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# ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B**

**28 March 2021**



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to *non-violent* revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some weeping women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The king of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their hands and said,

**C** Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

**N** The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

**C** He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

**N** Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

**J** Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

**N** This means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

**C** Listen he is calling on Elijah.

**N** Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying,

**O** Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

**N** But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

### All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he died, and he said,

**O** In truth this man was a son of God.

**N** There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger, and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

It was now evening, and since it was Preparation day (that is the vigil of the Sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who brought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

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## Gospel Mk 11:1-10

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately"'. And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it.

And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it.

And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out,

'Hosanna!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!  
Hosanna in the highest!'

## or Gospel Jn 12:12-16

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!' And Jesus, found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written:

'Fear not, daughter Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!'

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

## First Reading Is 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

## Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

*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 Mk 14:1-15:47

**N** It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have him put to death. For they said,

**C** It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people.

**N** Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at dinner when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. Some who were there said to one another indignantly,

**C** Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor;

**N** and they were angry with her. But Jesus said,

**J** Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What she has done for me is one of the good works. You have the poor with you always and you can be kind to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what was in her power to do; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. I tell you solemnly, wherever throughout all the world the Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also, in remembrance of her.

**N** Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, approached the chief priests with an offer to hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted to hear it, and promised to give him money; and he looked for a way of betraying him when the opportunity should occur.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

**C** Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

**N** So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

**J** Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, 'The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.

**N** The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he arrived with the Twelve. And while they were at table eating, Jesus said,

**J** I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me, one of you eating with me.

**N** They were distressed and asked him, one after another, **O** Not I, surely?

**N** He said to them,

**J** It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping into the same dish with me. Yes, the Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!

**N** And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them saying,

**J** Take it; this is my body.

**N** Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them,

**J** This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.

**N** After the psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

**J** You will all lose faith, for the scripture says, 'I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.' However after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

**N** Peter said,

**O** Even if all lose faith, I will not.

**N** And Jesus said to him,

**J** I tell you solemnly, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.

**N** But he repeated still more earnestly,

**O** If I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

**N** And they all said the same.

They came to a small estate called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples,

**J** Stay here while I pray.

**N** Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And a sudden fear came over him, and great distress. And he said to them,

**J** My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here, and keep awake.

**N** And going on a little further he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass him by. He said,

**J** Abba (Father)! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it.

**N** He came back and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,

**J** Simon, are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake for one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

**N** Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for him. He came back a third time and said to them,

**J** You can sleep on now and take your rest. It is all over. The hour has come. Now the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is close at hand already.

**N** Even while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the

scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. He had said,

**O** 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge, and see he is well guarded when you lead him away.'

**N** So when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said,

**O** Rabbi!

**N** and kissed him. The others seized him and took him in charge. Then one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Then Jesus spoke,

**J** Am I a brigand that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I was among you teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me. But this is to fulfil the scriptures.

**N** And they all deserted him and ran away. A young man who followed him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked.

They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled there. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's palace, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him,

**C** We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands.'

**N** But even on this point their evidence was conflicting. The high priest then stood up before the whole assembly and put this question to Jesus,

**O** Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

**N** But he was silent and made no answer at all. The high priest put a second question to him,

**O** Are you the Christ the Son of the Blessed One?

**N** Jesus said,

**J** I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.

**N** The high priest tore his robes, and said,

**O** What need of witnesses have we now? You heard the blasphemy. What is your finding?

**N** And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die.

Some of them started spitting at him and, blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting,

**C** Play the prophet!

**N** And the attendants rained blows on him.

While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the high-priest's servant-girls came up. She saw Peter warming himself there, stared at him and said,

**O** You too were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

**N** But he denied it, saying

**O** I do not know, I do not understand what you are talking about.

**N** And he went out into the forecourt. The servant-girl saw him and again started telling the bystanders,

**O** This fellow is one of them.

**N** But he again denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,

**C** You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.

**N** But he started calling curses on himself and swearing,

**O** I do not know the man you speak of.

**N** At that moment the cock crew for the second time, and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.' And he burst into tears.

