

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Sunday 28 Mar 2021  
Commemoration of the Lord's  
Entrance into Jerusalem  
First Reading Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*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*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm  
*Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2*  
**(R.) My God, my God, why have  
you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me. They  
curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save  
him; let him release him if this is his  
friend.'
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a  
band of the wicked beset me. They tear  
holes in my hands and my feet. I can  
count every one of my bones.
3. They divide my clothing among  
them. They cast lots for my robe. O  
Lord, do not leave me alone, my  
strength, make haste to help me!
4. I will tell of your name to my  
brethren and praise you where they are  
assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him  
praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glo-  
ry. Revere him, Israel's sons.'  
**(R.) My God, my God, why have  
you abandoned me?**

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to  
the Philippians  
*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*  
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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. Praise to you, Lord  
Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel Mk 15:1-39**  
First thing in the morning, the chief  
priests together with the elders and the  
scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin,  
had their plan ready. They had Jesus  
bound and took him away and handed  
him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned  
him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'  
'It is you who say it' he answered.  
And the chief priests brought many  
accusations against him. Pilate ques-  
tioned him again, 'Have you no reply  
at all? See how many accusations they  
are bringing against you!' But to Pi-  
late's amazement, Jesus made no fur-  
ther reply. At festival time Pilate used  
to release a prisoner for them, anyone  
they asked for. Now a man called Bar-  
abbas was then in prison with the riot-  
ers who had committed murder during  
the uprising. When the crowd went up  
and began to ask Pilate the customary  
favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you  
want me to release for you the king of  
the Jews?' For he realised it was out  
of jealousy that the chief priests had  
handed Jesus over. The chief priests,  
however, had incited the crowd to de-  
mand that he should release Barabbas  
for them instead. The Pilate spoke  
again. 'But in that case,' he said to  
them 'what am I to do with the man  
you call king of the Jews?' They  
shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?'  
Pilate asked them 'What harm has he  
done?' But they shouted all the louder,  
'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to  
placate the crowd, released Barabbas  
for them and, having ordered Jesus to  
be scourged, handed him over to be  
crucified. The soldiers led him away  
to the inner part of the palace, that is,  
the Praetorium, and called the whole  
cohort together. They dressed him in  
purple, twisted some thorns into a  
crown and put it on him. And they  
began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the  
Jews!' They struck his head with a  
reed and spat on him; and they went  
down on their knees to do him hom-

age. And when they had finished  
making fun of him, they took off the  
purple and dressed him in his own  
clothes. They led him out to crucify  
him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon  
of Cyrene, father of Alexander and  
Rufus, who was coming in from the  
country, to carry his cross. They  
brought Jesus to the place called Gol-  
gotha, which means the place of the  
skull. They offered him wine mixed  
with myrrh, but he refused it. Then  
they crucified him, and shared out his  
clothing, casting lots to decide what  
each should get. It was the third hour  
when they crucified him. The inscrip-  
tion giving the charge against him  
read: 'The King of the Jews.' And  
they crucified two robbers with him,  
one on his right and one on his left.  
The passers-by jeered at him; they  
shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So  
you would destroy the Temple and  
rebuild it in three days! Then save  
yourself: come down from the cross!'  
The chief priests and the  
scribes mocked him among  
themselves in the same way.  
'He saved others,' they said  
'he cannot save himself. Let  
the Christ, the king of Israel,  
come down from the cross now, for us  
to see it and believe.' Even those who  
were crucified with him taunted him.  
When the sixth hour came there was  
darkness over the whole land until the  
ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus  
cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi,  
lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My  
God, my God, why have you deserted  
me?' When some of those who stood  
by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is  
calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and  
soaked a sponge in vinegar and, put-  
ting it on a reed, gave it him to drink  
saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will  
come to take him down.' But Jesus  
gave a loud cry and breathed his last.  
*All kneel and pause a moment.* And  
the veil of the Temple was torn in two  
from top to bottom. The centurion,  
who was standing in front of him, had  
seen how he had died, and he said, 'In  
truth this man was a son of God.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*  
**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**  
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## Palm Sunday-YEAR B

In the words of Pope Benedict, "*Palm Sunday is the great doorway leading into Holy Week, the week when the Lord Jesus makes his way towards the culmination of his earthly existence.*" (World Youth Day, Sunday 1st April 2012).

During Holy Week we recall of the intensity of our Lord's passion and death leading to the triumph of the Resurrection next Sunday. We are reminded that being a disciple of Jesus has a cost to it – which can be rather frightening because it involves freely willing our total commitment to the Lord – just as the Apostles were to find – even unto death. Let us pray therefore that we neither forget nor be indifferent to the supreme price that Jesus paid to save us from our sins and offer us eternal life. If we remain open to him in repentance, we are re-energised, restored, and transformed – no matter what we have done.

In reading the event-filled Passion of Jesus from Mark's gospel – from just before Passover to the tomb, we discover a whole lot of different characters, each with his or her respective role to play leading to Jesus' crucifixion. We may even see ourselves reflected in some of these, realizing that our sins also crucified him.

Perhaps we are sometimes like those indignant guests at table who objected when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment to anoint the head of Jesus? Or like Peter denying him three times? Or like the chief priests, scribes, and elders who had him arrested in Gethsemane, then demanded his death for claiming equality with God? Maybe sometimes like Pilate who realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over; yet, anxious to placate the crowd, he weakened and handed him over to be crucified? Or like the Apostles who ran away when Jesus needed them most? Or again like Mary and John who stood at the foot of the cross with him. This week offers us the opportunity to stand with Jesus, ever present in the poor.

The Apostles were not prepared for what unfolded following the glory of Jesus' procession into Jerusalem. They had expected him to establish a kingdom in this world and throw off the yoke of Rome. Unlike the Apostles, we know now that it is a kingdom of struggle and sacrifice, a kingdom that will never be fully accepted by this world, nor fully realised in it. We know that it is a kingdom without borders which exists in the hearts of believers and open to all humanity. "*He goes up to Jerusalem in order to fulfil the Scriptures and to be nailed to the wood of the Cross, the throne from which he will reign for ever, drawing to himself humanity of every age and offering to all the gift of redemption.*" (ibid.)

Thankfully, in the power of the Holy Spirit, the risen Christ remains always with us in the Eucharist, bringing the one unrepeatable sacrifice of the cross made really and truly present every time we celebrate it. In the mass, what we receive in humble thanksgiving, and the suffering we endure in life especially during the last year and the ongoing impacts of the flash floods, we offer back in prayer to the Father at mass: "*Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father*" – so the priest says during the offertory. Later, at communion, we physically and spiritually welcome Christ into our hearts by consuming him, and so become like him through the total assimilation of him in the power of the Holy Spirit." (Cf. CCC 1324-27)

The events of the coming days commemorate the sacrifice of Christ made for humanity. He did this for us, and we still remember him even after two thousand years. This is not only because it was recorded in the sacred scriptures but in the hearts of women and men. What can we do for others? What are we going to be remembered for today, tomorrow and in years to come?

May we, be empowered by grace during this Holy Week to return that self-emptying love of Christ and offer our own life and sufferings as sacrifice for others.

**Fr Martins**





## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions April

### Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**Tues 30th:** 5.30 Mass  
**Wed 31st:** 9am Mass , 5.30pm,  
**Holy Thurs 1st:** 6pm  
**Good Fri 2nd:** 10am, 3pm  
**Holy Saturday 3rd:** 6.30pm Mass  
**Easter Sunday: 4th:** 9am Mass 5pm

### ROSTERS

**27/28 March 2021**  
Church Cleaning  
B Coffey/M Paine(29-1/4)  
**Welcomers**  
6pm K Conway  
9am C Schor  
5pm M deSmet  
**Commentator**  
6pm J Quigley  
9am A Brown  
5pm A Horsfall  
**Readers:**  
6pm M Bridges  
9am A Skinner  
5pm L Miller  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
6pm M Weatherall  
9am G Norris  
5pm M Devine.  
**Computer Screen**  
6pm T Jackson  
9am T Priest  
5pm J O'Sullivan.

### REGISTRARS

6pm P Billington  
9am M & S Beashel  
5pm N Beatty

### 3/4 April

Cleaners: (5-9 April)  
R & K Ison

### Commentator

6.30pm as rostered  
9am A Brown

### Readers:

6.30pm as rostered  
9am N Beatty

### Eucharistic Ministers

6.30pm As Rostered  
9am L Stevens, L Page

### Computer Screen

6.30pm T Jackson/K Conway  
9am T Priest

### REGISTRARS

6pm G & M Weatherall  
9am G Norris & B Basevi  
5pm D & N Gorzalka

## PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

### PROJECT COMPASSION 2021:

**ASPIRE NOT TO HAVE  
MORE BUT TO BE  
MORE (St Oscar  
Romero)**

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

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 life-saving strategies to tackle new challenges.

