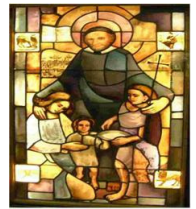


# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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## Passion (Palm) Sunday C

March 28, 2010

### Making the Sign of the Cross

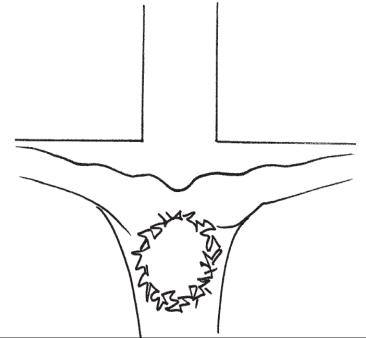
Gerard Moore reminds us that making the Sign of the Cross entails a serious commitment: Jesus' passion (sufferings unto death) involved a violent, relentless stripping of his identity as a human being. Scourged, mocked and naked, he walked in solidarity with those in society who were outcasts and the recipients of others' derision. In all this he was left friendless. He walked with the abandoned.

'Carrying his own cross, he became a public spectacle for his own people. His rejection was complete. His death was a public sport. His religious leaders betrayed him. His crucifixion was at the hands of the enemy, and it was associated with the crucifixions of criminals. His burial was rushed, with less than proper arrangements, without custom or dignity. Even in death, Jesus was a nuisance, disrupting the temple worship. It fell to a non-believer to provide for him.

'When we mark our bodies with the Sign of the Cross we symbolize the suffering of Christ. We also symbolize our commitment to those in the same position as him. In his passion, Jesus was stripped of human dignity. In the Sign of the Cross we make a commitment to stand in solidarity with those whose human dignity is under threat.'

Excerpts from an article by Gerard Moore.

Full text at: <http://www.churchresources.info/missionspirit/0210/MOORE.pdf>



**'Father! In your hands  
I place my spirit!'**

Luke 23:46 Good News Bible  
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## HOLY WEEK 2010



### **HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 1**

Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Passover Meal (12 Bland St.)

**7:30pm**  
**9:00pm**

### **GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2**

Stations of the Cross  
(Church & Ashfield Park)  
Polish - Stations of the Cross  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**10:00am**  
**12:00 noon**  
**3:00pm**

### **Saturday APRIL 3**

Reconciliation  
RCIA - Prayer & Preparation for  
Easter Vigil

**8:00am - 9:30am**  
**9:30am**

Polish - Easter Food Blessing

**12:00 noon**

### **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

**7:00pm**

### **Sunday APRIL 4**

Easter Sunday Masses

**8:00am, 10:00am  
and 6:00pm**

Polish - Easter Sunday Mass

**12:00 noon**

Easter Vigil Celebration will be in the hall after the Mass next Saturday evening. Please come and welcome our new members. Please bring a plate of food to share.

**Can we borrow a matching earthenware bowl and  
jug please? (suitable for washing feet)**  
**Ring Marguerite**

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently working on a series of priorities which they have identified. The Council is gradually working through what these priorities mean in terms of practical actions. Regular updates will be given in the Parish Bulletin and via the Parish website, so stay tuned!

The major priorities are:

1. Spiritual renewal focus in the parish
2. Re-establishment of welcome & hospitality ministries including supporting RCIA
3. Helping organise the Parish dinner
4. Holding a 'parish show' where all the different ministries present their role.
5. Organising Parish blessings for each Ministry
6. Organising post Mass 'cuppas'
7. Making Parish Pastoral Council more visible.
8. Supporting the Visitation Ministry so that those who are 'house-bound' stay in touch.
9. Holding an AGM of the 'Parish Council'

### **What is the Passover Meal?**

This Thursday we will remember the Institution of the Eucharist. Jesus was at the table with his apostles and friends as they celebrated Passover Meal, when he gave us a new memorial meal of salvation to be shared. Jesus the devote Jew would have celebrated this meal at Passover every year of his life. The Passover Meal is when Jews remember God's salvation in bringing them out of slavery in Egypt and leading them to the Promised Land. The Passover is an ancient ritual meal that remembers this.

PARISH STAFF:

Fr. Michael Walsh CM  
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin

In a world of inequality we are called to hunger and thirst for what is right. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Bule from Malawi. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and its people have continued to suffer a food crisis, food



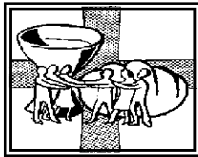
shortages, poor health and environmental degradation. Bule is participating in a Caritas Australia-supported project that is addressing this food insecurity and malnutrition. It provides training in sustainable agriculture practices that enables families like Bule to have access to enough food, safe water and a small but regular income. Your donation to Project Compassion empowers vulnerable communities to become self sufficient.

**National eConference Mary-First Disciple**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

It's Free and will be Fantastic! Fr Frank Moloney will engage you as he shares his insights into Mary as disciple, woman and mother. To register go to [www.bbi.catholic.edu.au](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au) and follow the links to Mary-First Disciple and be in the draw to win a pilgrimage for two to Italy with Harvest Travel in 2010.

**Parish Masses this week:**

Monday 12 Noon  
Tuesday, 7:00am  
Wednesday 12 Noon  
Thursday No 9:00am  
(from Thursday refer to Holy Week Schedule)  
Saturday No 9:00am



**Sunday :** 8am, 10:00am, 6pm  
Polish Mass 12 noon

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 8:10am —8:40am

**Rosary:** Saturday after 9:00am Mass

**Morning Prayer:** Saturday 8:40am

**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

Sunday, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday, Sat 9:00am

*Do you know...*

Five Bethlehem College Public Speakers competed in the Zone Final last Friday night and special congratulations to Sinead who won the Senior Zone. The Bethlehem College amazing Swimming team achieved an outstanding performance in the pool at the recent CGSSSA competition and achieved third place overall.

Emma and Melania (Year 12) recently attended the Pentecost Consultation evening to meet His Eminence Cardinal George Pell.

**Good Friday Collection 2010**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely very much on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated just over \$1million to this cause. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

**Volunteers Required for Fundraising**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's Development and Fundraising Team is seeking a team of volunteers to assist with numerous appeals and events throughout the year. Duties include handing out information at events, making up kits, assisting with special mail outs and miscellaneous clerical work. Training and support will be provided. Please call Mari on 02 9390 5934 or email us at [fundraising@sydneycatholic.org.au](mailto:fundraising@sydneycatholic.org.au) to obtain an Information Pack.

**Passion Sunday C**

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**FIRST READING:** I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord helps me, therefore I have not been disgraced (Isaiah 50.4-7)

**PSALM:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?  
(Ps 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23)

**SECOND READING:** Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him  
(Philippians 2.6-11)

**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!

**GOSPEL:** The passion of Jesus Christ, the Lord (Luke 22.14-23.56)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Father, if this cup may not pass, but I must drink it, then your will be done.



**Next Sunday's Readings**

Easter Sunday

Acts 10.34a, 36-43

Ps 118:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

Colossians 3.1-4

John 20.1-18