

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
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GOSPEL

John 12:20-30

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord

**BACKGROUND ON
THE GOSPEL READING**

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Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE
EASTER RAFFLE
16/17 MARCH**

CWL will run a raffle at both Masses on weekend of 16/17 March. Proceeds will go to St Vincent de Paul. \$1 per Ticket. We look forward to your support!

WORKING BEE

In preparation for Easter, a working bee will be held on **Saturday 23rd March** to tidy the gardens and surrounds. Start time **9am**. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.



Parish Bulletin

5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

16/17 March 2024

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.



'THE HOUR HAS COME.'

Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be a source of new life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self-sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15

Response:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervor sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Knights of the Southern Cross will be having Sausage Sizzle after 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 24th March**. We appreciate your support.



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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

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Rosters—23/24 Mar 2024 Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Fil Ciano Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Henry D’Assumpcao Stephanie Roach
Children’s Liturgy	Suanne Woldt Anne Dudzinski
Count team	Paul Halliwell Denise Rutt Paul Roocke Danielle Roocke
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	
SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	9/10 Mar 2024
Planned Giving	\$388.00
Open Plate	\$462.35
PARISH TOTAL	\$850.35



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
16 & 17 March**

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.

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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



**Please remember
in your prayers**
We pray for those listed and
all the deceased relatives and friends of
our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:
*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.*

**If you know of sick or elderly parishioners
who are house-bound or in care and would
appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a
message with the parish office.**



Pope Francis @pontifex
God seeks the humble who
hope in Him, not in
themselves and their own
plans. Christian humility is not
simply one virtue among others.
It is the basic disposition of life. We
believe we are in need of God and make
room for Him, putting all our trust in Him.



PARISH NOTICES

Easter Preparation

The Liturgy Committee is happy to have some volunteers to assist in the sacristy for Easter preparation on Friday 22nd March 2024 morning after the Stations of the Cross. Please come and join with us.

Volunteers for Holy Week / Easter Masses

If you are available and wish to participate in a specific role, kindly fill up the roster sheet at the entrance of the church. Your support is appreciated.

Lent Season

**Stations of the Cross for this Friday 22nd March
After Morning Mass & At Night 7:00pm**

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Easter Good Friday at The Monastery – Volunteers Needed

If you would like to offer your time on Good Friday to lead small groups in prayer around the Sacred Garden or assist with parking on our oval, please contact our office on 8338 8700 or E: officead-min@themonastery.net.au

Sunday Night Choir – April 7 at 7:15 pm

We welcome anyone who is passionate about music and loves to sing with others. There will be songs in four-part harmony so an ability to read music notation is beneficial. Rehearsals are on the first Sunday of every month, starting at 7.15pm in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall (free car parking available). Contact Lauren Bierer lbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8107 for more info or see [HERE](#).

Lefevre Catholic Community - Retreat Day for Carers

The Lefevre Catholic Community will offer a **Retreat Day for Carers on Saturday April 6**. The retreat will be held in our parish meeting rooms from 10am to 4pm. The Retreat Day will be led by Fr Roderick and Sr Marie. Participants are welcome to come for all or part of the time. The parish can provide lunch (up to 20 participants) but for this, please register with Fr Roderick. If participants have a special diet, they should bring their own lunch. Registration is needed for lunch, but not for participating without lunch. Registration and inquiries to Fr Roderick, 8449 6378

Chrism Mass

We welcome all to celebrate Mass of the Oils on **Monday March 25** in 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 8210 8220.

HOLY WEEK 2024

HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday
24th March 9:30am**

Thursday 28th March
7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper
Private adoration until 10:00pm

Friday 29th March
11:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Saturday 30th March

6:30pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 31st March
9:30am Mass of the Resurrection

Confessions

Tuesday 26th March
8:30am & 9:45am

Wednesday 27th March
8:30am & 9:45am



The Kids' Bulletin

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17th, 2024**



In today's
Gospel reading
Jesus says,
"Unless a grain
of wheat falls
to the ground
and dies, it
remains alone;
but if it dies, it
bears much
fruit."

Can you find
your way from
this grain of
wheat to the
new seeds at
the top?

*Unless a grain
falls to the ground and dies...*



Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.



Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

Are you ready to be a saint?

Answer to Word Find:
Salvation.

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