

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Mark 11: 1-10

¹ When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them,

'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately".'

And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?'

And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go.

And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'



FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet 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.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R./ My God, my God,
why have You abandoned me?*

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the 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.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*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

**Please refer to yellow sheets for
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

Please return Palm Sunday booklets to the boxes provided on the trolleys.



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year B

Youth Sunday Observance

27th / 28th March, 2021

*God our Father,
You sent Your only Son into the world,
so that the world might be saved
from sin and death.*

*Through His Passion and death,
may we come to share
eternal life in His kingdom.*

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



FOCUS ON THE WORD Mark's Gospel provides us with the first written account of the Passion and provides the basic shape for the other evangelists to follow. What is distinctive in Mark's interpretation is the emphasis given to Jesus' suffering and sense of abandonment. Mark's account expresses what Paul describes in his letter to the Philippians, the full self-emptying of Jesus in death. For Mark, Jesus' passion is also about his disciples and their failure. The only disciple who is commended is the woman who anoints Jesus. Peter fails, in spite of his profession to remain faithful. The disciples all sleep during Jesus' distress in Gethsemane, then they all desert him. During Jesus' trial, when asked if he is the Christ, Jesus replies to his accusers, 'I am.' This declaration is the Greek equivalent of Israel's name of God, YHWH – I AM. Simultaneously Peter is denying his identity as a disciple. In Mark there are no male disciples at the cross, just some women who keep watch. Mark depicts a Jesus who also experiences suffering, anguish, the sense of abandonment by God and even death. Jesus, in Mark's gospel, is no super-hero, but a vulnerable human being, victim to the power of the Empire, the dismay of human friends who abandon him in his hour of need, and even the apparent silence of God. The good news is that in spite of God's apparent absence on Friday, God does keep faith with Jesus, and Jesus keeps faith with disciples, even disciples who fail. In fact, in Mark, it seems that failure is one of the necessary credentials for being a disciple. © Mary Coloe

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thurs 1st April Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) 8pm
Fri 2nd April Good Friday, The Passion of the Lord. Mass 3pm
Sat 3rd April Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) Mass 8pm



I have come that you may have life and have it to the full
(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 7.00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

BAPTISMS:
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

PALM SUNDAY – Year B

27th / 28th March, 2021 -Youth Sunday Observance
YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently

Rory Judit Enciso



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Adam Brown, Giovanni Cavarra, Troy Chapman, Ronald Gallenti Janina James, Robert (Bob) Lisle, Giovanni Costanzo.

The sick:, Peter Thomas, Wilma Neville, Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hartley, Cosimo Petracca, Catherine Turner, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Clive Geach.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS The Stations of the Cross will be recited **at 10.00am on Good Friday** Morning in the Church .All welcome.

WEEKDAY ROSARY is held on Wednesdays, Thursdays at 8.45am and Fridays during lent, prior to the Stations of the Cross at 10am in the church. All are welcome to join in the recitation.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE
Date: *first Saturday each month; 10.30a.m.*
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: is on Thursdays between 10am and 12.00pm in the Parish Hall. Ladies and Gentlemen welcome anytime to have a chat, play cards or knit. New members welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet on Tuesday Mornings at **10.15 am** in the Parish Hall. Join us for prayer, praise and worship. All welcome. Enquires: Barbara 9753 9149 or Maree 9758 6585

MOTHERS' PRAYERS. Meets in the Parish Office Meeting Room on Tuesday morning at **9am**. If you would like to join us, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees

IMPORTANT! CHANGE TO LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE. Owing a clash with the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday 30th of March, we have had to change the date for our Parish Reconciliation, **The is no Mass on Tuesday Night.** There will be **Mass at 9.15am Wednesday 31st March, followed by Individual Reconciliation,** and Fr Thomas, will also offer **Individual Reconciliation at 7pm, on Wednesday evening.** Sorry for any inconvenience caused by the changes.

HOLY WEEK MASSES Holy Mass attendance will be FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. We are able to have only 220 in the church because of the covid19 restrictions. We ask all parishioners to please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass, to allow time for registration using the **QR Code** on your smart phone. This will help us to begin the Masses on time. Although face masks are not mandatory, we ask that you **please wear a mask**, for added protection at the Holy Week Masses.

YOUTH SUNDAY OBSERVANCE Pope Francis reminds us that young people '*are the now of God*'. They are also the 'here and now of the Church' and hold a vital place in our community. If you are a youth or young adult group leader, we would love to connect with you. **The Ministry Hub** is a new initiative that seeks to support youth and young adult leaders at the local level, connecting them with other ministry leaders in Melbourne and providing ongoing opportunities for training and formation. If you currently lead a youth or young adult group or are looking to build youth ministry in your community, please contact Justine at justine.cumbo@cam.org.au.

RETURN PROJECT COMPASSION Please remember to bring your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for collection at Holy Thursday's 'Mass of the Lord's Supper'. **If at all possible, please return them earlier.**

Important Update from Caritas: This week we have experienced some difficult challenges in the field. Cox's Bazar, the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh and home to both Jamila and Halima who you will remember from Week 1 and 5 of Lent, experienced a devastating fire which burned down the homes of 45,000 of the camp's residents. Both Jamila and Halima's homes have not been impacted by the fire, however Caritas is working to assist those who have lost all of their material possessions. Your donations are vital to assist in our on-going work.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Envelopes will be available on Good Friday from the trolleys in the Church.

REMINDER Daylight savings will end next **Sunday, 4th April. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.**



THE 2021 COMBINED CATHOLIC CHURCHES PARISH RAFFLE IS BACK!! Tickets are now on sale. Please buy a ticket or maybe take a book home with you to sell to friends and family. We thank all parishioners for your support.

SLAVERY-FREE EASTER CHOCOLATE In 2015, Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act." Cocoa is a key ingredient of chocolate. Much of the chocolate sold in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions. The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. Please when purchasing, look for any of the three certification symbols below on the wrappers: **FAIRTRADE**, **Rainforest Alliance** and **UTZ**. For more Information, please see the website: <https://acrath.org.au/slaveryfree-easter>

CALLING ALL SINGERS/MUSCIANS We need you! Please, join us in the **singing or accompanying** at Mass Contact Maree on Ph 9758 1029.

ROSTERS: Mon 29th Mar to Sun 4th April	
Flowers	Margaret H
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6pm: Help Needed please 9am: Help Needed please 11am: Help Needed please
Lectors	6pm: Rosina L 9am: Caroline Q & Gordon V 11am: Trish Mc G
Counters	George & Genevieve, Bindu, Steph
Gardening	Patrick S & Harry R