

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
PALM(PASSION) SUNDAY

First Reading Isaiah 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 glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Second Reading *Philippians 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*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

*Philippians 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 *Mark 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 questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters 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 demand 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 homage. 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 Golgotha, 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 inscription 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, putting 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**



**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Choir Practice**  
**1PM Mondays**

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30**  
**am Fridays after**  
**Mass**

**Croatian Mass**  
**Monday April 1st**  
**11am**

**Wrap With Love**  
**Wednesday 27th**  
**March 1pm CMR**

**Craft Group 10am**  
**Thursdays Church**  
**Meeting Room**

**ADORATION**  
**TUESDAYS @ 4pm**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
**Thursdays after Mass**  
**Venue: Corrigan's**  
**Cove**

**We are waiting for a**  
**Liberator!**

Worldwide in the news and in our community we witness the longing and desire of men and women, raising their voices time and time again, waiting for a Liberator. **We wait for liberation from war, sickness, loneliness, depression, stress, and impoverishment – a new life!**



*"We are waiting, they announce, for a Messiah, who will free us from hatred and oppression, from racism and war – a Messiah who will let peace and justice take their rightful place." [‘The Wounded Healer’ by Henri Nouwen, page 81]*  
In the same chapter Nouwen speaks of the Liberator sitting among the poor, the forgotten ones, his wounds are a sign of hope – he proclaims today is the day of liberation. Nouwen goes on to say: **‘The master is coming, not tomorrow but today, not next year, but this year, not after all our misery is past, but in the middle of it, not in another place but right here where we are standing.’** [Ibid, page 98]. We are invited right here and now to live our life as authentically as Christ lived his.

**Jesus our Liberator!**

**The Season of Lent closes with Holy Week.** The Liturgy is not afraid of tragedy. It invites us to live the hour of Jesus, that hour at once dark and glorious for which He said He had come. We follow his every footstep, from the triumphant entry in Jerusalem acclaimed by the crowd of his followers, to the loneliness of Golgotha where he is abandoned by almost everyone, even those he himself had chosen and for whom he gives his life. Everything happens quickly and seems to collapse around Him. Yet, even in what seems complete abandonment and ruin, – **‘Father, why have you abandoned me?’ Jesus with outstretched arms, encourages and gathers to himself all of humanity and the universe. All seems lost, all is about to begin!**

During this week we are especially invited to listen to His voice as recalled in Psalm 95:7-9 and believe our ministry to one another is a sign of hope, a source of liberation in Christ.

*Marie Weatherall*





## MASSES THIS WEEK

### Monday 25th—Sunday 31st

**Monday 25th:** No Mass  
**Tuesday 26th:** Mass 5pm  
Adoration 4pm  
**Wednesday 27th:** Mass 9am  
**Holy Thursday 28th:** Mass 6pm  
**Good Friday 29th:** Stations of the Cross 10am, 3pm Passion Commemoration  
**Easter Saturday 30th:** Easter Vigil Mass 6pm  
Reconciliation 10am-12noon  
**Easter Sunday 31st:** 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

### ROSTERS

#### 23/24 MARCH

##### Cleaning

24/31 R & K Ison

#### 6.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder  
Commentator: J Quigley  
Reader: S Ebejer:  
Passion Narrator:  
M Weatherall  
Passion Others:  
T Jackson  
Eucharistic Ministers  
A Rogers  
Computer Screen  
K Conway

#### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Foran  
Commentator S Beashel  
Reader: . . tbc  
Passion Narrator: M Lowe  
Passion Others: C. Lowe  
Eucharistic Ministers ,  
J Wain B Maynard  
Computer Screen T Priest

#### MORNING TEA:

N Beatty/M deSmet

#### COUNTERS:

T Priest P Wilden

#### 30/31 MARCH

##### Cleaning

1-4 Favetta/O'Neill/  
Nugent

#### 6.00PM MASS

Commentator: P O'Kelly  
Readers: J O'Sullivan  
M. O'Neill  
M Weatherall  
B Maynard  
Epistle: M Bridges  
Eucharistic Ministers  
C Brownlie  
Computer Screen  
T Jackson

