

**LUKE'S GOSPEL COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**  
Lk 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it."' So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**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 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 READING**

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS  
CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE**  
22:14-23:56

**(Please refer to separate booklet)**

Please return Passion (Palm) Sunday booklets to the trolleys at the church doors.



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**Palm Sunday– Year C**

**9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

*Merciful God,  
through the death of Jesus  
You forgive us all our sins.  
Let us never forget the cross  
because it is the sign of how much  
You love us.*



*We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**FOCUS ON THE WORD:** Today we read the passion narrative from the Gospel of St Luke. It is not by any means for the faint hearted. Even if it is familiar to us, we should try to remember how extraordinary it is. After so many centuries of cruelty, crucifixion still ranks as one of the most appalling things people have ever thought to do to their fellow humans. Yet this was how God chose to show the depth of his love. God was prepared to go to any lengths for us. The letter to the Philippians says that Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. Why? The only possible explanation is love. Anyone who has loved another knows that it will inevitably bring a share of suffering. Jesus walks alongside all who suffer. He shares their cross as they share his. The fact that crucifixion was so common in the Roman world should also make us pause for a moment. Jesus lived and died in a world in which people were routinely degraded. He met plenty of them in his travels, people cast by the wayside, and helped many. For those without power, life was fragile, even cheap. Has much changed? Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia has invited us to share the work of Project Compassion. The stories we have encountered remind us that the world is still an uneven field. Project Compassion invites us to respond in love to free people in captivity to very challenging circumstances. It invites us in a small way to carry the cross, to live in hope of the Resurrection.

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN:** The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)

**FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE** Tell three people about the importance of buying only slavery-free chocolate this Easter and beyond. Try some and tell them how good it tastes. Look for this symbol:



*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

**GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2pm**

**WILLOWBROOK MASS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm**

**RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm**

**BAPTISMS:** Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – Yr C**  
**9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently*

Terry Potter

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Giuseppe Feleppa, Matteo Parente, Estrella Zamora, Priscilla Ralph, Francis Thomas, Lynda Kelly, Peter Ward, Catherine Lizza, Brian Russell, Giovanni Cavarra

**The sick:** Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircos, Peter Thomas, Wilma Neville, Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hartley, 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.

**ROSARY** is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation

**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**

Date: *first Saturday each month at 10.30a.m.*  
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.  
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** The Stations of the Cross will be recited at 10.30am in the Church every Friday during Lent. All welcome.

**WALK FOR JUSTICE AND FREEDOM FOR REFUGEES** Sun 10<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm – 4.00pm State Library, Swanston Street [Refugee Advocacy Network Victoria](#). Meet the CAPSA community at the Walk for Justice and Freedom for Refugees in Melbourne! If you would like to meet together with members and supporters of CAPSA prior to the walk, we will be meeting prior to the walk at **1:00pm at the Treasury Gardens (specifically the north-west Spring Street corner, near Treasury Place – see coordinates here).**

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING** Meet in the Parish Hall on Thursdays between 10am to 1pm for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while. New friends welcomed.

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**



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**RCIA NEWS:** All are invited to the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, when our candidate Kathryn Camille will be welcomed into the Catholic Church. To help us Celebrate, **please bring a plate of finger food to share** in the hall after the Mass.

**PROJECT COMPASSION THANK YOU.** For your generosity, **Please remember to bring along your Project Compassion boxes and/or envelopes for collection at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper.** Or, You can donate through Project Compassion website <https://www.caritas.org.au/> or by calling 1800 024 413 **Thank you for your support of Project Compassion**

**SCHEDULE FOR THE LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK 2022**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April** – Palm Sunday 9am & 11am  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April** – : **NO MASS on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April** owing to the Chrism Mass at St Patricks.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April** – 9.15am Mass followed by Individual Reconciliation and 7.00pm Mass followed at 7.30pm by Individual Reconciliation

**Holy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(Please Note: No morning Mass on Holy Thursday)

**Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**  
**9.15am Ecumenical Walk** begins at St Thomas' UFTG followed by Stations of the Cross **10am** St John's.

**3pm Solemn Ceremonies**

**Holy Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – 8pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – 9am & 11am Masses

**The Chief Health Officer currently recommends masks to be worn indoors, and the Archdiocese reminds parishes that this is especially applicable to larger gatherings. Please wear a mask.**

**UPDATE – UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL**

Don Bosco Salesians throughout Poland continue to join forces to help the victims of the war. The on-going challenge is to prepare housing for refugees which are mostly women and children. Currently, they have housed over 1100 refugees in Salesian works throughout Poland, however this number is dynamic and changes daily. Community members working with the Salesians have also opened their doors to provide safe housing for Ukraine families. Less Polish Government Subsidy it will cost just over 500,000 a month to continue to provide assistance. Can you help? To make an online donation please click on the [Donate Today](#) button below. If you wish to contact us email [salmiss@salesians.org.au](mailto:salmiss@salesians.org.au) or phone: 9377 6060. Donations to this fund of \$2 and over for development projects are tax deductible

**NEW PATHS/NEW DIRECTIONS** a huge thank you to all the wonderful Parishioners who came to the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, at 2.30pm to plan for the future! We are so thankful for the generous donation of your time, talents, new ideas and suggestions. We will now collate all the information, and re-connect in May after the Easter Celebrations and holidays for ACTION!!

**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT** Thank you to all who attended the Retreat by Fr Gilbert Carlo SVD, we hope that you have been renewed and refreshed in your Lenten journey toward Easter.

**THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (Dandenong North)** invite you to 'the Nott' (The Notting Hill Hotel 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill) for a dose of inspiration, ideas and a hot meal. **"God and Beer"** draws on the truth, beauty and goodness of the Christian faith in the Catholic tradition. Presented by academic Angela Schumann, this talk will focus on William Shakespeare, considered by many the greatest writer of the English language. His plays are still performed and admired all over the world. Find out about the man behind the plays and how Catholicism, and in particular the Sacrament of Confession, had such a huge influence over his work. **COST: FREE!**, But **places limited, so please** Contact: John Smyth: [jtsmyth@gmail.com](mailto:jtsmyth@gmail.com) / 0406 747 123, to register.

**CCR & RE-GENERATION YOUTH PRESENT: Do you hunger for something more? Re-Generation** is excited to announce its next event: **'Be Filled: A night of food, faith and fellowship'**. Our culture promises love and happiness but often leaves us feeling empty and alone. We invite **young adults** to come and taste the food that truly satisfies: the eternal love of God. Be inspired by sound teaching, uplifting music and meaningful connections. An evening not to be missed! **Saturday April 30, 7pm-9pm Our Lady Help of Christians Hall, (entrance off Barkly Street) East Brunswick. Register now: [www.trvbooking.com/BYONZ](http://www.trvbooking.com/BYONZ)**

**ROSTERS: Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Apr to Sun 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

<b>Flowers</b>	Easter – Marg H
<b>Linen</b>	Laurel S
<b>Welcomers</b>	6pm: Wilma H & Myra N 9am: Terry S, Neil & Lorraine, Peter C 11am Priya H, Patrick S
<b>Lectors</b>	6pm: As per Easter Sign-up sheets 9am: As per Easter Sign-up sheets 11am: As per Easter Sign-up sheets
<b>Counters</b>	Tony B, Steph H, Connie B & Peter F
<b>Gardening</b>	Patrick S & Harry R, Roger K