

Palm/Passion Sunday A, 2020 ... *offered to assist in your prayer this week.*

Liturgy at Home

The real meaning of Lent

For Christians, our understanding of Lent will be put to the test as we respond to the challenge of finding God in this time of pandemic; this new and frightening situation. We may need to drop old habits and assumptions as we walk steadily step by step along the path God is leading us in these uncertain times. ‘What I want is love not sacrifice’ says the prophet revealing the mind of God. This cuts to the heart of what’s important, the belief that there is meaning and purpose in how we act as we engage with reality in a compassionate and responsible way.

It is a journey of hope that will find a way through this crisis, just as the Cross was not the end. As Pope Francis says of Lent and this critical time:

“A path that’s a bit challenging, as is just, because love is challenging, but it’s a path full of hope. In fact, I would say more: the Lenten exodus is the path in which hope itself is formed.”

Scripture

Read the scripture readings of the Sunday Mass and sit with them quietly. See the Parish Newsletter on our website edmontoncatholicparish.org.au

Did you know?

... that in some countries palm leaves and branches are not easily available, and other types of branches such as olive branches or willows are used instead of palms? It is also a custom in many cultures to weave the palm leaves into crosses for people to leave in their homes all year round.

Conversation Starters

- Each year, when we hear the story of Jesus’ passion, we are older and filled with new experiences that enable us to hear the story in a new way. This year, what part of the story struck you most?
- What part of the Story did you hear differently or for the first time?

Faith in Action

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are the most important days of the Church’s liturgical year. Talk with your family/friends about how you might be able to honour these days this year.