During the coming Sundays of Lent, we will offer the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross. This is a long-held prayer within the Church. My understanding is that this devotion arose within the Church in the Middle Ages, as a way of allowing the faithful to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, without actually, physically going there. So, for us, the Stations of the Cross are a pilgrimage we can make this Lent in faith.

John P. Murray osa

# SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK

Sunday 24 March 2024 8.30 a.m. Blessing of the Palm Leaves (Palm Sunday) Blessed Palm Leaves will be distributed at

every mass

English mass 10.00 a.m.

Thursday, 28 March 2024 9.30 a.m. Chrism Mass

(Holy Thursday) 7.00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

After mass, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

(No Daily Mass)

1.00 p.m. Way of the Cross in English Friday, 29 March 2024 (Good Friday) 2.00 p.m. Way of the Cross in Thai

3.00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross

(No Daily Mass)

\*\*\*\*\*\* Today is a day of FASTING and ABSTINENCE \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\* The discipline of the Roman Catholic Church is that Good Friday is another obligatory day of fasting and abstinence, while Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Church, aged between 18 and 59, the norms on fasting are obligatory. These norms state that, when fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal during the day, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. \*\*\*

Saturday, 30 March 2024 7.00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (The Vigil of Easter) (Holy Saturday)

(No Daily Mass)

Sunday, 31 March 2024 7.00 a.m. Easter Mass in Thai (Easter Sunday) 8.30 a.m. Easter Mass in Thai 10.00 a.m. Easter Mass in English 5.00 p.m. Easter Mass in Thai

N.B. The ceremonies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be in Thai. However, English booklets will be made available for the English-speaking community.

#### Pope Francis' Teaching on the Liturgy – Desiderio Desideravi (continued)

Pope Francis has named two "poisons" in the Christian life. They have been with us through the history of Christian Doctrine. One poison overemphasises the power of our own actions, the other of our own knowledge. There is a danger in both, as we make ourselves far too important in the schema of life.

If Gnosticism intoxicates us with the poison of subjectivism, the liturgical celebration frees us from the prison of a self-referencing nourished by one's own reasoning and one's own feeling. The action of the celebration does not belong to the individual but to the Christ-Church, to the totality of the faithful united in Christ. The Liturgy does not say "I" but "we," and any limitation on the breadth of this "we" is always demonic. The Liturgy does not leave us alone to search out an individual supposed knowledge of the mystery of God. Rather, it takes us by the hand, together, as an assembly, to lead us deep within the mystery that the Word and the sacramental signs reveal to us. And it does this, consistent with all action of God, following the way of the Incarnation, that is, by means of the symbolic language of the body, which extends to things in space and time.

If neo-Pelagianism intoxicates us with the presumption of a salvation earned through our own efforts, the liturgical celebration purifies us, proclaiming the gratuity of the gift of salvation received in faith. Participating in the Eucharistic sacrifice is not our own achievement, as if because of it we could boast before God or before our brothers and sisters. The beginning of every celebration reminds me who I am, asking me to confess my sin and inviting me to implore the Blessed Mary ever virgin, the angels and saints and all my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord our God. Certainly, we are not worthy to enter his house; we need a word of his to be saved. (cf. Matt 8:8) We have no other boast but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (cf. Gal 6: 14) The Liturgy has nothing to do with an ascetical moralism. It is the gift of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord which, received with docility, makes our life new. The cenacle is not entered except through the power of attraction of his desire to eat the Passover with us (Lc 22,15).

... to be continued next week ...

#### **CALENDAR**

### **MONDAY**

March 18 Lenten Weekday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Jn 8:1-11

#### **TUESDAY**

March 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

#### WEDNESDAY

March 20 Lenten Weekday Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95 Jn 8:31–42

#### **THURSDAY**

March 21 Lenten Weekday Gn 17:3–9 Jn 8:51–59

#### **FRIDAY**

March 22 Lenten Weekday Jer 20:10–13 Jn 10:31–42

#### **SATURDAY**

March 23 Lenten Weekday Ez 37:21–28 Jn 11:45–56

#### SUNDAY

March 24
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
Mk 11:1-10 or
Jn 12:12-16
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mk 14:1-15:47
or 15:1-39

# **HOSPITALITY**

# Communion

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.

Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by

mass

Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.

English 10:00 hrs.

#### **BAPTISM:**

Thai : First Sunday during 8:30 am mass. English : Second Sunday during 10:00 am

mass.

#### CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai). English before 10:00 am mass.

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#### **CATHOLIC CENTER:**

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.

Sat, Sun : Closed

& public holidays

# Dear Padre

# March 17, 2024

# What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That's when temptation "turns a corner" and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it's been a while since you've been to confession or you're not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you.

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#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### **HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

#### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

## **DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

#### **GREAT AMEN**

Amen, amen.

#### **COMMUNION RITE**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

#### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

PLEASE KNEEL

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: MERCIFUL GOD (No. 489, LENT COMMUNION VERSE)

FINAL: HOSEA (No. 484) PLEASE STAND

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Sunday, 17 March 2024

ENTRANCE: THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS (No. 481) PLEASE STAND

#### INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my

words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

- and, striking their breast, they say -

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers

and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

#### KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY

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FIRST READING: Jer 31:31-34

## A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 51: CREATE A CLEAN HEART IN ME



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- Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. (R)
- 2. A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. (R)
- 3. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you. (R)

### SECOND READING: Heb 5:7-9

#### A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: GLORY TO YOU PLEASE STAND

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

All: Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

GOSPEL: Jn 12:20-33

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John.

All: And with your spirit.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# PLEASE BE SEATED

# THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

II: 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

"God of new life, hear our prayer."

# PLEASE BE SEATED

# **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: ONLY THIS I WANT (No. 782)

# PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name,

for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.