

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B 27th - 28th March 2021

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: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2

R/ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

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. 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.

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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.

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Gospel: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (14:1-15:47) (Year B)

'In truth, this man was a son of God'.

Project Compassion Lenten Prayer

God of all peoples and nations,

as you accompany us on our Lenten journey,

May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity,

our almsgiving be an act of justice,

and our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.

Through living simply and loving generously,

may we care for our global family

and our common home, as we "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



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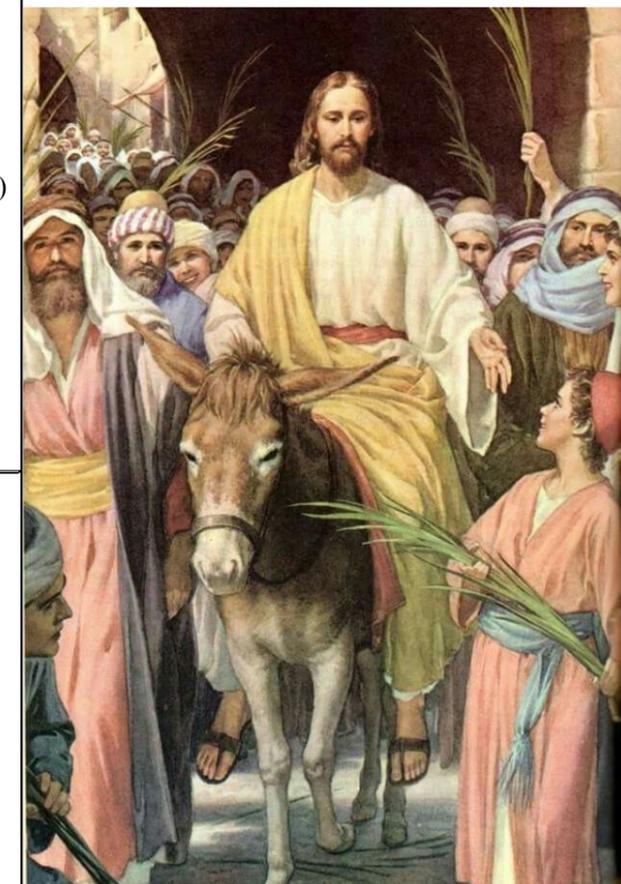
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Humility brings Peace

Today, having heard the Passion narrative there is no real necessity to retrace in great detail the events there described. But it is well to bear in mind that Christ was no stranger to hardship, privation and suffering, long before that final day of his life. "Being in the form of God," as St Paul says, from the moment he came on earth, Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming as human beings are (Phil 2:6f). He, the most high God, suffered the hardships of the poor, at times not even having a place to lay his head. He endured hunger and thirst, and after long days surrounded by crowds seeking a cure, he often spent whole nights at prayer in the hills. Despite his compassion for all who came to him, he met with hatred and rejection, in particular from Pharisees and priests, who planned to have him killed. How this rejection and hatred must have grieved him. King Lear knew "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is, to have a thankless child;" and how must Jesus have felt at being rejected by the people he had chosen, above all others.



So terrible was the inner struggle of Jesus as he faced his death, that in the garden his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. Another bitter pill was the knowledge that one of his own circle of twelve would betray him, that most of the others would leave him, and that even the loyal St Peter would repeatedly swear he had never met him. But most terrible of all was his feeling of being abandoned by God, his inner spirit shrouded in a darkness that reflected the murky darkness that enveloped Calvary as the end drew near. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

The features of that face so cruelly disfigured were those of the Son of God. The forehead streaming with blood, the hands and feet nailed to the Cross, the body lacerated with scourges, the side pierced with a lance, these were the forehead, the hands and feet, the sacred body, the side of the eternal Word, made visible in Jesus. Why such suffering? We can only say with Isaiah, "It was for our transgressions he was smitten, for our sins he was brought low. On him lay the punishment that brings us healing, through his wounds we are made whole" (53:5ff). God, our Father, grant that your Son's suffering for us may not be in vain.

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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of

the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after

9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Dates to Remember

Easter Mass Schedule

Monday 29th March: 7.30pm

Lenten Penitential Service

Thursday 1st April: Holy Thursday - 7.30pm

The Lord's Supper

Friday 2nd April: Good Friday

Reflection followed by Stations of the Cross - 10am

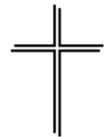
Passion of the Lord - 3pm

Saturday 3rd April: Easter Vigil

Mass at 7.30pm

Sunday 4th April: Easter Sunday

Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am & 6pm




**Sacred Heart Primary School
2021 Enrolments**

Enrolments for the 2021 school year are open as of Monday 1st March. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make. Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.



