

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 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 makes  
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  
glory. 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.  
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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 *Shorter form Mt 27:11-54*

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate,  
the governor, and the governor put to  
him this question, 'Are you the king of  
the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who  
say it.' But when he was accused by the  
chief priests and the elders he refused to  
answer at all. Pilate then said to him,  
'Do you not hear how many charges  
they have brought against you?' But to  
the governor's complete amazement, he  
offered no reply to any of the charges.  
At festival time it was the governor's  
practice to release a prisoner for the  
people, anyone they chose. Now there  
was at that time a notorious prisoner  
whose name was Barabbas. So when the  
crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,  
'Which do you want me to release for  
you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called  
Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of  
jealousy that they had handed him over.  
Now as he was seated in the chair of  
judgement, his wife sent him a message,  
'Have nothing to do with that man; I  
have been upset all day by a dream I had  
about him.' The chief priests and the  
elders, however, had persuaded the  
crowd to demand the release of  
Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So  
when the governor spoke and asked  
them, 'Which of the two do you want  
me to release for you?' they said  
'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate  
said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus  
who is called Christ?' They all said,  
'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked  
'What harm has he done?' But they  
shouted all the louder, 'Let him be  
crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was  
making no impression, that in fact a riot  
was imminent. So he took some water,  
washed his hands in front of the crowd  
and said, 'I am innocent of this man's  
blood. It is your concern.' And the  
people, to a man, shouted back, 'His  
blood be on us and on our children!' Then  
he released Barabbas for them. He  
ordered Jesus to be first scourged and  
then handed over to be crucified. The  
governor's soldiers took Jesus with  
them into the Praetorium and collected  
the whole cohort around him. Then they  
stripped him and made him wear a  
scarlet cloak, and having twisted some  
thorns into a crown they put this on his  
head and placed a reed in his right  
hand.. To make fun of him they knelt to  
him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And  
they spat on him and took the reed and  
struck him on the head with it. And  
when they had finished making fun of

him, they took off the cloak and dressed  
him in his own clothes and led him  
away to crucify him. On their way out,  
they came across a man from Cyrene,  
Simon by name, and enlisted him to  
carry his cross. When they had reached  
a place called Golgotha, that is, the  
place of the skull, they gave him wine to  
drink mixed with gall, which he tasted  
but refused to drink. When they had  
finished crucifying him they shared out  
his clothing by casting lots, and then sat  
down and stayed there keeping guard  
over him. Above his head was placed  
the charge against him; it read: 'This is  
Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the  
same time two robbers were crucified  
with him, one on the right and one on  
the left. The passers-by jeered at him;  
they shook their heads and said 'So you  
would destroy the Temple and rebuild it  
in three days! Then save yourself! If you  
are God's son, come down from the  
cross!' The chief priests with the scribes  
and elders mocked him in the same way.  
'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot  
save himself. He is the king of Israel; let  
him come down from the cross now,  
and we will believe in him. He put his  
trust in God; now let God rescue him if  
he wants him. For he did say, "I am the  
son of God."'" Even the robbers who  
were crucified with him taunted him in  
the same way. From the sixth hour there  
was darkness over all the land until the  
ninth hour. And about the ninth hour,  
Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli,  
lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God,  
my God, why have you deserted me?'  
When some of those who stood there  
heard this, they said, 'The man is calling  
on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran  
to get a sponge which he dipped in  
vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it  
him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of  
them 'and see if Elijah will come to  
save him.' But Jesus again crying out  
in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.  
At that, the veil of the Temple was  
torn in two from top to bottom; the  
earth quaked; the rocks were split; the  
tombs opened and the bodies of many  
holy men rose from the dead, and  
these, after his resurrection, came out  
of the tombs, entered the Holy City  
and appeared to a number of people.  
Meanwhile the centurion, together  
with the others guarding Jesus, had  
seen the earthquake and all that was  
taking place, and they were terrified  
and said, 'In truth this was a son of

God.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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## Upcoming Events

**Choir Practice  
Mondays 1pm**

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30  
am Fridays after Mass,  
and 1st Saturday of  
the month @ 9.30am**

**ENJOY THE GOOD  
NEWS  
Resumes after Easter**

**Wrap With Love  
Tuesday 11th April  
BBay Library**

**Cuppa with Mary  
MacKillop Tuesday  
11th April 11am @  
Nola & Bernie Beatty's  
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Ph: 0410 629 416  
All welcome**

**Craft Group Thursdays  
10am**

**ADORATION  
TUESDAY @ 8AM**

**COFFEE CLUB  
Thursdays after Mass  
Venue: Corrigans  
Cove  
All are welcome**

## PALM SUNDAY —YEAR A

### 'River of Suffering'

***I saw the river over which every soul must pass  
to reach the kingdom of heaven, and the name of  
that river was suffering: and I saw the boat that  
carries souls across the river, and the name of  
that boat was love.*** [St. John of the Cross 'River of  
Suffering'].

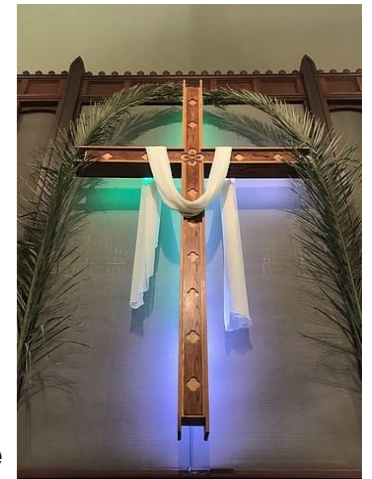
Many of us know about suffering from personal  
experience. While outwardly we may smile and  
appear happy yet the burdens and wounded places  
of the human heart are not far from anyone of us. **We  
are all making our way across the 'river of  
suffering' and every person benefits from being carried in the 'boat  
named love.'** While we may bounce back from inevitable losses and suffering  
we can do more than just endure suffering. Depending on our responses,  
suffering provides untold opportunities for inner transformation.

