

Holy Cross Retreat

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Palm Sunday

Letter 215

Good afternoon,

There is a need to highlight early in the week, a couple of details about Holy Week. We often get asked for details that have been printed in earlier editions of the newsletter.

So:

Holy Thursday: **Mass** in the chapel at 7.30pm

Good Friday: **Commemoration of the Passion** in the chapel at 3.00pm
Because the forecast is 31 degrees, we decided to celebrate indoors.
You are advised to come early, to be assured of a seat.

Easter Sunday: **Mass** in the St Gabriel Shrine at 6.00am
This will be followed by breakfast in the dining room.
Please feel free to park on the oval.
(Donation for breakfast appreciated)

Mass in the chapel at 10.00am

Today, **Deacon Phi CP** served in that liturgical role for the first time, and this included his first homily which he generously agreed to share. (See attached) This photo below shows some of the people gathered outside before Mass began.





Above is Phi proclaiming the gospel for the first time as a deacon.



In his homily on Friday night, the ordaining bishop, Tony Ireland, referred to Phi several times as 'Deacon Phi CP'. The bishop highlighted that Phi will exercise his ministry through the lens of his Passionist vocation and our charism is the antidote to an attitude like that of the ambition of James and John who were seeking high places in Jesus' kingdom. James and John saw Jesus's popularity and wanted the places of honour – so Jesus responded, "You do not know what you are asking".

We were deeply impressed by Bishop Tony's homily and he generously agreed that we should share it. Please find it attached here

I was asked to acknowledge Celeste Faccilio's birthday at Mass this morning, but apologies that I forgot.

May your life be blessed profoundly during Holy Week.
God bless

Brian