

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year C

## 13th - 14th April 2019

### Procession Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethpage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on 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 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: 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 from insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So too, I have 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/ 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.

The Word of the Lord

### 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 Luke 22:14 – 23:56



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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) & Friday (Italian) after  
9.10am Mass

**Legion of Mary:** Thursday  
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

#### Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before  
Mass or by appointment

#### Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 13th - 14th April 2019, Year C

### Passion Sunday – From Palms to Cross

This final Sunday of Lent prepares us for the liturgies of the great three days about to be celebrated: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil culminating in celebration of the Risen Lord.

From the joyful processing and singing of 'Hosanna' at the beginning, to standing still to contemplate Jesus – the crucified, no other Liturgy in the year evokes our response in such diverse ways as today's.

Mass is preceded by the blessing of the palms followed by a re-enactment of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The gospel recalls Jesus' choice to ride on a donkey – a beast of burden. His entry into Jerusalem is of a humble Messiah, who, like the suffering servant proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah, would experience in his own person the degradation, abuse, betrayal and unjust deaths of many. Though acclaimed enthusiastically with palm branches and Hosannas, he comes in peace and contradicts popular expectations of a conquering military authority empowered by a retributive God.

The second highlight of today's liturgy is the proclamation of the Passion and we will feel sorrow and compassion for him in his physical agony, mental torment and the abusive and violent treatment he must endure.

In its own particular way this liturgy touches on the ebb and flow of life, the ups and downs, the joys and struggles that test our resolutions to be selfless and trusting like Jesus towards a loving and merciful Father and compassionate towards each other through trials and changes in our life circumstances.

So we hold our piece of palm, sing and demonstrate in our procession our willingness to follow Him. We come to a standstill at the Gospel and the piece of palm takes on a new significance as we contemplate the reality of human pain and suffering.



Now it is like a call to us to be faithful as Jesus was ready to be faithful, not to giving up hope when life seriously tests us, but as our Lenten journey has taught us, hold fast to what we can count on, namely the love and utter faithfulness of God who longs to be one with us.

It is the beginning of an extraordinary week, as like Jesus we walk towards resurrection and new life.

**Welcome!**

The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council welcome all parishioners, guests and visitors who will celebrate Holy Week and Easter in our Sacred Heart Community. A special welcome is extended to new parishioners.

We wish you all a Happy Easter.

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum** of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, has its centre in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Sunday of the Resurrection. *GNLY 18*

**Sacred Heart, Preston  
Holy Week and Easter 2019 Program**

**Palm Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April:** Masses: 9.00am (Italian), 10.30am and 6.00 pm  
Blessing of palm and olive branches before every Mass

**Holy Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April:** The Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet - 7.30pm  
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm.

**Good Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April:**  
\* Stations of the Cross - 10.00am  
\* Celebration of the Passion of the Lord with Veneration of the Cross - 3.00pm  
\* Stations of the Cross (Italian) - 5.00pm

**Holy Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Vigil: 7:30pm  
\* Blessing of Fire  
\* The Liturgy of the Word  
\* Baptismal Liturgy  
\* Eucharist

**Sunday of the Resurrection, 21<sup>st</sup> April:**  
Masses 9.00am (Italian), 10.30am and 6.00pm



**Holy Thursday**

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. The Last Supper on the Passover Feast was the final meal Jesus shared with his Disciples in Jerusalem. During the meal, Jesus predicts his betrayal. The central observance of Holy Thursday is the ritual re-enactment of the Last Supper at Mass. This event is celebrated at every Mass, but it is specially commemorated on Holy Thursday.

He also establishes the special priesthood for his disciples, which is distinct from the "priesthood of all believers." Christ washed the feet of his Disciples, who would become the first priests.

This establishment of the priesthood is re-enacted at Mass with the priest washing the feet of several parishioners. During the Passover meal, Jesus breaks bread and gives it to his Disciples, uttering the words, "This is my body, which is given for you." Subsequently, he passes a cup filled with wine. He then says, "This is my blood..." We believed that those who eat of Christ's flesh and blood shall have eternal life.