### Jesus enters his River of Suffering.

Christians during this Holy Week beginning with Palm- Passion Sunday witness the  
manner in which Jesus enters into his suffering. George Basil Hume OSB in  
'*Searching for God*' pg.144 speaks of this: '*We learn the secret of the Resurrection  
when we learn the secret of the cross. And it is when we are called to share in  
some way in the suffering of Christ that we come to understand not only what he  
experienced but what this was leading to.*

*For every cross leads to resurrection. I like to think of life as each day being  
prepared by God's providence, and it is in many ways the road to the cross. But it  
leads to a greater understanding of Our Lord, a greater sharing in his resurrection.  
Each day should see me more humble, every day more willing to accept what  
comes my way. Thus I become more closely united to the Lord – grow as I  
grow in grace, in the love of the Father.'*

**'We need a God who knows about pain ... it is not at all a popular idea, even  
among Christians'** Barbara Taylor wrote in her book '*God in Pain*' 1998, pg 118.  
'We prefer a God who prevents suffering, only that is not the God we have. What  
the cross teaches us is that God's power is not the power to force human choices  
and end human pain. **It is, instead, the power to pick up the shattered pieces of our  
life and to make something holy out of them** – not from a distance but close up.'  
With St Paul may we pray: '*I share in the Passion of Christ, to share in his  
Resurrection'*



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### MASSES THIS WEEK Monday 3rd April- Sunday 9th April

**Monday 3rd:** No Mass  
**Tuesday 4th:** Mass 9am  
Adoration: 8.00am  
**Wednesday 5th:** Mass 9am  
**Holy Thursday 6th:** Mass 6pm  
**Good Friday 7th:** 10am Stations of the Cross, 3pm Commemoration of the Passion  
**Saturday 8th:** Easter Vigil 6pm  
**Easter Sunday 9th:** Mass 9am

#### Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

#### ROSTERS

##### 1/2 APRIL Cleaning

3-7 April Coffey/Paine  
10-14 April R & K Ison

##### PALM SUNDAY 6.00 PM

Commentator: M Weatherall  
Welcomer: P Jobs  
Reader: M Bridges  
Passion Narrator: Mary O'Neill  
Passion Others: Joe O'Sullivan  
Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Devine, A Rogers  
Computer K Conway  
**9AM** Commentator: Sharon Beashel  
Welcomer: D Robinson  
Reader: Deidre Herring  
Passion Narrator: Mick Lowe  
Passion Others: N Beatty  
Eucharistic Ministers: J Wain, B Maynard  
Computer T Jackson

##### EASTER SUNDAY Morning Tea 9.00AM

Commentator: A Brown  
Reader: Joe Quigley  
Eucharistic Ministers: Liz Stevens, Carol Schor  
Computer: D May

**MORNING TEA:**  
T van den Broek/J Barroman

#### GOOD FRIDAY 3.00PM

Commentator: M Weatherall  
Reader: A Skinner  
Passion Narrator: T Jackson  
Passion Others: D Herring  
Eucharistic Ministers: M & C Lowe  
Computer D May

#### 8/9 APRIL Cleaning: 10-14 R&K Ison

#### EASTER VIGIL 6.00PM

Commentator P O'Kelly  
**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
Reading 1: J O'Sullivan  
Reading 3: M O'Neill  
Reading 5: I M Weatherall  
Reading 7: B Maynard  
Reader: Epistle M Bridges  
Eucharistic Ministers: M Devine, L Rodwell  
Computer: Terry Jackson  
Lights: Kevin Conway

### WASHING OF THE FEET

On Holy Thursday during the Mass we have the Washing of the Feet. It is a ritual that signifies our participation in Christ's mission of love and service to one another and to those in need in our world today. If you wish to volunteer to have your feet washed please put your name on the list in the foyer or see Liz Stevens before Mass on Thursday evening.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Boxes and Sharepacks need to be returned.

On Holy Thursday the baskets will be available for the boxes to be put in as part of the offertory. Please bring them back so that they can be sent off to Caritas for those in need.

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

for Holy Places will be taken up during the liturgy. Envelopes will be on the pews for you to use.

Any amounts on the Tap Machine that day will also be sent away

### Visit and Holy Communion needed for a couple living in Surfside.

Are you able to assist? Guidance and Resources available

Marie Weatherall  
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for further information

Fr William James Milsted will be providing supply this week—end while Fr Loi is away. He will be celebrating Mass Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Palm Sunday)

### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

**Acc. Name:**  
St Bernard's Operating  
**Account:** BSB: 062-786  
**Bank :** 00012939  
**Ref:** Family Name

**CHRISM MASS— MONDAY 3RD APRIL, 5pm @ St Christopher's Cathedral Forrest** for this most important Holy Week Ceremony.  
**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME**  
*Everyone is most welcome*

### MULTICULTURAL MASS – Sunday 16 April 11am St Christopher's Cathedral

You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral – one full of colour, song, and dance. Australia's multicultural heritage is one of the country's great treasures, so come along and join our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as we all walk together.



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

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#### Remembering the Sick:

Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, David Coates, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell, Michael Thornton, Barbara Mills, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Flavia Clyburn, Nita Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White

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### The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

All Saints of God, who name and sanctify our parishes, pray for us. **Amen**

Pope Francis  
Monthly Prayer  
Intentions

APRIL

### For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens. .



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