**Please bring your Project  
Compassion boxes and  
envelopes to the Holy  
Thursday Mass of the  
Lord's Supper to be brought  
forward by you at the  
Offertory –  
Thank you for your  
generosity.**



## Holy Week

### PEOPLE OF FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

As we enter this most sacred of all weeks, we reflect very personally – on ourselves and on Jesus.

*The passion of Jesus refers to the helplessness he had to endure during the last hours of his life, a helplessness extremely fruitful for him and for us. The first component in that helplessness begins in the Garden of Gethsemane, immediately after he has celebrated the last supper. The Scriptures tell us that he went out into the Garden with his disciples to pray for the strength he needed to face the ordeal that was now imminent.*

*In describing Jesus' suffering during his passion, the evangelists focus little on his physical suffering. What the gospel writers focus on is that in all of this, Jesus is alone, misunderstood, lonely, isolated, without support.*

*What's emphasized is the agony of his heart that's ultra-sensitive, gentle, loving, understanding, warm, inviting, hungry to embrace everyone but which instead finds he finds himself misunderstood, alone, isolated, hated, brutalized, facing murder.*  
**(Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI)**

**During this final week we are invited to an even deeper examination of the life we are living and our desire to be a dynamic and beating heart for others. Jesus showed us the way to live our lives - be present for others. This final week of the Lenten journey is one marked by prayer and sharing, silence and fasting, in anticipation of the joy of Easter.**

### ...Our Prayer...

**Jesus our brother, we pray for the courage and openness of heart to walk with you during this most holy of weeks. Your sacrifice and unconditional love sustains our Hope. The Paschal Mystery – the Journey – is the very heart of who we are as followers of Christ.**

**AMEN**



## PARISH CELEBRATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

**Palm Sunday** - 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 9am, 5pm

**Monday 29th** - Chrism Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral 5pm

**Holy Thursday** - Mass of the Lord's Supper 6pm

**Good Friday** - Stations of the Cross 10am, Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

**Holy Saturday** - Easter Vigil Mass 6.30pm

**Easter Sunday** - Masses 9am, 5pm



Thank you to all who attended the Gathering on 23rd March and for all the organisers and those who helped with morning tea. God bless you

### HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY 2021

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land promotes the missionary work of the Church by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and the people of the Holy Land with very little income and closure of churches. Despite this, Australian Catholics donated \$406,000. This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing pandemic, so please be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and keep them in your prayers.

*Envelopes are available in the church and there will be a retiring collection outside church after mass.*

**CONCERNED CATHOLICS** Canberra-Goulburn warmly invite you to a ZOOM Public Forum, Thursday 8th April 2021 – 7.30 to 9pm.

**Subject: A Diocesan Pastoral Council for the Archdiocese: Why Not?**

**Speakers:** Fr Richard Lennan, Professor of Systematic Theology, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. **Andrea Dean**, President of Women and the Australian Church (WATAC) **Fr Richard Thompson & Fr Loi Viovicente** will attend the forum as representatives of the Archbishop of Canberra-Goulburn.

*For more in info and to connect to the Zoom meeting visit: [www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events](http://www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events)*

**Contact Mark Metherell 0417 603 697**



Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Good Friday after the 10am Stations of The Cross and will continue after every Mass until the Divine Mercy Sunday, 11th April

### Saints Of The Week

Friday 2nd April- St Francis of Paola, hermit

### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**From 1st October 2020 there is only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.**

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

**Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786**

**Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name**

**Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank**

If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard's Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds.

Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

### Remembering the Sick:

Rita Condon, Michael Corbin, Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes

**Death Anniversaries:** Doreen Flynn, Eileen Goonrey, John Melton, Francis Mills, Janice Marion, Terence Thomson, Francisus Timmer, Leon Pallamoutagne, Anica Hrstic, Elsie Waltham, Gregory Parsons, Robyn Albert

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish**

### Community:

Pauline Effeney, Francis Mines, June Eddie, Kathleen Buckley, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Martin Ward, Marie Hann, Billy Borg, Pauline Chalkley, Anna Dang, Anna Ordeman, Joan Logue, Sue-Anne Clarke, Rosemary Cooley, Pam O'Keefe, Malgorzata Colebrook, Te Otinga Te Kowhai Brennan, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher, Ken Bow, Maureen Kinross, Jan Schor, Pio Liberale, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey

## COFFEE CLUB

**Thursdays after the  
9am Mass  
Venue: Corrians  
Cove**

**Coffee N Chat**



**A message from Aid to the Church in Need 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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/ways-to-give/mass-offerings)

**CROATIAN MASS WILL BE  
CELEBRATED ON MONDAY  
5TH APRIL AT 11AM.**

**All are welcome**

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