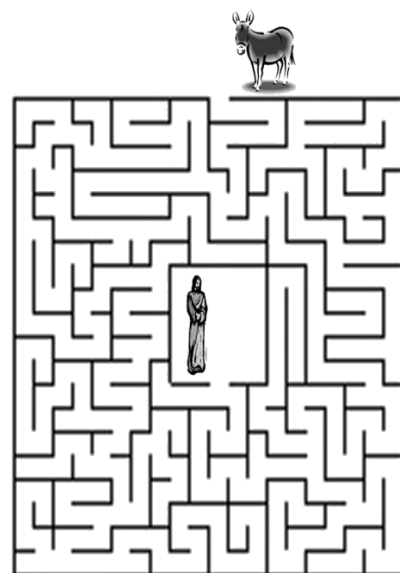
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Children's Corner: Hosanna (Palm) Sunday

Complete the two activities: 1) Palm Sunday Find-A-Word and 2) Maze – help Jesus find his donkey.

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Weekly Parish Income

23 rd March – 29 th March		TBA	
Parish Account Balance on 01/04/2020	\$37,337.01	Total Loan Amount Owing on 01/04/2020	\$738,185.64

Payment Options
for St George
Parish

Payments for the Parish can be made through
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