



THE SAVING WORD

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD / B

25 MARCH 2018

to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, **O.** Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. 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. Then Pilate spoke again,

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!

N. Pilate asked them,

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Crucify him!

N. 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 up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. 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 passerby, 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,

C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C. He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N. 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,

J. Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,

C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying,

O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. 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,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.

The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Mk 14:1-15:47

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FIRST READING

Isa 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.**

RESP 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.' **R.**

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. **R.**

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! **R.**

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.**

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.**

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

(**N.** Narrator **J.** Jesus

O. Other single speaker

C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and 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,

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

J. It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. 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



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Parish Mass Times for the week commencing weekend 25th March 2018

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Sunday 25 th March Palm Sunday	(Sat. Vigil 6.00pm) 10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 26 th March		
Tuesday 27 th March	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Wednesday 28 th March	10.00am Mass 10.30am Stations of the Cross	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 29 th March Holy Thursday	No Morning Mass 7.00pm Mass	
Friday 30 th March Good Friday	3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion	10.00am Stations of the Cross
Saturday 31 st March Holy Saturday	7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass	
Sunday 1 st April Easter Sunday	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass

FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (RCIA) - JOURNEY TO EASTER

Open to anyone wishing to learn more about what we Catholics believe and practice.
 Sunday 25th March 5pm: Topic: Entry into the Church, The Easter Vigil Ceremony.
 RCIA will take an Easter Break. Next meeting 15th April
 For more information please contact Fr Abel 0409 368449

CHILDRENS' LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 First & third Sundays of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
 (or by request)

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

First Tuesday of the month 10am at
 St Joseph's Church
*(Senior parishioners, those with ongoing
 sickness, those with mental illness, may all
 receive the Sacrament of the Sick)*

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Christian Meditation: Fridays 10.30am
- ▶ RCIA: Sundays 5pm
- ▶ Stations of the Cross: Wed 10.30am during Lent



**PRAYER REFLECTION FROM
ST AUGUSTINE**

"Christ allowed himself to be crucified. He was alive but died so that we might be brought to a new life."

HOLY WEEK

TUESDAY

Mass of the Oils 11am St Patrick's Cathedral.
 Oils used for Anointing of the Sick, Baptism and Confirmation will be blessed by Archbishop Hart.

WEDNESDAY

Stations Of The Cross in St. Joseph's Church
 Wednesday after 10am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

No Mass on Thursday morning.
 7.00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper in St. Joseph's Church. At the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper we will process to the Altar of Repose in the Parish Centre where you may remain in silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY

A reminder that Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from eating meat for those in good health.
 Stations of the Cross in St. Thomas Aquinas Church 10.00am. Organised by YAM, an immersive experience.
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in St. Joseph's Church at 3.00pm.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

Vigil Mass 7pm in St Joseph's church.
 At the conclusion of the Easter Vigil you are invited to share an Easter Supper in the Coffee Room. A plate to share will be most welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please bring back your boxes and envelopes on Holy Thursday or Easter Sunday.

REMINDER

Daylight Saving ends next weekend.
 At 3am on Easter Sunday morning clocks are put back 1 hour to 2am.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Anniversaries

- ✦ Eugene McCarthy
- ✦ Elsie Larsen
- ✦ Loretta Pereira
- ✦ Sara Venegas de Tagle
- ✦ Teresa Howard
- ✦ Patricia Trenchard
- ✦ Bridget & Thomas Sheil
- ✦ Karel & Elfrida Kral
- ✦ Joan Carey
- ✦ Giuseppe Muratore
- ✦ Humberto Tagle
- ✦ Adam Graham
- ✦ Hassan Alawsi
- ✦ Marie Connell
- ✦ Giuseppe Crivera

PRaise AND WORSHIP

All are welcome to join our Praise and Worship group which will be held in St Joseph's church on Sundays 6.30pm to 7.30pm beginning 22nd April. We would like to invite anyone who plays strings, drums or wind instruments to please contact Paul Robinson on 0409 425 700.

PARISH AGM

We very sincere thank you to all who organised and attended the AGM last Sunday.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: June Cochrane, Des White, Bebb Larsen, Elizabeth King, Chaiel Balcombe, Frank Balcerzak, John & Rose Ignace, Ronald Seaman, Aristotle Pamintuan, Therese Phillips, Mitos Gloudemans, Elsa Notarte, Meldred Liba Lagahit, Socorro Severe, Dolores Hogan, Frank Muratore, Maurice Wallin, Madeleine Anderson, Ron Blunt, Andrew Hamilton, Alex Walisz, Margaret Greene, Elaine Dennis, Spiros Layia, Sr Maureen Cullen.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER LITURGIES

If you would like to sing in the choir or play an instrument for the Easter ceremonies, please contact Di Brebner 0417554118. Rehearsal will be at 7pm Monday 26th March.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Program by way of weekly envelopes may collect your new envelope set from the church foyer. If you are not registered and would like to contribute please complete a Commitment Form and return to the parish office. Thank you.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY

There will be no children's liturgy during First Term school holidays.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 18/03/18

Thanking you for your continuing support!
 Please contact the parish office if you wish to contribute via Direct Debit or Credit Card

1 st Collection (Clergy/Priory a/c)	\$1071.20
2 nd Collection (Church a/c)	\$ 927.00
Loose money	\$ 599.20