Welcome!
This weekend through Baptism we welcome
Marcus Luke Deleo and Donnie Broglio
into our Parish family

Last Week's Collection: 21/03/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$1106.00
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$430.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!




Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:
Visit <https://bit.ly/3dnjx9x>
where you can listen anytime!



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion. The initiative has raised more than \$500 million since it began in 1965 – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

For many, Project Compassion's iconic collection boxes have become a nostalgic part of their lives – a reminder around home, school, church and the community that it's time to support Caritas Australia's annual appeal.

Margaret Moriarty can't remember a time without a Project Compassion box in her house during Lent.

"Donating to poorer counties was very important to my mother and father. My children have grown up with the same iconic boxes in our home and my grandchildren are continuing the tradition," Margaret says.

Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, local partnerships have helped Caritas Australia to respond quickly to minimise the spread of the coronavirus.

This year, Caritas Australia has presented five stories from people striving to *'Be More'* – just a few stories amongst the millions of people who have been helped through Project Compassion.

We would like to thank generations of our supporters nationwide for their ongoing generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

Please donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

or by phoning 1800 024 413.

Palm Sunday Walk

Don't forget this wonderful annual ecumenical and community-wide march to demonstrate solidarity for all refugees around the world - The Palm Sunday Walk For Refugees in Melbourne, or in your local area.

Details of the event can be found via the Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk/>

Online Masses - St. Patrick's Cathedral

Live Streaming at:
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and
On Live TV on Channel 44 (31)

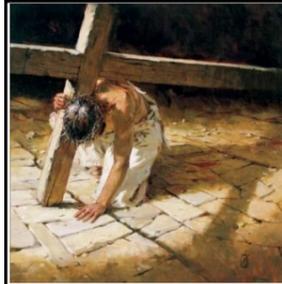
Monday- Friday: 1pm, Saturday: 8am, Sunday: 11am

Holy Week 2021 at St Patrick's Cathedral

- Palm Sunday (28 March), 11am
- Holy Thursday (1 April), 7.30pm
- Good Friday (2 April), 3pm
- Easter Vigil (3 April), 7.30pm
- Easter Sunday (4 April), 11am

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



Stations of the Cross: A Timeless Devotion

The Stations, or Way of the Cross, is one of the most identifiable devotional practices in Catholicism and can be traced back to early Christian pilgrims who would visit various sites in Jerusalem to reflect on Jesus Christ's suffering and death.

Over the years, there have been many artistic variations of the Stations of the Cross, with some of the most beautiful located here in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Earlier in Lent, *Melbourne Catholic* shared Part I of this timeless devotion, exploring the unique history and artistry of the Stations of the Cross. As we draw closer to Good Friday, we re-visit this time-honoured tradition and share more versions of the Stations from churches across the Archdiocese.

To view Part I of this timeless devotion please visit:

<https://bit.ly/3d3mGuO>

To view Part II please visit <https://bit.ly/3rr9d54>

Volunteers for Holy Week Masses 1st to 3rd April

Thank you to all readers and ministers who have signed up to volunteer their time during Holy Week Services. There will be a practice evening organised next week and all volunteers will be contacted to advise of the date and time and their roles for each mass.

Roster for weekend of 3 rd - 4 th April 2021	
	Readers
Saturday 6.00pm	To be confirmed
Sunday 9.00am (Italian)	Volunteers
Sunday 10.30am	To be confirmed
Sunday 6.00pm	To be confirmed

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Anthony, Peter Bourke, John Plum Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph, Ray Mc Veigh and Bronislawa Slobodzian

Those who have died recently
Vittoria Dromi

We Commemorate
John, Alfonso, Dino & Natalina Bernardini, Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin, Teresina & Valter De Stefani, Carlo, Duilio, Livio & Pasqua Trentin and all deceased members of the Ottaviano Bertonecello & Carlo Trentin families

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.




Aid to the Church in Need
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ACN AUSTRALIA As we approach the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones and supporting priests in need.

The Mass will be offered up for your intentions by priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support.

You can also send them a Mass card. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/ways-to-give/mass-offerings

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. Attend in the comfort of your own home or experience a residential weekend

Our **on-line weekend** gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times.

Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Couples from regional areas may find the virtual Weekend option ideal.

Next On-line weekend is on **30 April – 2 May 2021**.
Next Residential weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021**.

Information/Bookings
Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or
Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
Website: wwme.org.au

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 3rd April 2021

Pauline and Dale
Thank you for your help!

