24th March, 2024, Palm Sunday, Year B

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In our Prayers: Robyn Richards, Neville Caldow.
For our Deceased: Archbishop Francis Patrick Carroll**,** Sharon Kober ,Kath Kenny, Janice Lewis, Bruce Baker, Ken Horan, Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents and natural disasters

March 30–31 Ariah Park 6 .00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday

Liturgy Ardlethan **9.00 a.m.** Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection

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

"*If Holy Week means anything it means we end this week as we began it—processing. Walking away from inflicting pain to being a healer, desisting from lies and speaking the truth, resisting temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response, and, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion. No more and no less is asked of us if we are to follow the one of whom we sing, "Lord of earth, heaven, sky and sea. King of Love on Calvary."*

Richard Leonard sj

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS
PALM SUNDAY

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Isaiah 50:4–7 I Philippians 2:6–11 I Mark 14:1–15:47 or Mark 15:1–39

Written by Michael McGirr

We see images of the cross everywhere, from school uniforms to hospital buildings. Perhaps it is so commonplace that it doesn't stop us in our tracks the way it should. The cross of Jesus is the best key we have for understanding the mystery of God's love. God's compassion for the human family took Jesus to a lonely and brutal execution. Jesus was the victim of appalling injustice and degradation. His experience asks us to try to make the world more just and to revere the dignity of every person. 'Whatsoever you do to the least of my sisters and brothers, you do to me.' This is part of the reason why Project Compassion has, for 60 years, been part of our Lenten observance.

This year, Holy Week begins with the reading of the passion story from Mark's Gospel. Even in busy lives, we should try to set time aside to spend with this extraordinary story, not to rush it. Gently take a little at a time and ask for the grace to be close to Jesus. In the Spiritual Exercises, St Ignatius asks us 'to consider how the divinity hides itself.'

One way to spend time with the passion story is to take a different character each week and quietly ponder what it looked like to them and what they may have felt. Here is a suggestion:

- Sunday – Judas Iscariot
- Monday – Simon Peter
- Tuesday – The high priest
- Wednesday – Pontius Pilate
- Thursday – Simon of Cyrene
- Friday – The centurion
- Saturday – Mary of Magdala

Let us remember a beautiful prayer of just seven words that was taught to Pope Francis by his grandmother**: Jesus, make my heart more like yours.**

Thank you for your generosity to Project Compassion this year, if your donations can be returned over the next two weeks please, that would assist us greatly.

We need to change our drapes to **white** after todays service. Thank you.

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