

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

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26:14-27:66

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.



Parish Bulletin

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

2/3 April 2023

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Have a Happy & Blessed



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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Mt 21:9

Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Liturgy of the Word

GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS
Matthew 21:1-11

FIRST READING
Isaiah 50:4-7

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.

PSALM 21:8-9,17-20,23-24
R: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl up 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**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and feet, I can count every one of my bones. **R**

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**

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
Philippians 2:6-11

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.

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Angela Girolamo – Thursday

Sacristan

Weekdays: Michael Pierce

Sundays: Terence Yeow

& Roger Worth

Mass Times

Sunday 9:30 am

Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm

Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph's Primary School

Principal - Adrian Grbin

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Vinnies Assistance Hotline

1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters for 8/9 April 2023 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6:30pm Easter Vigil	Jim Litchfield Sandy Mazzarolo Christabel Anne Asha Jessie Yesudas Pandian Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Edward Konieczny <i>Please See Rosters</i>
Children's Liturgy	Holidays
Count team	Paul Halliwell Paul Roocke Danielle Roocke Denise Rutt
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit, Christina Wong, Sarita Ingham and volunteers
ALL OTHER SERVICES OVER EASTER TO BE AS PER THE VOLUNTEER SHEETS.	
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	25/26 MARCH
First Collection	\$515.35
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$468.00
Open Plate	\$272.90
TOTAL	\$1256.25

Easter Liturgies 2023	
Thursday 6th April	7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper Private adoration until 10:00pm
Friday 7th April	11:00am Stations of the Cross 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 8th April	6:30pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 9th April	9:30am Mass of the Resurrection
Confessions	
Tuesday 4th April	8:30am & 9:45am
Wednesday 5th April	8.30am & 9.45am



Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and
all the deceased relatives and
friends of our Parishioners.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary of death:

Eiril J. Labrooy
Frances & Thomas Redden

*Eternal rest grant to them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them; present them
to God the Most High.*

Sick:

We pray for the sick and
housebound of our Parish
and our relatives and friends
who are unwell.

Ministry of Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

St. Joseph's church Tranmere is
committed to pay special attention to
our parishioners. The faithful who are
ill or housebound are deprived of their
rightful and accustomed place in the
Eucharistic community.

In bringing communion to them the
Minister of Communion represents
Christ and manifests faith and charity
on behalf of the whole community
toward those who cannot be present
at the Eucharist. For the sick the
reception of communion is not only a
privilege but also a sign of support
and concern shown by the Catholic
community for its members who are ill
or housebound. If the sick wish to
celebrate the sacrament of penance,
encourage them or the family to be in
contact with the parish priest.

If you are feeling comfort in asking
this assistance from the Parish Priest
or anyone from the parish, please let
the Parish office know your interest.



Palm Sunday



ON PALM SUNDAY EVERYBODY CHEERED FOR JESUS, BUT A FEW DAYS LATER THEY SHOUTED AT HIM AS HE WAS LED TO HIS DEATH. WE MUST BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS WHEN IT'S EASY AND EVERYONE AROUND US IS, AND WE MUST ALSO BE FAITHFUL WHEN IT'S REALLY HARD AND EVERYONE ELSE IS AGAINST HIM.

T A H B I C S D I E S F M G Y H B I L J
O K O L D M O N F O T P H Q E R N S
E T W U C W O X V Y E Z N A A B N C T
D W E H F I G C H H I W J I K L L L M
B N E O S P H Q E R D S F T O U R V
M W A X N Y Y Z



Use every second letter to fill in the blanks.

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Answer to Puzzle on Front: This is my blood of the New Covenant which will be shed for many.

Announcements



HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality, the reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.



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 the Project Compassion appeal. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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.



Archdiocese Events

CHRISM MASS

We welcome all to celebrate Mass of the Oils on Monday April 3 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm. Please note NO onsite car parking will be available. If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact the Events Office on P: 8210 8220.

Marian Procession

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 21 beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade Ground on King William Rd) processing up King William St into Victoria Square. This year, we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation in line with the 2023 World Youth Day theme. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. Unless there is a severe weather warning the procession will take place, however it will conclude in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral rather than Victoria Square. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on P: 8210 8220.

Mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government Although the mandates have been lifted, we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.

Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety