

## 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

Matthew 26:14-27:66

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

## 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.

## Good Friday Night Walk

Young people and families are warmly invited to join an evening pilgrimage walk through the heart of the city. As we journey together into the stillness of the night, we will pause to reflect on the significance of this sacred day and create space for hope, even in moments of darkness.

**Date:** Friday 3 April 2026

**Time:** 7:30pm start until late (approx. 11:30pm)

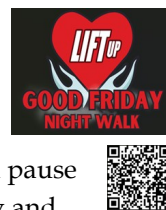
**Location:** Beginning at Mary MacKillop Plaza (next to St Francis Xavier Cathedral) and concluding at St Francis Xavier Cathedral

**Walking Distance:** Approximately 6–6.5km

**What to Expect:** Three moments of contemporary prayer, reflection, and worship—at the beginning, midpoint, and end of the pilgrimage.

**Free Registration using the QR Code or thru:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DIYHL>

Hosted by the **Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA)**, this all-ages pilgrimage weaves together prayer, scripture, music and reflective moments inspired by the faith and leadership of young people across the Archdiocese. We invite everyone— young people, families, and the wider community—to step into this shared journey. Together, we will honour the solemn beauty of Good Friday, lift up the voices and presence of our young people, and deepen our reflection on the mystery and hope of Easter.



# Parish Bulletin

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A**

**28 / 29 March 2026**

## 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  
wearer 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**

**SECOND READING**

*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.

**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**

**Philippians 2:6-11**

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**

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

## 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.

*Holy Week*  
— 2026 Mass Times —  
St Joseph's Parish Tranmere

**Palm Sunday 29th March**  
9.30am Mass

**Holy Thursday 2nd April**  
6.30pm Mass of the Last Supper  
Private adoration until midnight  
(No Morning Mass)

**Good Friday 3rd April**  
11.00am Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday 4th April**  
6.30pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday 5th April**  
9.30am Mass of the Resurrection

**Confessions on Tuesday 31st March**  
8.30am & 9.45am

**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
Tranmere Parish

**Parish Priest**  
Fr Janeesh Jose CMI  
parishpriest@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

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Fr Benny Lawrance SdM

**Parish Secretary**  
Pat Kwok – Tue to Fri  
info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

**Finance Officer**  
Christine Sullivan—Mon, Tue  
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**Sacristan**  
Sundays: Terence Yeow & Roger Worth

**Parish Office Hours**  
Tue to Fri 9:30am – 12:30pm  
Ph: (08) 8431 6932  
info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

**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  
Ph: 8217 8300

**Knights of the Southern Cross**

Michael Boyle Ph: 8337 3270

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Chair – Alan Tyson Ph: 0412 389 875

**Parish Finance Council**

Chair— Brendan Moran

**Safeguarding Contact Person**

Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

**Vinnies Assistance Hotline**

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

ROSTERS 4/5 Apr 2026 Sunday of the Resurrection	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Please refer to the Easter Roster
9:30am	Please refer to the Easter Roster
Children's Liturgy	Antonetta Bartley Charlotte Bartley
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Sandra Librandi Shane Foley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Francesca Ciancio 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	



**Palm Sunday**  
28–29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.



**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

**Or online at:**

[www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



**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:  
**Isidro Escobar**  
**Mima & Sinisia Stojanovic**

Death Anniversary:  
**Elidia Pietrobon**

*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*

**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.**

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	21/22 Mar 2026
Open Plate	\$482.65
Planned Giving	\$318.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$800.65</b>
<b>Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund</b>	<b>\$726.55</b>

**SPECIAL APPEAL GOOD FRIDAY**

**3 April 2026**

Holy Places Appeal

**Emergency Evacuation Diagrams** are installed at the following locations of the church. We encourage everyone to take a moment to familiarize themselves. Your awareness helps maintain a safe environment for all.

**East Entrance Foyer**  
**West Entrance Foyer**  
**Front Entrance (right-hand side)**  
**Sunday School Area (back door)**  
**Sacristy**

**CHRISM MASS**  
**St Francis Xavier's Cathedral**

Monday 30th Mar 2026, 6.00pm

This Mass celebrate the blessing of holy oils used for sacraments throughout the year.  
All are welcome.

**ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS**

**UNITED PUBLIC ROSARY - HOLY SATURDAY (FIRST SATURDAY)**

8.40am Saturday April 4, 2026

For the only time this year, the Legion of Mary Public Rosary and the Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade will unite in one powerful public witness of prayer. On Holy Saturday, as the Church reflects on Christ's saving sacrifice, join us in honouring Our Lady and praying the Rosary together in solidarity for peace, conversion, and the salvation of souls.

♀ Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent St Francis Xavier's Cathedral)

🕒 Rosary begins at 8.40am

👤 All welcome – families, men, women, and children

Let us come together in faith and reparation on this sacred day.

**Enquiries:**

Legion of Mary – Patrick Greenrod: 0414 769 635

Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade – Instagram @adelaidemensrosary or text 0419 824 582

**Lenten Reflections 2026 'Spiritual experience today'**

Hallett Cove Catholic Church: 7pm, Monday March 30.

Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria Street, Mile End: 10am Wednesday April 1.

Presenter: Kevin Liston, SA Catholics for an Evolving Church (SACEC)

For more information and to register for handout E: [Kevin.liston1@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.liston1@gmail.com) or P: 0411 197 829.

**Divine Mercy Sunday Feast**

Dear brethren in our Lord Jesus Christ, You, your family and friends are invited to join us to celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday feast as Jesus requested, on Sunday April 12 2026, (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 14 Barker Rd Prospect. Time: 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm. For Divine Mercy materials, please contact Divine Mercy Publications in Melbourne.

\* Don't forget to bring your rosary beads, prayer cards, books, etc, so Fr can bless them.

\* Please take a flyer or three from the cathedral entrances and spread the good news.

\* Car parking available.

ENQUIRIES: Mario Forte 0412 700 300; Lothar Bukojemski 0422 982 860; Julie Caridi 0422 982 851.

**Marist Brothers Alberton - 100th Anniversary**

The Marist Brothers are celebrating 100 years since their move from Port Adelaide to Alberton. 1926 - 2026: A century of faith, education and community spirit. Friends and Old Scholars are invited to join us. The invitation is also extended in a particular way to Old Scholars of Mount Carmel Girls School, whose shared history and close association forms an important part of this story. The date: Tuesday 2 June 2026. The Venue: Alberton Hotel - 124 Port Road, Alberton. At 12 noon.

**A Bible Study Tour and Pilgrimage to Places that St Paul Visited**

After this Christmas 2026 and into January 2027, from 30 December to 17 January, Fr Michael Trainor is hosting a study tour and pilgrimage to Greece (including Crete) and Turkey, to places that St Paul visited. The tour will soak in these ancient sites while exposing you to St Paul, the letters he wrote and the reason he was so influential to the first generations of Jesus followers. For more information or to register your interest (without obligation), please email him at [blstadelade@gmail.com](mailto:blstadelade@gmail.com).

**Life FM's Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul, Tour October 2026**

Join Liam from Life FM's breakfast show, *Bec and Liam*, for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the very sites St Paul walked during his ministry, including Corinth, Mars Hill, Philippi and Thessaloniki. You'll also cruise into Ephesus and visit the home where the Virgin Mary lived her final years, as well as cruise to Patmos, where you'll visit the Cave of the Apocalypse and be able to stand where St John stood. You'll also make stops in Santorini and Mykonos. This tour includes air fares, a three-night cruise, transport, accommodation and most meals, and also in part supports Life FM in its fundraising to grow in its mission to positively influence listeners across Adelaide through the Gospel.

**The Kids' Bulletin**

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

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**Holy Week**

Did you know that this week is the most important one in the whole year? Holy Week has Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On these days we remember and celebrate the most important things that Jesus did before His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday Jesus said the first Mass and made his apostles the first priests. Go to Mass on Thursday if you can, and think about what Jesus did- He made bread and wine into Himself so that He could still be with us after He went back into Heaven.

On Good Friday Jesus suffered terribly and then died on the cross because of our sins. He offered up His life, even though He had never sinned, so that all of us could go to Heaven. That's why we call it "Good" Friday. Can you offer some sacrifice to Jesus in return for what He did for you?

On Holy Saturday Jesus' body was in the tomb. His friends were all shocked by what had happened and were afraid and sad. They did not remember what was going to happen next... Do you remember what happened after Holy Saturday?



Answer to Puzzle on Front: This is my blood of the New Covenant which will be shed for many. Answer to Word-Find: He died for sinners.