First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him,

**O** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N** He answered,

**J** It is you who say it.

**N** And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

**O** Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

**N** But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowds went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

**O** Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

**N** For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again.

**O** But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

**N** They shouted back.

**C** Crucify him!

**N** Pilate asked them,

**O** Why? What harm has he done?

**N** But they shouted all the louder,

**C** Crucify him!

**N** So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

**C** Hail, king of the Jews!

**N** They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

Join us May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11.15am

FOCUS

GROUP



God's Work  
Our Hands

In the Parish Hall

Light lunch  
provided

RSPV Sunday  
April 25th

This is your opportunity to discuss the future of the strong, vibrant, faith filled community of St Bridget's.

Every parishioner's  
voice is important.

Transport is available – contact the parish office.  
Further information - contact the parish office.

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;  
rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise,  
God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when  
you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who  
cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.  
He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear  
it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

PALM SUNDAY, Year B

27 & 28 March 2021

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NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.

**Liturgy for today Palm Sunday:**

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| <b>Gospel Mark 11:1-10</b>         |  |
| <b>First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7</b> | <b>Second Reading Phil 2:6-11</b>  |
| <b>Psalms 21</b>                   | My God, my God, why have you abandoned me  |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b>          | Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!<br><i>Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on a cross. Therefore God raised him on high, and gave him a name above all other names.</i><br>Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! |
| <b>Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47</b>      | Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark   |

We Remember in our prayers Frank Magee and Gerald Vivian whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord. We also pray for the sick and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.

Meditation Group continues on Wednesday morning at 9.30am – via Zoom.

Scripture Reflection Group continues this week on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. Both groups are via Zoom. Please contact Susie Hii for further information or connection details on: 0410 981 080 or [susiehii.hc@gmail.com](mailto:susiehii.hc@gmail.com)

Welcome: We welcome Ian Vergel, a third year seminarian, who will be with us from this weekend until Easter Sunday to experience Holy Week in the parishes. Please make him welcome.

**Farewell Message from Fr Lenin:** *Dear Parishioners, I would like to thank you for your loving care and support. I was often encouraged by your kind and affirming words. It inspires me to do my work more. Unfortunately, I had only a very short time in the parish but I was able to get to know you on some level and enjoyed worshipping together in our liturgy and Masses. I am sad that I did not have enough time to get to know you more and will miss you. Please keep me in your prayers and I will continue to remember you in my prayers. God Bless. Fr Lenin*  
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*Mass times at our affiliated Churches for Holy Week:*

|                   | Tuesday | Wednesday | Holy Thursday | Good Friday | Holy Saturday | Sunday            |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <i>St Bridget</i> |         |           | 7.00pm        | 3.00pm      | 7.30pm        | 10.00am           |
| <i>St Bede</i>    |         |           | 7.00pm        | 3.00pm      | 8.00pm        | 9.00am<br>11.00am |
| <i>St Anne</i>    | 9.30am  | 9.30am    | 7.30pm        | 3.00pm      | 7.30pm        | 10.30am           |
| <i>St Joachim</i> |         |           | 5.00pm        |             |               | 8.30am            |

**Notes for Holy Week:**

**Reconciliation** – Rite 2 will be celebrated at St Bede’s Church on Wednesday 31 March at 7pm.

**Stations of the Cross** – At St Anne’s Church, East Kew, on Good Friday at 10.00am

NOTE: There is no 5.30pm evening Mass on Easter Sunday at St Bridget’s.

Holy Week services will be tailored to meet the COVID Safe requirements, but at the same time observing as much of the Liturgy of the Day as we are permitted.

Attendance at the Holy Week Services is restricted by the COVID Density requirements. Consequently, to enable us to monitor numbers, attendance at any of the above services must be pre booked using the Trybooking system. In addition, we are required to meet the Victorian Government guidelines and register parishioners attending by using an approved QR Code System. We will continue to use the current QR Code system. The only exceptions are Holy Thursday evening and Easter Sunday morning, where the QR Code system only will be used – no pre booking required on these two days.

**Traditionally the Holy Week services are busy, so please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass so you have time to be ticked off the Trybooking list and also register on the QR Code or be assisted. Once a service has commenced we are required to lock the doors.**

Below are the Trybooking booking links to our affiliated Churches. Bookings will open from Saturday 27 March at 12 noon and close on Thursday 1 April at 12pm unless fully book before hand.

