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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Year A

28th/29th March 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 3rd. 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 also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the Covid pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, recent years have been and continue to be extremely difficult for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and visitors.

Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.7 million through the Good Friday Collection, a wonderful effort that went a long way to assist the Church of the Holy Land. But this year, the Holy Land continues facing an income shortfall in funds due to the ongoing effects of the Pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, all of which discourage or totally prevent pilgrims coming to the Holy Land. And so, we again urge Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.



ST PAT'S NANANGO –Prue Clarke, APRE

This week, our students have been enthusiastically preparing for the upcoming Cross Country Carnival, showing perseverance, teamwork and a willingness to give their best. These experiences reflect our school values as students encourage one another and build resilience. We were also proud to host the Early Career Teachers Day for our network. It was a valuable opportunity to support and welcome new teachers, strengthening our sense of community and shared commitment to excellence and service.

As we look ahead to Holy Week, we invite our school and parish community to join us in prayer and reflection as we journey through this most sacred time in the Church year, remembering Christ's love, sacrifice and hope for all.

Retreat for Year of St Francis

At our recent Parish Leadership Team Meeting, we prayerfully explored meaningful ways to honour the Year of St Francis so as to deepen our faith and draw us closer to Christ. One of the fruits of that conversation is a Lenten parish retreat focused on the spirituality of St Francis of Assisi. It is encouraging to note strong interest already shown by parishioners. I extend my sincere appreciation to Carrie Locke for volunteering to run the retreat this Saturday, 28 March. I also thank the members of the Leadership Team for their continued dedication and faithful service to the community.

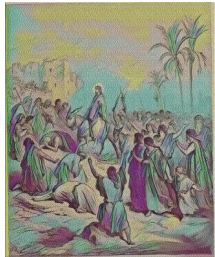
May this retreat and all our celebrations of St Francis throughout the year help us to grow in simplicity, peace, and love for all God's creation.

Blessings, Father Stanley.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Friday 27th March	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil
Saturday 28th March	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 29th March	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

First Reading: **Isaiah 50:4-7**
Responsorial Psalm My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.
Second Reading: **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: **Matthew 26:14-27:66**

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Recently Deceased: Mark Betts
Death Anniversaries: Monica Robins, Daisy Kruger, James Cross (Jim Snr), Robert McConville Snr, Brian Oberle, William (Gary) Carew, Nellie Bemrose, James Czislowski.
Prayers for the sick:
OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Damian Wyvill, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Chris Stevens, Shirley Warner, Bruce McCarthy, Wendy Smith, Luke Colahan.
St Mary's Parish - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Rikie Brinkman, Bernice Mahoney, Julianne Cross.

PROJECT COMPASSION

PALM SUNDAY
 28-29 March 2026



As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. Your support is helping to overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS TIMES -YEAR A**THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM****HOLY THURSDAY - THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Nanango 500pm Vigil Kingaroy 7:00pm Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY-STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Kingaroy and Nanango 11am

GOOD FRIDAY - FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Kingaroy 3pm

EASTER VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Nanango 5:00pm Vigil Kingaroy 7:00pm Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY**SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Kumbia 6am Nanango 8am Kingaroy 10am

HOLY WEEK ROSTERS

Holy Week Rosters for St Mary's and OLHC are at the entrance to the churches. Ministries required - Readers, Communion ministers, Washing of the feet and many more. If you can assist please add your name to the list.

SOUTH BURNETT ALLIANCE MEAL

Thank you to Eden Baylis who, with her team, will prepare the meals for the South Burnett Support Alliance on Wednesday 22 April. The menu will be a choice of fried rice or fried noodles. If you would like to assist with the meal, please see Eden, as coordinator. And thank you to Michelle Rutley who, along with the Kumbia community, will take care of the desserts. If you'd like to prepare a dessert please see Michelle.

CONFIRMATION 2026 DATE CLAIMER

Parent information Night - 22 April at 6pm in St Mary's Church Kingaroy.
 Enrolment Sunday—26 April during Mass at St Mary's.

ST MARY'S PARISH MOWING ROSTER

After many years of dedicated service, Joe Magee has recently retired from mowing and groundsman duties around St Mary's Church. In the interim we would like to set up a Mowing Roster. If you would be willing to volunteer your services please let Fr Stanley or Kate Williams know. Previously volunteers were rostered on a monthly basis. The Parish does have a ride-on mower available for use. Enquiries: Please phone Kate 0459 603 274

CENT AUCTION

Cent Auction to be held on 16 May 2026 in St Mary's Parish Hall. Doors open 12:30pm. Tickets are now available for sale at St Mary's Church Kingaroy, Parish Office and OLHC Nanango.