

**THE COMMEMORATION OF THE
LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Mark 11:1-10*

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here directly.'" And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

The Gospel of the Lord.



FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7 14

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R./ My God, my God,
why have You abandoned me?*

SECOND READING

*A reading from the second letter of St. Paul
to the Philippians 2:6-11*

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

*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

**Please refer to booklets for
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK**

Please return Palm Sunday booklets to the boxes provided
on the trolleys.



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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year B
24th / 25th March, 2018**

***God our Father,
You sent Your only Son into the world,
so that the world might be saved from sin and death.
Through His Passion and death,
may we come to share eternal life in His kingdom.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.***

FOCUS OF THE READINGS

All of us carry stories about and the experience of sorrow and suffering. This is the world into which Jesus entered as he took his journey to the cross.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI, explores it this way: '...the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke can each be neatly divided into two distinct parts: In each Gospel we can split off everything that is narrated until Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane and call this part of the Gospel: The Activity of Jesus Christ. Then we could take the section of the Gospels that we call "the Passion" and call that section: The Passivity of Jesus Christ. This would in fact help clarify an important distinction: Jesus gave his life for us through his activity whereas he gave his death for us through his passivity. Hence: Up until his arrest, the Gospels describe Jesus as active, as doing in things, as being in charge, preaching, teaching, performing miracles, consoling people. After his arrest, all the verbs become passive: he is led away, manhandled by the authorities, whipped, helped in carrying his cross, and ultimately nailed to the cross. After his arrest, like a patient in palliative care or hospice, he no longer does anything; rather others do it for him and to him. He is passive, a patient, and in that passivity he gave his death for us.

There are many lessons in this, not least the fact that life and love are given not just in what we do for others but also, and perhaps even more deeply, in what we absorb at those times when we are helpless, when we have no choice except to be a "patient".

Perhaps the invitation of Holy Week is to enter into this world of pain and mystery. To climb this holy mountain of suffering that Jesus climbed and to allow our hearts to soften in the sure knowledge that this is not the end of the story.

***I have come that you may have life and have it to the full
(John 10 : 10)***

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 7.00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 5.15 pm

BAPTISMS:
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

Palm (Passion) Sunday – Year B
24th /24th March, 2018

PRAYING FOR...
All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:
Adam Brown, Troy Chapman, Ronald Gallenti
Janina James, Bob Lisle, Brian Mitchell.

The sick: : Stephen Murray, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Mary Hill, Catherine Turner, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Sasty Sastradipradja, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lillian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Bernard Guerin, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miop Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, Clive Geach.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE
Date: **Saturday, 7th April, at 10.30 am**
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING
Everyone is welcome on **Thursdays between 10 am to 1 pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while..

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP We meet **every Tuesday at 10.05 am** in the Parish Hall for praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy 9752 2986 or Andrew 9755 2443. There will be prayer group Tuesday 3rd April 2018

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP: Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together on Tuesdays from 9.00am to 10.00am during school term in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the office.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE
The Autumn Edition is available for free on the trolleys.

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR THE REMAINING LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER are on the glass wall. If you would like to help out in any of the tasks that are available, please write your name in the spaces provided. Your assistance however small is much appreciated.

For the complete...
HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL TIMETABLE
Please pick up a flyer at the door, or visit the parish website: **stjohnthebaptist.net.au**

PROJECT COMPASSION Please remember to bring your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for collection at Holy Thursday's 'Mass of the Lord's Supper'. **If at all possible, please return them earlier.**

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Envelopes will be available on Good Friday from the trolleys in the Church.

THANKS FROM SR UNA many thanks for your prayers over recent weeks. Happy to report that I am feeling much better.

YEAR OF YOUTH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT In this 'Year' the Vocations Office, Youth Office and Life, Marriage and Family Office are co-sponsoring two retreats for young people. The flyers are on display in the church for further information and booking details. You may like to pass this on to your young adults group or any individuals that you know or contact the Vocations Office on Telephone: (03) 9926 5733.



ANNUAL MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY
Sunday 25th March (Palm Sunday), at 1.30pm and Friday 30th March (Good Friday), at 10.00am Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe. Produced by Pat La Manna and directed by Robert Durai, these two performances of the Passion Play will once again re-enact the passion and crucifixion of Jesus. The Passion Play features a huge cast of performers, all in full costume. Performances are free, as is parking. Families are especially welcome. Details: Gino on 0422 662 451 or Dawn on 0411 957 164.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES' RAFFLE – 2018 There are wonderful prizes to be won and only by buying tickets can you win and drive one of the amazing cars. Tickets are available after mass **through until Sat 5th/ Sun 6th May**. The draw takes place on 2nd June 2018. We thank you in anticipation for your continuing ongoing support in 2018.

Prizes:
1. New Suzuki Baleno - valued at \$17490
2. New Suzuki Baleno - valued at \$17490
3. New Suzuki Baleno - valued at \$17490
4th & 5th: Coles/Myer gifts cards @ \$1000 each
6th – 14th: Coles/Myer gift cards @ \$500 each
Jenny Keating & Patrick Sawyer

LECTORS' ROSTER - The new roster starting April to June 2018 is available in the church foyer for your collection. Thank you for your dedication to this Church Ministry.

MUSICAL PLAY Vincent Pallotti, powered by infinite love at Hennessy Hall, 5 Doon Avenue, Glen Waverley, is an uplifting musical, written by Fr Patrick Jackson, SAC, pastor emeritus. As a young priest, Vincent Pallotti recognised the awakening of the lay Catholic faithful and felt that they should be involved in the apostolic work of the Church, an ideal he pursued passionately. Powered by 'God's Infinite Love', he established the Union of Catholic Apostolate, inspiring many to demonstrate loving kindness and compassion. He was canonised in 1963. This musical has been produced with the support of highly experienced actors. It will be a quality production and an inspiring experience for all who attend
Cost: \$15.00 Adults, Children and concession: \$10.00
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/URDB
Details: Florence D'costa on 0433 851 662, Tibor Deheny on 0417 749 499.

ROSTERS: Mon 26th to Sun 1st April 2018	
Flowers	Sue Nicholls
Altar Servers	As per Easter Roster
Linen	Alvie
Welcomers	6pm: Jayne 9am: Anastasia, Marg & Adrian 11am: Patrick & Angie, Coral
Lectors	As per Easter Roster
Counters	Peter & Dawn, George & Genevieve
Gardening	Michael