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| <b>Good Friday:</b><br><b>ST BRIDGET'S</b><br><a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BQCAE">https://www.trybooking.com/BQCAE</a><br><br><b>ST ANNE'S</b><br><a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BQBXZ">https://www.trybooking.com/BQBXZ</a><br><br><b>ST BEDE'S</b><br><a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BQBYF">https://www.trybooking.com/BQBYF</a> | <b>Easter Saturday Vigil:</b><br><b>ST BRIDGET'S</b><br><a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BQCAQ">https://www.trybooking.com/BQCAQ</a><br><br><b>ST ANNE'S</b><br><a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BQCAJ">https://www.trybooking.com/BQCAJ</a><br><br><b>ST BEDE'S</b><br><a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BQCAM">https://www.trybooking.com/BQCAM</a> |
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At St Bridget’s we still require assistance at all services with:

- ✓ Door marshals – to tick people of the Trybooking list,
- ✓ Parishioners with smart phones willing to assist and or register parishioners with the QR code,
- ✓ Cleaning/sanatising after each service

*Sr Bridget’s Rosters for Holy Week:*

|                                   | Holy Thursday<br>7pm   | Good Friday<br>3pm   | Holy Saturday Vigil<br>7.30pm  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <i>Lectors</i>                    | Lector - Sr P Watson<br><br>Prayers of the Faithful – Sr P Keogh | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading – Seb Beale<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading – Andrew M<br>Passion:<br>Narrator – R Canale<br>Voices – S Hii<br><br>Prayers of the Faithful – FrankE Kelly | Exsultet – H Gregory<br>Reading 1 – G Khoo<br>Reading 2 – Andrew M<br>Reading 3 – R Stewart<br>Epistle – S Hii<br>Prayers of the Faithful - Sr P Keogh<br>Psalms – H Gregory |
| <i>Minister of Holy Communion</i> | P Freeman  | L Wong<br>T Tjitji   | A Mariampillai<br>J Hocking<br>St P Watson   |

**COVIDSAFE REMINDER:** A kind reminder that masks should still be carried when leaving home and social distancing practiced in Church. Masks must be worn inside the church if social distancing cannot be maintained. Please ensure that you remain well apart when approaching to receive Communion. Ministers of the Eucharist distributing Communion must sanitise hands before and after distribution of Communion, and for the time being continue to wear a mask whilst doing so. Thank you for your cooperation we are trying to ensure everyone’s safety.

**QR CODES:** As the government QR coding is now compulsory, **please register the QR code each time you attend any of the churches.** In addition you are required to book online for the Easter ceremonies. There will be parishioners on hand to help those who are not familiar with the process. Please arrive extra-early for ceremonies over Easter so that they may still start on time. *Fr John*



**Pathway of the Passion:** This year, the Pathway of the Passion is being led by Rhema Church Balwyn North congregation with the cooperation and support of the other churches in North Balwyn. The usual Doncaster Road route will be followed, beginning with a gathering for coffee, tea and hot cross buns at Rhema Church at 10.30 am. All welcome to join.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE THIS WEEK.**

**CATECHETICS PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING ONE OF THE AFFILIATED PARISHES’ SCHOOLS of ST BRIDGET, ST BEDE OR ST ANNE.**

**Introductory Catechesis:** For Grade 3 children or above who intend to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation later this year, and First Communion in 2022. This program must be completed before beginning the sacramental programme. Lessons **will run for the Saturdays of 1, 8, 15 and 22 May, at 5.00pm and then attending 6.00pm Mass at St Bede’s.**

**Confirmation Programme:** Students in Grade 6 or above who are not in any of the affiliated parish primary schools can now enrol for the Confirmation programme. Catechesis will take place on **Mondays at 4pm beginning on 12 July.** Confirmation will be celebrated at St Patrick’s Cathedral on Sunday 15 August at 2.00pm for candidates from the affiliated parishes.

Enrolment forms are now available from the parish offices at St Bede’s or St Bridget’s, and must be **returned to either Parish Office by Friday of this week.** Forms are also available on St Bridget’s web page under the Sacraments tab: [www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au](http://www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au)