

The Commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem Luke 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. Now when he was near Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives as it is called, he sent two of the disciples, telling them, 'Go off to the village opposite, and as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you are to say this, "The Master needs it."' So they took the colt to Jesus, and throwing their garments over its back they helped Jesus on to it. As he moved off, people spread their cloaks in the road, and now, as he was approaching the downward slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole group of disciples joyfully began to praise God at the top of their voices for all the miracles they had seen. The cried out: "Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!' Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Master, check your disciples,' but he answered, 'I tell you, if these keep silence the stones will cry out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

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?*

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

A reading from the 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

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 22:14 – 23:56

(Please refer to separate booklet)

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 C
19th / 20th March, 2016

*Almighty and Eternal God,
Through the death of Jesus
You forgive us all our sins
Let us never forget the cross
because it is the sign
of how much You love us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



EXTRAORDINARY HOLY YEAR OF MERCY:
8th Dec 2015 to 20th Nov 2016
Misericordiae Vultus – The Face of Mercy

Pope Francis officially began the Jubilee Year of Mercy on December 8. It will run until the Solemnity of Christ the King later this year (November 20). During this period, the Pope has asked us to extend mercy to others, as a way of bringing the "goodness and tenderness of God" to them. "We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity, and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ, asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future." (Par 5)



FOCUS OF THE READINGS

Jesus, eternal God, humbled himself to be identified with humankind. Those who sought their own importance humiliated Jesus and denied his identity: Messiah, King of the Jews, builder of the temple. They put him to death, but God raised him up and proclaimed his true identity: Jesus Christ is Lord!

Jesus suffers and dies.

*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 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.

ROSTERS: Mon 21st to Sun 27th March

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| Flowers | Lent - No flowers |
| Altar Servers | As per Easter Roster |
| Linen | Laurel |
| Welcomers | As per Easter Roster |
| Lectors | As per Easter Roster |
| Counters | Bryon, Ruby |
| Gardeners | Frank, Michael |

SICK LIST

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Year C
19th / 20th March, 2016

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently.

We remember the anniversaries of –

Michael Atkinson, Tom Schepisi, Mary Whelan, Ronald Gallenti, Robert Lisle, Damiano, Margherita, Gilda & Luigi Coviello, Angelo, Federico & Silvia Zarro

We pray for the sick – Ron Prince, Henry Brohier, Peter Commons, Monica Commons, Patricia Quinn, Charles & Lynda Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Malcolm Mendonsa, Grace Gamley, Lilian Luiyf, Wilma Neville, Kayden McDevitt, Lorraine Loel, John Kolmus, Troy Chapman, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Lisa Whittaker, Brock McAvaney, Glenda Fraser, Beryl Turner, Brian Russell, Bernard Guerin, Gordon Byrne, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Mary Brimelow, Lorna Feeney, Fran Middlebrook, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Paul Hilder, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Bev McNamara, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Margaret Smith, Edward Osborne, Charles Gatt, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, Clive Geach.

**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**

Date: *Saturday, 2nd April, at 10.30 am*
 Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet *every Tuesday at 10.15 am* in the Parish Hall for praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP: Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together on *Tuesdays at 9 am* during school term in Nell's Cottage. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING

** Come and join us this Thursday.**
 and *every Thursday between 10 am and 1 pm* in the Parish Hall for friendly card playing, chats over a cup of tea or coffee. All are welcome.

THIS WEEKEND, WE WELCOME BISHOP MARK EDWARDS, WHO IS VISITING OUR PARISH AND WILL BE CELEBRATING ALL OUR WEEKEND MASSES.

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.

TUESDAY, 22ND MARCH

7 pm: Mass with extended Penitential Rite.
7.30 pm-8.30pm Individual Reconciliation

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS – Friday, 25th March – St Thomas Anglican, FTG Uniting, Community of Christ, Lutheran and St John's.

10.10am: A Walk of Witness St John's car park (Uniting Church will start at 10am with the Cross). to walk up Forest Road, along the track next to the railway line, down Station St, Selman Ave to Burwood Hwy, along Burwood Hwy to Forest Rd and back up Forest Rd to St John's.

10.30am: Service: The Way of the Cross in our Church

11.30am: Refreshments: Hot Cross buns, tea coffee served in the Parish Hall.

EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, 26th March – after the Vigil Mass everyone is invited to the School Hall to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. You may like to bring something to share. The School Hall will be open before Mass to drop off any food.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT

Come and join the fun. Don't need to be an expert.

Date: *Saturday 16th April*
Venue: *School Hall at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.*
Cost: *\$10 per adult. BYO drinks and nibbles. Make up a table or come and join one.*

Tickets on sale next weekend. Proceeds in aid of "Opening the Doors Foundation"(Aboriginal students support), Thornbury and the "Community Based Rehabilitation Foundation" (via Columban Fathers) in the Philippines. Donations welcome.

WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES -

Today at 2pm State Library – cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts. Walk together in solidarity to seek justice for refugees.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES Your new sets of envelopes commencing 3rd April along with your giving statements are available for collection from the Church foyer. For those who give by credit card or direct debit, please collect your statement. Any queries, please contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to the following child who will be baptised this weekend.



Florence Hannah Minas, daughter of Anastasios & Brigid Minas
 The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.

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.

"MELBOURNE CATHOLIC", THE NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

A free copy of the March edition is available in the church foyer. *However, as each parish was given only 25 copies, if you were able to get a copy, please read it and return it to the church foyer next weekend so that other parishioners can read it too.* Thank you to those who have already returned copies.

Please support the new magazine and become a subscriber. The price for 2016 is \$36 and covers all editions from April onwards or \$4 a copy. You can subscribe using the reply-paid envelope which you will find with the magazine in the church foyer.

LECTORS' ROSTER

A new roster is being prepared for lectors for April to June. Please notify me if you are unavailable during that period or if there are any other changes required. Rosters and guidelines will be available for collection on the weekend of 26th /27th March (Easter weekend.)

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Please remember to bring your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for collection at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper.