

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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APRIL 13th 2025 - PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD – YEAR C

YEAR OF HOPE

RECENT DEATHS: Joan Williams

ANNIVERSARIES:

James V Liston, Dawn Wilkinson, Irene Hiam, Harry Fleay, Grace Mullane, Bill Broadbent, Betty O'Brien, Jack Taylor, Mons L Fiscalini, Gwen Cook, Kenneth Mason, Brendan Mullane, Stan Stickland, Jean O'Loughlan, Shelia Fay & Peter Cushing.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dennis Davies (Genevieve's brother), Pat Byrne, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Mia Hanrahan, Colleen Hains, Michelle Smith, Danny Doyle, and all those in need of prayer

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Bernadette Franc

April 20th: Angela Gerrard

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Maureen Schirmer

April 20th: Genevieve Johnston

Assembly Leaders

May 4th: Angela Gerrard & Carita Clancy.

Special Minister

May 4th: Therese Jess

Music

Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

April 13th & 20th: Colleen Briody

Church Grounds

April 13th & 20th: Gerard Briody

Newsletter

April – Bernadette Franc 0427678830

MASS TIMES

April 20th: Mass 8.30 a m Easter Sunday

April 27th: Mass 8.30 a m

GOOD FRIDAY: 10 a m

(NB this is a new time for this year.)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MASS OF THE OILS: Monday, April 14, 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 1.00pm.

Afternoon tea will follow in the Hall.

The Mass will also be livestreamed at

<https://youtube.com/live/qUVA7OFoZ9c?feature=share>

Thanks to Genevieve & Clarrie for volunteering to collect our oils.

KEEP THIS DATE FREE: Sunday May 18th for **Parish Picnic.** Venue will be at the Beaufort Community Bank Complex. Please encourage family and friends and anyone who might be interested in coming along to this gathering.

DIOCESAN NEWS

For the Diocesan E-News see the link below:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

PRAYER FOR RAIN:

"Father, we pray that you will send rain to bless our local area. Also, look after those in our country who have been battling floods. Amen"

A LETTER FROM FR. ED WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT 'FORMING A PARISH' IN RELATION TO OUR CURRENT TRANSITION PROCESS WAS HANDED OUT LAST WEEK AND THERE ARE COPIES STILL AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH.

PALM SUNDAY –

Why do we hold palms on Palm Sunday?

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday leading into Holy Week, we commemorate the Lord's triumphal entry onto Jerusalem. The gospels that describe this event speak of large crowds laying palm branches on the road before Jesus and proclaiming him as king. Here is a man with charisma, with a stirring message! And yet, before the week is out he has been betrayed into the hands of his enemies and crucified. Palm Sunday (also called Passion Sunday) highlights the paradox of Christ's kingship. Our palms represent his victory; but a victory that only comes through suffering and self-sacrifice.

Pope Francis message for Lent



"Let Us Journey Together in Hope" is Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025. He reminds us that we cannot stay where it is comfortable, that we must always accompany others, and that we must always do everything with the hope that never disappoints.



THE SAVING WORD

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) / C

13 APRIL 2025

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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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