



HOLY FAMILY

DOVETON

The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26th March 2023

POPE: WORK OF MERCY COINCIDES WITH MISSIONARY VOCATION OF CHURCH

“There is an inseparable link between the missionary vocation of the Church and the offering of mercy to all men,” Pope Francis said on Thursday.

The Holy Father was addressing participants in the annual course on the Internal Forum, organized each year by the Apostolic Penitentiary – the Vatican Dicastery “competent in all matters regarding the internal form and indulgences as expressions of divine mercy.”

Pope Francis explained that mercy could almost be included among the “notes” or distinguishing characteristics of the Church: “The work of divine mercy thus coincides with the very missionary activity of the Church, with evangelization, because the face of God, as shown to us by Jesus, shines through it.”

Therefore, he said, it is necessary for priests to be available, especially during the season of Lent, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession, also known as Reconciliation.

He emphasized that this priestly availability is shown in “certain evangelical attitudes,” beginning with welcoming everyone without prejudice, and including listening with the ear of the heart, generously absolving penitents, and accompanying the penitential journey of those who approach the Sacrament.

" If Jesus Christ is gloriously young, then his Body, the Church, is meant to be young. This is the Church our young people want to discover, one that is vital and alive in Christ ... Our common task is to rediscover the young Church."

Archbishop Peter A
Comensoli

Parish Priest:

Fr. Prince Joseph VC
(John Prince)

Priest-In Residence:

Fr Sebastian
Mappilaparambil VC

Parish Secretary:

Maureen Goonewardena

Parish Manager:

Wilfred D’Couto

Acting Principal:

Pauline Moran

Child Safety Officer:

Bernadette Saubolle

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday..... 9.15am

..... 11.00am

Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:

Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Everyday 9.15am

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am

Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:

Saturday 9.00am

Baptisms: Second Sunday

Divine Kids Bible Class:

Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:

Tuesday 7pm-8pm in the
Big Hall

Parish Halls:

Available for hire –
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**TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH IN
AUSTRALIA, FOR THE HOLY LAND
COLLECTION 2023**

For 800 years, the Franciscan Friars have shared the difficult lives of Christians in the countries that make up the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land: Israel and Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus. The people of these countries face their own difficulties, but particularly Christians due to their minority status. Among them, the friars have never ceased offering their pastoral care.

The ongoing effects of the Pandemic have created enormous challenges for the people of the Holy Land in terms of health and a catastrophic loss of income due to the absence of pilgrims. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows the Friars and local Church to fulfil their mission of caring for the Holy Places (that also gives work to the local people), as well as running parishes, schools and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless, and more.

Brothers and sisters, the Good Friday Collection of 2022 was a great improvement on 2020 and 2021 and we thank you for this. However, as is the case in many parts of the world, the financial situation in the Holy Land continues to be extremely challenging. In late 2021, Fr Francesco Patton OFM, the Franciscan leader of the Holy Land Custody wrote the following which I believe is still relevant for us:

“We have not closed the sanctuaries, but tried to enhance them by intensifying our invocations in the name of all humanity.

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READINGS

SUNDAY

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
7-83
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

MONDAY

Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-
30,33-62
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,
6
John 8:1-11

TUESDAY

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18,
19-21
John 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92,
95
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56
John 8:31-42

THURSDAY

Genesis 17:3-9
Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
John 8:51-59

FRIDAY

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4,
5-6, 7
John 10:31-42

SATURDAY

Ezekiel 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-
12abcd, 13
John 11:45-56

We have made them accessible by broadcasting the celebrations to keep alive the bond with the faithful and pilgrims. We have not stopped caring for our parishes with their faithful, whether they are Arabic, Hebrew or Greek speaking locals, migrant workers or refugees. The liturgies, Sacraments and Catechesis, albeit with many restrictions, have continued to nourish the lives of our people. The care of the sick and accompaniment of the dying have continued so as not to abandon them in the face of the pandemic. Our charitable commitments have continued to serve a population tried not only by the pandemic, but also by the disasters of war, the cynical and cruel 'Laws of the Market', the absence of social assistance, and by having to resort to begging to satisfy everyday needs or send their children to school. We have not closed schools but continued to take care of the education of infants, children, and young people. But all this, of course, has a cost, a large part of which is covered by the Good Friday Collection and the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. In light of the pandemic's ongoing effects, we friars of the Holy Land, even more than in past years, make ourselves beggars and appeal to the generosity of your hearts." (Patton, 2021)

Brothers and sisters, the Good Friday Holy Land Collection is extremely important, and a mission that we all can assist with. The hope is that our Australian parishioners, Parish Priests and Bishops will again be as generous as they have always been. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds and in recent years, made all the more difficult by the pandemic. On their behalf, I humbly and wholeheartedly thank you all.

Fr Bernie Thomas OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land (Australia)



On all Fridays during Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** will be conducted at **6.30pm** followed by **Mass** at **7pm**.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

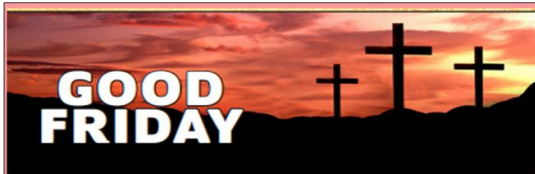
English Service



1st April: 6.30pm (Vigil)
2nd April: 10.00am (With Solemn Procession) and
7.00pm



6th April: 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Veneration



7th April: 10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Passion of the Lord



Holy Saturday: 8th April 7.00pm Easter Vigil Service
Easter Sunday: 9th April Holy Mass 9.15am & 11.00am

- ❖ No 9.15am Mass on 1st April, Saturday. Chrism Mass on 1st April, Saturday at 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral.
- ❖ No 7.00pm Healing Mass on Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4th April

10.00am – 11.00am &

6.30pm – 8.30pm

Wednesday 5th April

6.30pm-8.30pm

Holy Thursday 6th April

8.00am-9.00am

Good Friday 7th April

11.00am-12.30pm

SPANISH SERVICES:

Palm Sunday

1st April – 4.00pm (Vigil Mass)

Maundy Thursday

6th April – Holy Mass 9.30pm
Veneration

Good Friday

7th April – Way of the Cross
and Passion of the Lord – 5.30pm

Easter Service:

8th April – Easter Vigil – 9.30pm
9th April – 7.30am

Parish Office Hours

Monday9am-11am

Wednesday ...9am-12 pm

Friday9am-12pm

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Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)