

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) / A

2 APRIL 2023

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,
O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.
N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:
O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?
N. They said:
C. Barabbas.
N. Pilate said to them:
O. What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?
N. They all said:
C. Let him be crucified!
N. Pilate asked:
O. Why? What harm has he done?
N. But they shouted all the louder,
C. Let him be crucified!
N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:
O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.
N. And the people, to a man, shouted back:
C. His blood be on us and on our children!
N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.
The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:
C. Hail, king of the Jews!
N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.
On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed

the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

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

C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!
N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:
C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

J. Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?
N. That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

C. The man is calling on Elijah,
N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.
N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

C. In truth this was a son of God.

Longer form, Mt 26:14-27:66

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

P. Pray, brethren . . .

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE OF THE LORD'S PASSION

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God . . .

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

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THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. We see ourselves in the crowds who cried 'Hosanna to the Son of David' one day and 'Crucify him' just a few days later. Like Peter and the other disciples we can be fickle followers of Jesus. We should not, however, imitate Judas and despair at our infidelity. Rather, we should look to Jesus who allowed his blood to be poured out for many 'for the forgiveness of sins'. Let us praise him with grateful hearts.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

THE PROCESSION

The faithful, carrying palm branches, assemble either in front of the church or inside the church.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Jn 12:1; Ps 23:9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

The Gloria is omitted.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

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 Mt 27:11-54

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

(**N.** Narrator **J.** Jesus **O.** Other single speaker **C.** Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied:

J. It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,
O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?



HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

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2 April 2023

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 10.00am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Exposition: Wednesday and Saturday	8.30am
	Exposition: Monday - Friday	7.00pm - 12.00am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Terry Ferguson - Enea Menin - Trudi Fisher, Fr John De Luca, Les Riedling (Father of Fr Robert Riedling), Fr Ruben Elago.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Angela Muellebner SSpS, Dianne McGregor - Burzese Family, Procopio Family, Fam Pustaj.

Rosters – 6/7/8/9 April

Cleaning Ministry:

Marthe Nalletamby, Jing Tapiador

Computer Operators:

Holy Thursday 7.30pm Glenys Oxlee
Good Friday 3.00pm Antonya Fernando
Easter Vigil 7.30pm Anthony Wong
Sun. 7.30am Glenys Oxlee
Sun. 10.00am Lynette Rodrigues

Counters:

Patrick Edouard-Betsy, Bill O'Shea

Lectors:

Holy Thursday 7.30pm Sr Maureen, Anne Betteridge
Good Friday 3.00pm Danny Yu, Linda Tsang
Easter Vigil 7.30pm Samuel Yu, Glenys Oxlee, Ron Della Vedova, Angela Finnane, Len Farrugia
Sun. 7.30am Jodie MacGregor, Helen Wong
Sun. 10.00am Anton Fernando, Joseph Andrews



BISHOP VINCENT'S 2023 EASTER MESSAGE

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, has released his video message for Easter 2023. You can view or share the message from the Diocese of Parramatta's YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33IB11hZSWo>

CYP GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK: 7 APRIL

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information & to register visit
<https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. Today we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Holy Week concludes on Holy Saturday. Let all of us make this a truly Holy Week. We walk with Jesus during this week. May all of us celebrate the liturgical ceremonies during the week, and make a special effort to come to the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). – Fr Peter

PROJECT COMPASSION

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. It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever. **Thank you** for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



VOLUNTEER ACCOUNTANT

The Parish is in need of an accountant to assist with a few matters. If you can assist please contact the Parish Secretary 9684 1541

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE

Free copies of the Lent & Easter edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine are located at the back of the Church.

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence

"For we fast for three purposes: (1) to restrain the desires of the flesh; (2) to raise the mind to contemplate sublime things; (3) to make satisfaction for our sins. These are good and noble things, and so fasting is virtuous." - St. Thomas Aquinas

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Did you know? Did you know? St Mary's Primary School is currently accepting Enrolment Applications for children to commence Kindergarten in 2024 or 2025 and places are filling fast. We are also accepting applications for some other grades to commence immediately. For more information please phone 8844 5700 as soon as possible.



MONDAY MASSES

Holy Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 3rd April at 9.15am and Easter Monday, 10th April at 9.15am.

KELLYVILLE PARISH DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS: 16 APRIL

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, on Sunday 16 April starting with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1pm followed by a Procession, Rosary in five languages, Divine Mercy Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction before Holy Mass at 3pm. Confessions from 1pm. Piety items for sale. Bring pictures and statues for special blessing. Refreshments available after Holy Mass. Everyone is most welcome.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR FR PETER

A farewell luncheon for Fr Peter will be held on **Sunday May 21st at 12.30pm**. Lunch will be catered, and the cost will include a donation towards a gift for Fr Peter. Further details to follow. Please save the date for the moment. Contact Glenys Oxlee 0488 228 633 or glmaox@ozemail.com.au.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION: 2 APRIL

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 2 April 2023 at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury, at 7pm. Sarah Alimangohan will speak and lead discussion on the question 'What is Beauty?' We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

Holy Week & Easter Programme

CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - **7.30pm**
Adoration till midnight, concluding with Night Prayer

Good Friday Stations of the Cross – **10.00am**
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - **3.00pm**

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass – **7.30pm**

Easter Sunday **7.30am and 10.00am**

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Monday to Wednesday Good Friday After 9.15am Mass
After Stations of the Cross
After Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 4.00pm – 5.00 pm



Please note there will be **NO Mass on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday mornings**.