

# St. Michael and All Angels

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### **TO: ALL THE MEMBERS OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, EDGEMEAN** **IMPORTANT PARISH NEWS: HOLY WEEK 2018**

Dear Friends,

Greetings in our Lord's Name. As Holy Week and Easter rapidly approach may I wish to share some important news and information items with you.

#### ***Information about the Passover Meal: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 19h00***

It may be that you have either never attended a Passover Meal, or perhaps went to one a long time ago – in light of this I want to share with you some details below about the Passover Meal, for your information and perhaps also in the hope that you will come along and join us, for this special part of Holy Week this year.

#### ***The last Supper: Jesus and His Disciples***

Many scholars believe that the Last Supper, which Jesus shared with his disciples, was in fact also a Passover Meal, or Pesach Seder, in the Jewish faith and tradition. This meal derives for the 'Passing over' of the 'Angel of Death', described in Genesis, which spared the first-born male child of each Jewish household. This, together with the 10 plagues, was God's punishment of the Pharaoh and the Egyptians for not letting His people go.

The Passover Meal was combined over time with the Festival of Unleavened Bread – thus the meal involved bringing to mind both the passing over of the angel of death, as also the Exodus through the Red Sea (Sea of Reeds). If it is accepted that the Last supper of our Lord with his disciples was indeed a Passover Meal, then this lends great significance to the changes made by Jesus, in the set liturgy of the Pesach Seder – some of these changes have been retained in the Gospels, as the 'words of institution' forming the crux of the Liturgy of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, through which the Priest blesses the bread and wine.

#### ***Structure of the Passover Meal – the following is brief outline of the structure of this meal***

- The sharing of the Peace
- Lighting of the festival candles
- Dipping of the green herb in salt water
- Recalling of the slavery of Israel in Egypt
- Pouring of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cup
- Recalling the Plagues of Egypt
- Psalms said
- The meal is served
- Concluding ceremonies

As we share in this meal, I will give insights as to the significance of different parts and link these to Jesus' action, e.g. washing of the disciples' feet (Jn.13), taking of the bread and cup (Do this in remembrance of me) and passing of the 'sop' – Jesus passes this to Judas before he leaves the meal to complete his preparations to betray Jesus (Jn. 13). A booklet will be provided for all attending the meal in order to follow the actions forming the Passing meal.

### *Cost of the meal*

It may be felt that R 75.00 per person is expensive for a plate of food – traditionally roast lamb is served – this is very expensive and while a cheaper meat can be used, we would like, for reasons not be made clear in the explanations of significance in the meal, to use roast lamb. I do hope that we will see you joining us for this special event on Wednesday evening, 28<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets can be bought from the parish office or after services on Wednesdays and Sundays.

***Please note: the deadline for purchasing tickets is Palm Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, after the 09h00 service. Regrettably, in order for us to finalise catering arrangements, bookings made and tickets not paid for by then will need to be cancelled.***

### ***The Programme for Holy Week: 25<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April***

Palm Sunday – blessing of Palm Crosses (07h30 and 09h00 services) and Procession of witness (09h00 service)

Monday:	19h30: Stations of the Cross
Tuesday:	19h30: A service or meditation and reflections on the Passion of our Lord
Wednesday:	09h00: Eucharist; 19h00: Passover Meal
Maundy Thursday:	19h30: Eucharist and Stripping the sanctuary
Good Friday:	12h00-13h30: Devotion
Holy Saturday:	09h00: Preparation of the church for Easter – confessions by appointment with the rector.
Easter Sunday:	06h00: Service Light and 09h00: Family Service

***Easter Flowers:*** we really like to fill our church with beautiful arrangements of flowers for Easter day and the week following – if you would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers, perhaps in loving memory of someone, please be in touch with June Lane, or our parish office.

### ***The Sacrament of Baptism***

As no baptisms have been requested, this will not form part of the Easter service – if families would like to request a baptism, please advise the parish office.

### ***The Confirmation Service and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018***

Our parish is 40 years old this year!! We have a planning team working hard to set up events, through which we will mark this occasion – the Bishop will be with us on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018, to celebrate this occasion with us and also administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. If any adults, or youngsters (from the age of 16 upwards) would like to be prepared for confirmation ***please advise Fr David as soon as possible.***

May you and yours know the gracious working of our Lord Jesus Christ through Lent, our recalling the Passion of our Lord and the great joy of Easter.

God bless,

***Fr David***

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