

Topic: Feedback on 2015 Easter Liturgies

Wednesday 15 April 2015

I was so glad about how the 2015 Easter Liturgies around Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe were held. Participating during the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Liturgy Masses was great. Personally I believe everything ran very smoothly and efficiently. Here are my views on Each day during Holy Week:

Palm Sunday (Mary Immaculate Church):

I thought the Palm Sunday Mass ran very smoothly... The blessing of the palms was my favourite part of the Holy Mass... It was so glad to see all parishioners and the whole community of Mary Immaculate walking into the church with the palms held high... With many of community outside and as I was at the back, I did find it a little hard to hear Father Thang... I know that this problem may not be able to be fixed but just thought I might let you know...

Holy Thursday (Mary Immaculate Church):

I was so happy that I was chosen to have my feet washed on Holy Thursday... The choir was just amazing... Their voices were fantastic... A suggestion for when Father Thang was washing the feet... maybe all of the 12 chosen could sit on the altar on a chair or steps so the whole congregation can see this annual event... When the children held the candles going around the church, I thought it was great to see the amount of children doing that... It was also great to know that you could have gone to the area behind the altar to pray in silence...

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross (Mary Immaculate Church):

The Stations of the Cross at MIPS Church was a very solemn and moving experience. I don't think there was anything that could be fixed with the Stations of the Cross... because it ran so smoothly and efficiently...

Easter Vigil (Mother of God):

When first entering the church, I didn't understand the meaning of the lights of the the church be turned off as I had never been to an Easter Vigil... I thought there was a problem with the electricity... but then I understood the reason for this... When gathering outside I thought it was a great scene... It was a little difficult holding the torch to read during my reading... Maybe there could be a lamp on the lectern instead of holding the torch... Once again the choir was great...

Easter Sunday (Mary Immaculate Church):

I loved the Easter Mass... It was great to see the amount of people coming together to celebrate the Risen Christ our Lord... It was an absolute great Mass... Everyone enjoyed it...

Overall I thought The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe did an outstanding job during Holy Week and Easter for 2015. I would like to thank Father Thang and all the Liturgy Team and choir and musicians who put in so much effort to making all the Masses, Liturgies and Multimedia possible... It was an absolute great couple of days that went very quickly... I enjoyed participating in all the Masses... I have made a decision to come to all or as many Sunday Masses as I can... I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday at Mass and God Bless...

- *Marcus Napolitano*