



THE SAVING WORD

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / B

24 MARCH 2024

committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!

N. Pilate asked them,

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Crucify him!

N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they

took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C. He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of

Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

J. Eloï, Eloï, lama sabachthani?

N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,

C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying,

O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.

The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Mk 14:1-15:47



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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

Mk 15: 1-39

(N. Narrator **J.** Jesus

O. Other single speaker

C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

J. It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had



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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

Weekday Mass: Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

CCC Mass: Sunday at 12noon (English/Cantonese)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 4pm-5pm

First Friday Devotion: Monthly at 4pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion: Monthly at 9am

Exposition and Benediction: First weekend of the month at all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

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PRAYER REQUESTS:



Recently Deceased: Pat Collins, Joseph 'Joe' Touma, Stephen Jackson

Death Anniversary: Onofre Manapsal (Senior)

Deceased: Nunziato Laguzza, Darrel Manapsal, Gianni Plaino; Peter McNamara; Selwyn Jackson; Ben Isaacs; Milly Farrell; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott & Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Ron & Jan Brayan.

Sick: Steve Dick, Rita Baird, Marian Arendarczyk, Ling Sin Fong, Xiao Yi Chen, Sheriden Nemecek, Paul Celler, Dave Isaacs, Terence Cahill, Barbara Hall, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

HOLY WEEK LITURGY TIMES:

Sun 24th Mar	Usual Mass Times	Palm Sunday
Thu 28th Mar	10:30am 6:00pm*	Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral Mass of the Lord's Supper *Church is open until midnight for adoration
Fri 29th Mar	10:00am 3:00pm	Good Friday - Stations of the Cross The Lord's Passion (with Holy Land Appeal) Start of Divine Mercy Novena
Sat 30th Mar	10:00am 6:00pm	EASTER FOOD BASKET BLESSING (info on website) Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
Sun 31st Mar	8am, 9:30am, 6pm	Easter Sunday
Mon 1st Apr	9:00am	Easter Monday (No 7:30am Communion Service)



- **Collect a copy of our Holy Week 2024 program as you leave the church. Thank you.**
- **NO MORNING MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY, 28th Mar.** Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 6pm.
- **Please return your Project Compassion boxes/envelopes by Easter Sunday. Thank you.**

- **Prelude to Stations of the Cross - Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary"** starts at 9:40am. A reflection prior to the Stations of the Cross at 10am on Good Friday. All welcome.
- **On Good Friday, we will have our Holy Land Appeal.** Your donation will help support the missionary work of the Church and help preserve the sacred places in the Holy Land.
- **Easter Food Basket Blessing, Sat 30th Mar at 10am.** Parishioners are welcome to bring their own baskets containing samples of food that they will be serving on Easter. See poster.
- **Thank you to all those who joined our weekly Lenten Group.** We hope that the readings and reflections have prepared you spiritually this Lenten season.

Holy Thursday Visitation of the 7 Churches Pilgrimage: Parishioners are invited to prepare for the Jubilee Year in 2025 by entering into prayer this Holy Week & visiting an altar of repose after the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The devotion of visiting 7 Churches is a centuries old tradition. All are invited to participate. Resource booklet, with reflections and list of churches open 'til midnight, are now available on the table at the back.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA starts on Mar 29 after The Lord's Passion on Good Friday and will continue daily until the FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY on Sun Apr 7. On DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY we will have a HOLY HOUR at 3pm. This will include adoration, praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and blessing of devotional articles. All welcome.



PARISH NEWS:

- **We welcome into the family of God, Hamish and Nikolai! Congratulations on your baptism!**
- **2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE.**
- **The Financial Report to Parishioners (2022-2023)** is now available on our noticeboard and on the parish website. Hard copies are available at the back of the church. Thank you.
- **EXCITING NEWS!!! ALPHA is coming to Eastwood!** Explore life, faith and God! Details soon!
- **FIRST KEVINWOOD SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT** - 7th Apr 2.30pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Donation of NEW SOCKS for the homeless needed at St Patrick's Church Hill.** If you wish to donate please place them in the collection box in the foyer. Thank you so much for your help!
- **QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY (QMHR) JAMAICAN APPEAL:** Please consider donating household items to the *Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica*. See poster in the foyer for details.

WEAR YOUR FAITH - BUY A T-SHIRT AND SUPPORT FLAME OF HOPE THIS PALM SUNDAY AFTER THE 9:30AM MASS. FLAME OF HOPE in Kurseong, Darjeeling India, supports children with disabilities. If you wish to help in another way, there are donation boxes at the main door. Thank you!!!

OTHER NEWS:

- **Hartford College** is a new independent Catholic school for boys which commenced in 2023. Hartford is offering academic scholarships for years 5 to 9 in 2025. See poster for more info.
- **Archbishop Fisher has encouraged the faithful to sign an e-petition to restore palliative care Funding. Petition closes 3rd April 2024.** Get a flyer in the church foyer & scan the QR code!

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office E: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or (02) 9390 5810. You may also speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.