**Good Friday**

Good Friday is the day on which we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. According to the gospels, Jesus was betrayed by Judas on the night of the Last Supper, commemorated on Holy Thursday. The morning following Christ's arrest, he was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric. Annas condemned Jesus for blasphemy for refusing to repudiate Annas' words that He was the Son of God. From there, Jesus was sent to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of the province. Pontius Pilate questioned Jesus but found no reason to condemn Him. Instead, he suggested Jewish leaders deal with Jesus according to their own laws. But under Roman law, they could not execute Jesus, so they appealed to Pilate to issue the order to kill Jesus. Pilate appealed to King Herod, who found no guilt in Jesus and sent Him back to Pilate once again. Pilate declared Jesus to be innocent, and washed his hands to show that he wanted nothing to do with Jesus, but the crowds were enraged. To prevent a riot and to protect his station, Pilate reluctantly agreed to execute Jesus and sentenced him to crucifixion. Jesus was convicted of proclaiming himself to be the King of the Jews.



**Holy Saturday**



The Easter Vigil takes place after sundown on the night before Easter. It is seen as the most important service of the year. This service celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and it is also a time when new members are baptised into the Church or current members are given a chance to renew their baptismal vows.

The Easter Vigil is celebrated in four parts: the Service of Light begins the celebration, followed by the reading of the Word of God, then the baptismal ceremony, and lastly the Eucharist. Candles play a big part in the Service of Light, and a fire is blessed and the Easter candle lit. The readings of the Word of God are taken from various parts of the Bible from Genesis to the Gospels and highlight God's work from Creation to Christ's resurrection. The baptismal portion confirms adults into the Church and serves as a confirmation for previous baptisms. Finally, the congregation partakes of the Lord's Table during the Eucharist.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Our Elect, Andrew Plain and Christopher Freeman will be baptised and fully initiated into the Catholic Church this coming Easter Vigil. We convey to both of them our best wishes, prayers and support.

**Dates to Remember**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April:** 11.00am  
St. Patrick's Cathedral: Mass of Oils  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April: Divine Mercy Sunday**  
Mass Times: 9.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm

**Lenten Reflection Group**

A sincere appreciation to parishioners who met for the weekly sharing and reflection sessions on the Sunday gospels during this time of Lent. I hope the personal sharing has deepened their faith and will lead to a more meaningful celebration of the Easter Triduum.

**Mass for Expectant Mothers**

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invites all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 11.00am. Registrations can be made online at: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au). Please note that registration closes on Friday 24 May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

**Good Friday Collection 2019**

The Good Friday annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land promotes her missionary work by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year the Australian Catholics donated \$1.4 million to this cause. The collection will be taken up on Good Friday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the Christians of the Holy Land.

**Project Compassion**

Please return your envelopes or boxes with your donations today or next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

 Thank you for your generosity.

**Last Week's Collection: 17/04/19**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1266.55  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$668.65



Thank you for your kind generosity!

**WE PRAY FOR:**

The elderly and the sick  
*Peter Bourke, Brian Donnellon, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Fr Jan Szweda*



Those who have died

*John Bourke (9th month), Nuziata Campisi, Maria Elisabetta Ciancio, Bruno e Soccora Griso, Humberto Muscara (2<sup>nd</sup> Anni.), Vincenzo Valente (26<sup>th</sup> Anni), Domenica e Raffaele Vavala and all deceased members of the Carè, Ciancio, Maiolo, Monteleone & Zaffino families.*

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

**In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop  
25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage**

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22<sup>nd</sup> October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. For a brochure, application form or further information please email: [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on (02) 8912 4818.

**Cleaning Roster:  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Rebecca/Belinda

Thank you for your help!



**Roster for weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019**

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Rohan Lemos
<b>Sun 9.00am (Italian)</b>	Ilardi L.	Malavisi I. Mendolicchio A.	Mancini M.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Natalie Baran Carolina Constable	Vinci Lee Sharron Kotz	Jessy Thambiraj
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Jessica Suppiah