

**LUKE'S GOSPEL COMMEMORATION
OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO
JERUSALEM** Lk 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it."' So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would 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?*

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!*

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE 22:14-23:56**

(Please refer to separate booklet)

Please return Passion (Palm) Sunday booklets to the trolleys at the church doors.



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Passion (Palm) Sunday - Year C

13th & 14th April, 2019

*Almighty and Eternal God,
Through the death of Jesus, Your Son,
You forgive us our sins.
Let us never forget the cross,
for it is the supreme sign
of Your great love for us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD...

In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us. We have not been saved through military might, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon? Our Saviour was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. Our Saviour first offered himself for us and continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The reading of the Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples at the time. They were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, however we know the end of the story! We know that out of this darkness will emerge light and hope!

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 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.

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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:

Vic Docherty and Len Bennet.



Those who we remember at this time:

Baby Ayden Tellis (1 month), Sinforoso Oracion, Matteo Parente, Pat Bathgate, Catherine Lizza, George Crocker, George Crocker, James Starrs, Brian Russell, Peter Ward, Frances Thomas, Dante & Lidia Segato and Leo Williamson.

The sick: Frank Cassar, Christopher Windebank, Giuseppina Zarro, Ada Arnold, Lesina Maio, Peter Dunlop, Catherine Turner, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, 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 to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE
When: First Saturday of the Month at 10.30 am.
Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

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

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet at 10am each Tuesday, for a 10.15am start, in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy 9752 2986.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP. Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. 9am–10am each Tuesday (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

PROJECT COMPASSION Please remember to bring along your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for collection at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. **Thank you for your support of Project Compassion.**



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB? We will meet in the parish center on the First Tuesday of the month starting Tuesday 7th May. Our first book may be a novel by Christian author Francine Rivers which we will read separately then meet and discuss reflection questions about afterwards. Going forward we will choose books from the group's suggestions. If you are interested but would like a different time then please let me know too, maybe we will have a second group. Please email me if you are interested csombekkesjb@gmail.com

ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS & SERVICE



This year St John the Baptist is hosting the Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness & Service. Please join us for the walk commencing around 10am at the Ferntree Gully Uniting Church, or if you're unable to join the walk, the Scripture Based Service of the Stations of the Cross will commence at around 10.30am in our church, followed by hot cross buns & cuppas in our School Hall.

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER are on the glass wall. If you would like to assist with any of the ministries/tasks available, please write your details in the spaces provided.

ANNUAL COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2019 We thank you for your support to the Combined Parish Raffle ticket sales. **ALL BOOKS SOLD/UNSOLD MUST BE RETURNED BY THIS WEEKEND. Latest return timeline is 10:30am on Sunday 14th April.** All UNRETURNED tickets sold/unsold will be deemed LOST and WILL NOT be considered in the draw. Kindly please return any books you have taken home in the hope of selling these tickets. Your help would ease our follow up phone calls. In appreciation of your assistance.



GOOD FRIDAY: HOLY PLACES 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, on the trolleys.

DATES FOR THE DIARY...

SCHEDULE FOR THE LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK 2019

Sunday 14th April – Palm Sunday

Tuesday 16th April – 7pm Mass with extended Penitential Rite. Individual Reconciliation at 7.30pm

Wednesday 17th April – 9.15am Mass followed by Individual Reconciliation

Holy Thursday 18th April
8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Please Note: No morning Mass on Holy Thursday)

Good Friday 19th April
10am Ecumenical Way of the Cross and Walk
3pm Solemn Ceremonies

Holy Saturday 20th April – 8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 21st April – 9am & 11am Masses

EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION Saturday, 20th April – after the Vigil Mass everyone is invited to the School Hall to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. Please consider bringing something to share. The School Hall will be open before Mass to drop off any food.



AN ANZAC DAY DAWN WATCH will be held in the Quarry Park, Quarry Road, FTG on Thursday 25th April 2019. Gather at 5.30am at the parish car park for a silent walk to the Quarry Park for the short service starting at 6.00am. Bring torches and, if you wish, something to sit on. Coffee and tea will be served after the service, in the Parish Hall, courtesy of St Vincent de Paul group. Bring food to share. Inquiries to Margot Anne Boyd (9758 8278) or the Parish office.

ROSTERS: Mon 15th April to Sun 21st April

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| Flowers | Easter Roster |
| Linen | Alvi |
| Welcomers | 6pm Louise D & Peter G 9am: Sue & David W, Thelma 11am: Kath & Andrew, Maria |
| Lectors | 6pm: Easter Vigil Roster 9am Easter Roster 11am: Easter |
| Counters | Peter & Dawn, George & Genevieve |
| Gardening | Patrick S & Harry R |