#### 9AM MASS

Welcomer **Volunteer**  
Commentator C Lowe  
Reader: M Lowe . . .  
Eucharistic Ministers ,  
L Stevens, L Rodwell  
Computer Screen D May

#### MORNING TEA

T van den Broek  
J Barroman

#### COUNTERS:

M & C Lowe

### Holy Week Timetable

#### Holy Thursday

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Mass 6pm

#### Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March—

10am Stations of the Cross

3pm Commemoration of the Passion

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Confession 10am-12 noon

#### Easter Vigil

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Mass 6pm

#### Easter Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> March - Mass 9am

### GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL FOR THE HOLY LAND 2024

Envelopes will be on the pews for this Appeal and we will be taking up a collection during the service. Please feel free to use the *tap and go* if you prefer. We thank you for your generosity in assisting this important pastoral ministry of the Franciscan Friars.

### CHANGE OF MASS TIMES END OF DAYLIGHT

#### SAVINGS

Please note:

Saturday Mass will change to 5pm beginning Saturday 7th April

### Pastoral Care One Day Introductory Course

For those who would like to join the PC Team or those who would like to review their pastoral practice.

Saturday March 23rd from 9am – 4pm @ St Bernard's Parish Office.

Cost/Resources: Free

**BYO Lunch.** Booking essential: **RSVP March 19th.**

**Enquiries:** Marie W: 0405 028 057

### Farewell and Thank You Morning Tea for Phil Billington

will take place after the 9am Mass on Palm Sunday March 24.

Phil has given very generously of her time and expertise to our Parish and St Vincent de Paul and so we hope you can join us in thanking her and wishing her well for the future.

**Enquiries:**

Mick Lowe 0466 790 567

### PARISH MINISTRIES

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the various ministries and activities in the Parish. Once everyone has provided their **Working with Children Check AND Child Protection Code of Conduct** and you are aware of what is involved in the role you will be added to the roster

### Visitation & HC Volunteers Required

We need one person to join our roster to The Glen . We visit and take HC to six residents and visit two others. It would be once a month.

We need someone to visit & take HC to a lady in Bateman's Bay who is house bound. You would be on a monthly roster.

**Enquiries:** Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057



This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment

. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

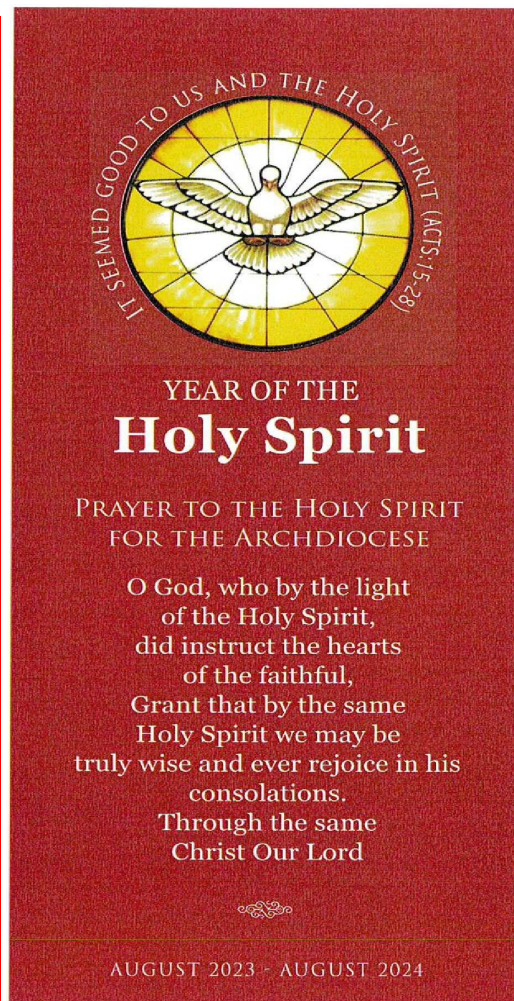
Leaia and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



### COMBINED CHURCHES PALM SUNDAY WALK

Meet @ 11am at the boat ramp and walk over the bridge to Korner's park. There will be a worship service held in the park. And a sausage sizzle for a gold coin donation.

Please take your palms and a chair if needed.

### Remembering the Sick:

Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Laurence Foran, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, 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:** Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Gerard Carew, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphet, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre

### Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions MARCH

### For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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