

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

Mark 14:1-15:47

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

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

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.



In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

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Parish Bulletin

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B 23/24 March 2024



'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.

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

Isaiah 50:4-7

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Response:

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

Philippians 2:6-11

He humble 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

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

Rosters—30/31 Mar 2024 Sunday of the Resurrection	
Time	Commentator/Readers
7.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Sandy Mazzarolo Giulia Giuliani Christopher Wong Jim Litchfield
9:30am	Alan Tyson Aloysius Achusiogu Evangelin Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
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	

Let's pray together

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:
Angela Perilli
Mary Smith

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



Let us ask the Lord to help us grow in the virtue of prudence so that, amid the storms and winds that buffet our lives, we may remain anchored in Christ, our cornerstone.

SADLY DEMISE OF ANGELA PERILLI

Sadly Angela Perilli passed away on Thursday afternoon. The Funeral will be held on Monday 25th March 2024 at 12:30pm in Annunciation Church Hectorville. Angela had been our Parish Finance Secretary for many years. We will dearly miss her. We pray for her departed soul. May her soul rest in peace.

Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 23 & 24 March



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Please donate to Project Compassion
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.

PARISH NOTICES

Thanks to the Volunteers, Working Bees
We would like to express our sincere thanks to the volunteers who assisted in preparing the sacristy on Friday morning, and the Working Bees who helped tidy the gardens and surrounds on Saturday morning. May God bless you all!

Volunteers for Holy Week / Easter Masses
Thank you to all who has volunteered to participate in the Easter Masses for Holy Week. The Easter Roster has been confirmed and posted on the notice board at each entrance of the church.

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: officeadmin@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

Adult Confirmation
There will be an opportunity for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been baptised but not yet confirmed. This celebration will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday July 20. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be the celebrant. For further information and to register for Adult Confirmation, contact the Office for Worship P: 8210 8130, or Orla Wright P: 8210 8166.

HOLY WEEK 2024

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

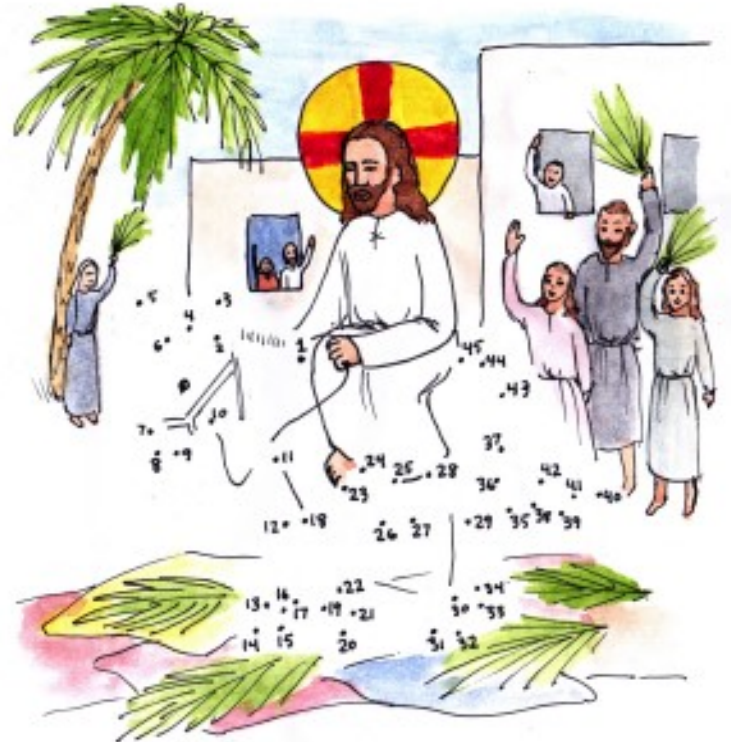
Tuesday 26th March 8:30am & 9:45am

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



The Kids' Bulletin

*Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday
March 24th, 2024*




A few days before He died on the Cross, Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times. What was it? Connect the dots to find out!

Holy Week

This is a very special week. On Thursday we celebrate the day that Jesus ate the Last Supper with His apostles. This was the first Mass, when He gave His Body and Blood to them in what still looked like bread and wine. He also made them priests by giving them the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood to offer them to the Father.

On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord. He was beaten and made fun of, and had to carry the heavy cross. Then He was nailed to the cross, where He hung for hours before He gave up His life to God for us.

On Holy Saturday we remember the day that Mary and the apostles and Jesus' other friends were very sad and upset by what had happened. Their best friend and leader had just been killed! Do you think they knew what was about to happen on Easter Sunday?



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