

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 10th April, 2022 Palm Sunday– Year C

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

RECENT DEATHS:

We pray for all those who have died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jill Briody-McCaig, Patrick Briody, David Owens, Peter Geddes, James Veron Liston, Dawn Wilkinson, Irene Hiam & Grace Mullane.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Sue Mahony

17th April: Bernadette Franc

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Anne Beer

17th April: John Jess

Assembly Leader

17th April: Sue Mahony & Anne Beer

Special Minister

17th April: Gail Hall

Music

Today: Sue Mahony

17th April: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

April 17th – May 8th: Bern Franc & Therese Jess.

Church Grounds

April 17th – May 8th: Bill Franc & John Jess.

Newsletter

April – Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

Mass times for next week

Easter Sunday April 17th

LLA 10.00am

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

April 11th Mass of the Oils 6.30 pm Cathedral

Is there anyone available to go along &

represent our Parish to collect our Oils?

April 15th Good Friday Passion 3 pm. LLA Spec Collection

April 17th Easter Sunday 10 am LLA.

Volunteers for Leaders, Reader, Prayers of the Faithful, adoration of the Cross, Special Ministers & Music etc.

Please indicate your availability on the clipboard at the back of the Church.

Congratulations to Gail Franc, Rachel Featherstone, Josh Franc, Lauren Hayward and Andrea Watkins on being fully initiated into the Catholic Church today. Also a big thank you to Sandy Watkins for her time and dedication in preparing these candidates and to Fr Marcello for working around a different Mass time for today's RCIA celebration.

PRAYER: Lord, strengthen their faith, Open their hearts to the fullness of your love. Deepen their understanding. See their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all. Amen.

Project Compassion – Palm Sunday



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through Project Compassion appeal. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

A Prayer for Ukraine from the Aust Catholic Bishops God of peace and justice, who changes the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE SAVING WORD

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) / C

10 APRIL 2022

him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said,

O. You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.

N. But as one man they howled,

C. Away with him! Give us Barabbas!

N. This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder. Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back.

C. Crucify him! Crucify him!

N. And for the third time he spoke to them,

O. Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go.

N. But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified, and their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over

to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

J. Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?

N. Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,

J. Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

N. Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying,

C. He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.

N. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said,

C. If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.

N. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying,

O. Are you not the Christ? Save

yourself and us as well.

N. But the other spoke up and rebuked him,

O. Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

N. He replied,

J. Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.

N. It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said,

J. Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

N. With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said,

O. This was a great and good man.

N. And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Luke 22:14—23:56

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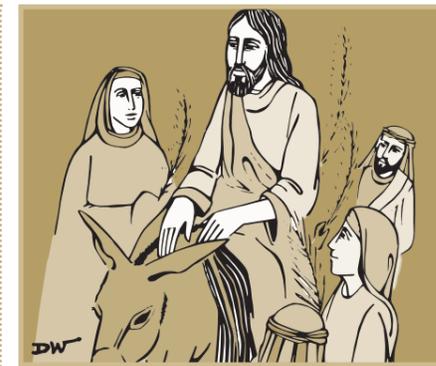
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FIRST READING Isa 50:4-7
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP 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
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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 Lk 23:1-49
 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker C. Crowd)
N. The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying,
C. We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.
N. Pilate put to him this question,
O. Are you the king of the Jews?
N. He replied,
J. It is you who say it.
N. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,
O. I find no case against this man.
N. But they persisted,
C. He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.
N. When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed