

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
PALM SUNDAY YEAR C

First Reading *Isaiah 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**

Responsorial 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.’

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.

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!

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.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Second Reading *Philippians 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

*Philippians 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 *Shorter form Luke 23:1-49*

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying, ‘We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.’ Pilate put to him this question, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ ‘It is you who say it’ he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, ‘I find no case against this man.’ But they persisted, ‘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.’ When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod’s jurisdiction he passed 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. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. ‘You brought this man before me’ he said ‘as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring 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.’ But as one man they howled, ‘Away with him! Give us Barabbas!’ (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, ‘Crucify him! Crucify him!’ And for the third time he spoke to them, ‘Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.’ 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, ‘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?’ 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 two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, ‘Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.’ Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. ‘He saved others,’ they said ‘let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.’ The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ Above him there was an inscription ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ One of the criminals hanging there abused him. ‘Are you not the Christ?’ he said. ‘Save yourself and us as well.’ But the other spoke up and rebuked him. ‘Have you no fear of God at all?’ he said. ‘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,’ he said ‘remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ‘Indeed, I promise you,’ he replied ‘today you will be with me in paradise.’ 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, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ 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, ‘This was a great and good man.’ 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.

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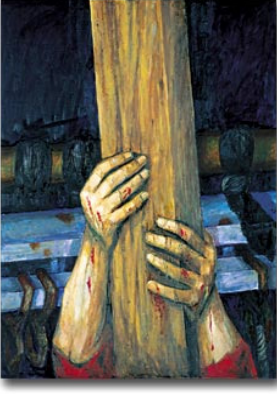


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PALM SUNDAY  
Year C



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice  
1PM Every second  
and fourth Monday

Easter Choir  
Practice Monday  
14th April 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30  
am Fridays after  
Mass

Wrap with Love  
WEDNESDAY 30th  
April  
1-3pm CMR

Craft Group 10am  
Thursdays Church  
Meeting Room

ADORATION  
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB  
Thursdays after  
9am Mass  
Venue: Corrigan’s  
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UNDERSTANDING!

In our lives most of us have had the experience of knowing the next day was going to bring something we were fearful of or didn’t want in our life- perhaps surgery, a scan report or a court case; or maybe you were facing another day of feeling depressed and anxious. **Have you ever felt darkness engulf you so that you cannot see a way forward?** I witnessed the latter when visiting young men and women with a diagnosis of HIV. It is hard to see a person in a foetal position filled with such dread and fear.

No doubt this was something of the experience of Jesus as he rode the donkey to the uncomprehending cheers of the crowd. **Perhaps Jesus searched the faces looking for someone who may understand what was ahead of him.** In the play ‘*A Man for All Seasons*’ Thomas More in the Tower Prison with his wife Alice and daughter Meg tries to comfort them but finds he is not getting anywhere fast. Finally Thomas says to Alice; ‘If you tell me you understand, I think I can make a good death if I have to.’

Mother Hilda Scott osb says: ‘We can face so very much when there is understanding either within ourselves or without. Jesus had this ‘inner understanding’ ...it was ingrained in him. He knew himself to be held in the loving memory of his Father. All his life had been an experience of trusting and seeking the Father in everything that happened to him. So as he faced this awful experience of his journey to death by crucifixion the Father was present to him ... now in the dark , he chose his Father’s will **‘My food,’ he said, ‘ is to do the will of my Father’** [Jn 4:34] [taken from: ‘Remember’, Lenten Programme, pg61].

Thomas More in speaking to Meg tells her he will not mistrust God even though He felt himself weakening and on the verge of becoming over come with fear. His advice to Meg is: ‘Do not be troubled over anything ...nothing can come but what God wills. And I am very sure that whatever that be, however bad it may seem, it shall indeed be the best.’

As we face this final week – Holy Week – Mother Hilda Scott encourages us to say this simple prayer; **‘Your will nothing more, nothing less, nothing else’** and then during the day say it again as your life unfolds. After a while it will grow in you and you will find you will be able to embrace the little and big challenges in your life. You will come to know that you, too, are eternally in the memory of God’. [‘Remembering’ p61]

May we have the same mind of Jesus Christ!

Marie Weatherall



**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Monday 14th:—Sunday 20th April**

**Monday 14th:** NO MASS

**Tuesday 15th:** Mass 5pm

**Wednesday 16th:** Mass 9am

**Holy Thursday 17th:** Mass 6pm

NO MORNING MASS

**Good Friday 18th:** Stations of the Cross 10am followed by Reconciliation  
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 3pm  
Followed by Reconciliation

**Easter Saturday 19th:** Mass 6pm

**Easter Sunday 20th:** Mass 9am

**ROSTERS**

**12/13 APRIL PALM**

**SUNDAY**

**Cleaning**

14-18 R & K Ison

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer P Jobs

Commentator:

J O’Sullivan

Reader:J Mackay

Eucharistic Ministers

K Lovering

Computer Screen

K Conway

**Passion Narrator:**

**P O’Kelly**

**Others: S Ebejer**

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer M deSmet

Commentator . L Page

Reader: D Herring

Eucharistic Ministers

K Corbin, J Whiteford

Computer Screen

T Priest

**Passion Narrator:**

**M Lowe**

**Others: C Lowe**

**MORNING TEA:**

M Vidovic/Zdenka

**COUNTERS:**

Jackson/Evenden

**19/20 APRIL EASTER**

**Cleaning**

21-25 Favetta,O’Neill,

Nugent

**6.00PM MASS**

Welcomer B Oerder:

Commentator: P.

O’Kelly

Old Testament;

J O’Sullivan, M O’Neill,

P Nolan, D Herring

Epistle: J Mackay

Eucharistic Ministers

N Buick, J McCarthy

Computer Screen

T Jackson

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer M Britt

Commentator B Basevi

Reader:. P Fleming

Eucharistic Ministers

N Page, L Page

Computer Screen .T Jones

**MORNING TEA:**

N Beatty

**COUNTERS:**

M & C Lowe

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**Holy Week Ceremonies**

**Holy Thursday 17th April 6.00pm**

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross 18th April 10.00am**

**Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 18th April 3.00pm**

**Easter Vigil 19th April 6.00pm**

**Easter Sunday 20th April 9.00am**



**Holy Week**

**Funerals in the Parish**

Mrs Margaret Priest

11am Wednesday 16th April

Broulee Crematorium

**CHRISM MASS** – Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 14 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher’s Cathedral, Forrest for this most beautiful Holy Week Mass. It is in this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

**REFLECTION by Nick Brodie**

‘On Calvary,’ Pope Francis observes, ‘two ways of thinking collided.’

On one side was rampant self-centredness. We see this in what the crowd says to Jesus. Three times he is told to *save himself*. The leaders, the soldiers and a criminal all think in terms of what Jesus should do for *himself*. Their way of thinking is entirely based on individual gain.

The Pope invites us to think about this: ‘Save yourself. Take care of yourself. Think of yourself. Not of others, but only of your own well-being, your own success, your own interests: your possessions, your power, your image. *Save yourself*. This is the constant refrain of the world that crucified the Lord.’

But this way of thinking is defeated by another way – God’s way.

On the Cross, as the Pope puts it, we see ‘the Saviour who *offers his self*.’ Indeed, as the Pope underlines, even while in agony on the Cross ‘Jesus himself obeyed the most demanding of his commandments: that we love our enemies.’

As we begin Holy Week, we pray for the grace to give up the selfish mindset of the crowd so that we can follow the selfless way of the Cross.

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This Lent, we shared the powerful stories of three remarkable individuals who have overcome immense challenges. Thanks to the kindness of supporters like you, their lives - and the lives of those around them - have been transformed. Thanks to the support of your parish community, your generosity will create waves of change around the world. *But the work isn’t done yet*. There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.

Envelopes available for donations or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Please return boxes from Holy Thursday onwards**

Each year on Good Friday the Catholic Church in Australia takes a special collection in support of the Holy Land Commissariat under the care of the Franciscans.

As this year is particularly painful in the Holy Land due to increased violence, and as many of our parishioners have walked on the land Jesus where Jesus walked, I urge you to support this important collection.

Of the \$1,534,519.59 raised in Australia last Good Friday, our Archdiocese contributed \$43,809.55. Please consider helping us raise above last year’s generous response.

**Thank you for your support.**

**Remembering the Sick:**

Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O’Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O’Neill, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes.

**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O’Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O’Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel

**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our

brother, and the flame  
of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your  
Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of  
the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos, in  
the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when,  
with the powers of Evil  
vanquished, your glory will shine  
eternally.

May the grace of the  
Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of  
Hope,

a yearning for the treasures of  
heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our  
Redeemer

throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

**Amen**

Pope Francis Monthly  
Prayer Intentions

**APRIL**

**For the use of the new  
technologies**

Let us pray that the use  
of the new technologies  
will not replace human  
relationships, will  
respect the dignity of the  
person, and will help us  
face the crises of our  
times.



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