Parish of Saint Joseph, Subiaco **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD** **29 March 2026**

Let us remember in our prayers …

Recently deceased: Kevin Chidlow, Bill Dillon, Colin Marshall, Bernard Lynch, Sr Mary Gilhooley RGS, Maree Bruers, Robert Pinto

Anniversaries: Mark Audino, Tony Mendez, Gary Lim

Sick: Beula Reddy, Ken Metcalf, Joan Travers, Alan, Tom Brennan, Yvette Henderson, Peter McEvoy, Kaja, Sue, Kaye, Anunciata Alteri, Sr Deidre Brown IBVM, Celine Williams, Catherine, Julia Audino, Alberto Audino, Liam Brady, Lachie Glasfurd, John Audino, Peter Foss, Pat Docherty, Abigail Fells, Anne Hutchins, Felice Jennings and baby Marcel, Lionel Roberts

WHAT ARE THE THREE HOLY OILS?

The Church makes use of three holy oils: the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and the holy chrism oil. The first two are blessed, and the bishop consecrates the third, ordinarily during the annual chrism Mass. Each has a distinctive purpose in the Church.

Oil of the Sick: The oil of the sick, which is pure olive oil, is used for the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. While ideally celebrated with the community during the Mass for the anointing of the sick, this sacrament can be administered any time and in any place. The priest lays hands on the sick or elderly person, says special prayers, and anoints the person by placing oil in the form of a cross on the forehead and hands. Through this sacrament, many Catholics have witnessed the power of this anointing to bring spiritual, emotional and even physical healing.

Oil of the Catechumens: Both adults and infants prior to baptism are anointed with the oil of the catechumens, also pure olive oil. For adults, this pre-baptismal anointing often takes place during a special initiation ceremony when the person begins to prepare for the sacrament of baptism. At the beginning of the process each person preparing for initiation is anointed with the oil of the catechumens. This rite most often takes place during Mass, prior to holy Communion. The priest or deacon anoints the catechumens. Then he prays God will instill them with wisdom for discernment and with the strength necessary to avoid evil during their inquiry into the Catholic faith and their preparation for a life with Christ. In a similar way, an infant is anointed just before receiving the waters of baptism. This anointing is to help the child ward off evil, avoid temptation and possess the faith necessary to carry the cross of Christ throughout life.

Holy Chrism oil: The third oil, holy chrism oil, is olive oil mixed with balsam. The oil symbolises strength, and the fragrant balsam represents the "aroma of Christ" (2 Cor 2:15). Anointing with chrism oil signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is used to consecrate someone or something to God's service. Each year we witness the use of the holy chrism when young people are confirmed, and at the Easter Vigil when adults are confirmed after baptism. The celebrant traces the sign of the cross with chrism oil on the forehead of the one being confirmed and says, "(Name), be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." Chrism oil is also part of the baptismal rite. Following an infant's baptism with water and before he or she receives the white garment, the cross with chrism oil is traced on the crown of the child's head, marking them as a Christian. Anointing on the head is also administered at the baptism of an adult if the person does not immediately receive the sacrament of confirmation. Holy chrism oil is also used during the ordination of a priest and a bishop's consecration. It is the anointing used in the consecration of a church and the blessing of an altar and the vessels used at Mass.

The Chrism Mass: Each year the local bishop blesses enough new oils for every parish during the chrism Mass. The holy oils are then transported to individual parishes, where they are available for use during that year. Though the bishop cannot be physically present at every baptism or confirmation in his diocese, he can be symbolically present through the holy oils he blesses. After the Liturgy of the Word, the blessing of the oils takes place. In a formal procession, olive oil is brought forward in special urns; the oil of the sick is presented first, next the oil of the catechumens, and finally oil for the holy chrism. The bishop prays over and individually blesses each oil. The ritual for creating and consecrating the holy chrism is different from the others. To make it, the bishop mixes oil from the balsam plant with the olive oil, breathes on the mixed oil to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit, and then says a prayer to consecrate it. Once blessed in this way, the chrism and other oils are no longer ordinary ointments. Instead, they are a holy, precious gift from God to the Church, signifying cleansing and strengthening, healing and comfort, and the life-giving grace of the Holy Spirit.

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Archbishop Costelloe SDB will concelebrate the annual **Chrism Mass** at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 31 March at 7pm. All welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Family Group	Faith Formation for Little Tots	Youth Group	Seniors Morning Tea
12 April	26 April	22 May	7 May

PROJECT COMPASSION PALM SUNDAY **28 & 29 March**

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your support throughout Lent. This year we shared stories of four inspiring people who, with your support, are being helped to overcome challenges and build stronger futures. Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice. You can still support Project Compassion via donation boxes, envelopes, calling 1800 024 413, or at **projectcompassion.org.au/donate**.

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WEEKLY HYMNS **5pm Saturday 28 March; 9am & 5pm Sunday 29 March**

Lyrics are available on the Parish website by using the QR code (right), or by visiting **stjosephssubiaco.org.au/lyrics**. Hymn books are also available at Church entrances. Please return them at the conclusion of Mass.

Mass	*Entrance*	*Offertory*	*Communion*	*Recessional*
Sat 5pm	All Glory, Laud and Honour (11)	Pueri Haebrorum	Pater, Si Non Potest O Sacred Head, Surrounded	All Glory, Laud and Honour (11)
Sun 9am		This is My Body	Gethsemane You are My All in All At the Cross Only a Shadow (273)	
Sun 5pm			Above All Jesus, Remember Me (198) Only a Shadow (273)	

PARISH RECONCILIATION: 5.15pm, Monday 30 March (*Visiting Priests*)

EASTER LITURGY AT ST JOSEPH'S

Holy Thursday	7pm	**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** **Altar of Repose (*Until 10pm*)**	**Holy Saturday**	7pm	**Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord**
Good Friday	10am 3pm	**Stations of the Cross** **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**	**Easter Sunday**	9am	**Mass of the Resurrection** ***Please note : NO 5pm Mass***

EMMAUS WALK FOR MEN 2026 **7.30am to 11am, Saturday 11 April**

Grab a mate or your son, and join a group of likeminded blokes on this year's walk. The day commences with 7:30am mass at Carmelite Convent (Nedlands), followed by a leisurely 12km walk along the river via Crawley and Elizabeth Quay to St Mary's Cathedral, arriving circa 10:30am where refreshments and reconciliation will be available. For more information contact Kim Metcalf on 0414 537 023. Register at **app.tickets.org.au/MA/Emmaus26**

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Suitably qualified persons are invited to join the team. For details and how to apply, refer to **perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm**.

- Recruitment Officer, People and Culture (Six weeks, Full-time)
- Advocate, Daydawn Advocacy Centre (Permanent, Part-time)
- Pastoral Assistant, Aboriginal Ministry (Permanent, Full-time)
- Vocal Tutor, St Mary's Cathedral (Part-time)
- Liaison, Deaf Support, Personal Advocacy Service (Casual)
- Team Leader, Parish Finance (Permanent, Full-time)

MASS TIMES (*Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information*)	
Tuesday	5.30pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9am
Saturday Reconciliation	4.30pm
Saturday Vigil	5pm
Sunday	9am & 5pm

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First Collection EFT Details
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BSB: 086 006
Account #: 887 970 525
Reference: Name

Second Collection EFT Details
Account Name: St Joseph's Church Subiaco
BSB: 086 006
Account #: 564 990 302
Reference: Name

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 29 March	12pm 12.45pm 3.15pm 6pm	**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** Baptism: *Olly Laurence Behan* Baptism: *Éabha Hurley* Upper Room: *rClyp (Rite of Christian Initiation for Young People)* Church: *Holy Week Music Rehearsal*	*Fr Oscar Aguilera* *Fr Oscar Aguilera*
Monday 30 March	1.30pm 4.30pm 5.15pm	**Monday of Holy Week** Church: *John Paul College, Kalgoorlie* Church: *Sacrament of First Reconciliation* Church: *Parish Reconciliation*	
Tuesday 31 March	4.45pm 6pm	**Tuesday of Holy Week** Baptism & Confirmation: Upper Room: *St Vincent de Paul Meeting*	
Wednesday 1 April	9.30am 5pm	**Wednesday of Holy Week** Upper Room: *Ladies Prayer Group* Upper Room: *Centering Prayer*	
Thursday 2 April	7pm	**Thursday of Holy Week** Church: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*	
Friday 3 April	10am 3pm	**Friday of the Passion of the Lord** Church: *Stations of the Cross* Church: *Celebration of the Passion of the Lord*	
Saturday 4 April	7pm	**Holy Saturday** Church: *Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord*	

MONSIGNOR KEVIN