



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C)

10 April 2022

readings

Next Week

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9

in a nutshell

The forgiveness of sins. We see ourselves in the crowds who cried 'Hosanna to the Son of David' one day and 'Crucify him' just a few days later. Like Peter and the other disciples we can be fickle followers of Jesus. We should not, however, imitate Judas and despair at our infidelity. Rather, we should look to Jesus who allowed his blood to be poured out for many 'for the forgiveness of sins'. Let us praise him with grateful hearts.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially, Charlotte-Mae, Maureen O'Kane, Kaye Law.
For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

Holy Week schedule is available.

More information inside

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

* Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

* Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Responsorial Psalm

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

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.)

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.)

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.)

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.)

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!

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

The Parish of St Mary's

Parish Priest

REV. MICHEL G CORRIVEAU

Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Parish Office Hours

Thursday

9:00am-4:00pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Saturday—5:00pm

Sunday—10:30am & 5:00pm

Weekday Mass & Rosary

Tuesday—9:00am

Thursday—9:00am

Friday—9:00am

Rosary prayed before morning Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday—11:30am-12:30pm

Friday—8:10am-8:40am

Exposition

Friday at 8:00am

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

Principal: Angela Glennie

Website:

smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au

Parish Notices

Child Safety

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

Remember children should be accompanied by an adult to the toilets.

Car Parking –Weekend Masses

In the interests of safety please park in the official carparks rather than on the grassy areas around the picnic tables. Keep this area for people to gather and chat after mass.

Do you need a Helping Hand?

Ring the St Vinnies Call Centre 1800 305 330 Monday - Friday 10am to 3pm, St Mary's Conference 0427 874 374 or John Bird 0407 848 192

Bulletin notices: by 12:00 noon Thursday please: moutevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Parish Meetings: Tuesday May 3

Finance Committee	7:00pm
Parish Safeguarding	7:30pm
Parish Council	8:00pm

Holy Week Schedule (Both Parishes)

Holy Thursday:

- ⇒ NO 9am Mass.
- ⇒ Mass of the Lord's Supper,
 - Yarra Junction 6pm
 - Mt Evelyn 8pm

Good Friday:

- ⇒ Stations of the Cross:
 - Warburton TBC
 - Mt Evelyn 9am
- ⇒ Passion of the Lord:
 - Pallotti College 3pm
 - Mt Evelyn 3pm

Easter Vigil:

- ⇒ Yarra Junction 6pm
- ⇒ Mt Evelyn 8:30pm
- ⇒ *Saturday Confessions* Mt Evelyn 11:30am-12:30pm

Easter Sunday:

- ⇒ Warburton 8:30am
- ⇒ Mt Evelyn 10:30am, 5pm

Installation of the new Tabernacle

I want to thank Andrew Zmegac, John Laan and Frank Feltham for their work installing the tabernacle and stand and the stand for the Marian statue. It took quite a bit of time and effort. In addition, all of the furniture in the sanctuary has been made by Frank Feltham. Thank you all for your time, talent and treasure!

Holy Week Music

There will be a choir practice on Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday) after the 10.30am Mass for music during Holy Week. All are welcome to join us!

Easter Egg Hunt after Mass

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all children after the 10:30 Mass on Easter Sunday. Children of all ages invited.

Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection 2022

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres in the Holy Land rely on assistance from this collection. Envelopes are available this weekend.

Project Compassion—Sixth Sunday of Lent

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever. Thousands of schools and Parishes in Australia have supported Project Compassion over the past year alone.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Friday mornings 8:00am. Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

Adoration: In the Eucharist is all the power that created the universe and all the love that redeemed it. (Msgr. Franklin Hurd)

Confession: What counts most is to make people understand that in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whatever the sin committed, if it is humbly recognised and the penitent turns with trust to the priest-confessor, he or she never fails to experience the soothing joy of God's forgiveness. (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

Stewardship Corner

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

March Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Weekly pledge amount: \$834.31

Average weekly given: \$755.50

Total income: \$3022

Total Expenditure: \$4416

Thanksgiving/Stewardship - Support for your Parish.

The Parish appreciates the ongoing support by those parishioners who are formally engaged in the Stewardship Program either using the envelopes or via direct debit. It's not too late to decide to become a regular contributor to the finances of the Parish. **Please notify the office if you would like to be part of the Stewardship.**

Tap and Go—Located Near Kitchen Window

Donations given using Tap and Go are considered the same as cash in the basket or "Presbytery Offering" through envelopes therefore contributes to the support of the Parish Priest. A percentage of the Presbytery collection is also required to be sent quarterly to support the Archdiocese.

'Pondering Grief', Saturday 30 April 2022, 10am-3.30pm.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via email info@heartoflife.melbourne, www.heartoflife.melbourne, or Phone 98901101

Bringing a Smile to Your Face...

After a long and devoted life as a parish priest Father O'Reilly died and went to heaven. When he arrived St Peter gave him a wooden staff, a plain cotton gown and sent him down to the back of heaven.

The next person who arrived in heaven was an airline pilot and St Peter issued him with a bejewelled staff, a golden robe and escorted him right up the front!

Poor Father O'Reilly couldn't work out why he was not more favoured after his long life serving his parishioners, so he asked St Peter.

St Peter said, "Well Father, we work on results here. When you stood up to give a homily, most of your parishioners fell asleep. When that pilot climbed into the cockpit to take off, all his passengers prayed!

Readings Reflection

[Passion of the Christ](#)

"What is written about Me is coming to fulfillment," Jesus says in today's Gospel (see Luke 22:37).

Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Luke 22:63-65; 23:10-11, 16), as His hands and feet are pierced (see Luke 23:33), as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Luke 23:34), and as three times they dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Luke 23:35, 37, 39).

He remains faithful to God's will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading: "The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame."

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken, that one day we too will be with Him in Paradise (see Luke 23:42).

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Jesus makes His Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

The time of his Passion being now at hand, our Redeemer departs from Bethany to go to Jerusalem. On drawing close to that ungrateful city, he beheld it, and wept: *Beholding the city, He wept over it.* He wept because he foresaw its ruin, which would be the consequence of the stupendous crime of taking away the life of the Son of God, of which that people would shortly become guilty. Ah, my Jesus, when You were then weeping over that city You were weeping also over my soul, beholding the ruin which I have brought upon myself by my sins, constraining You to condemn me to hell, even after You having died to save me. Oh, leave it to me to weep over the great evil of which I have been guilty in despising You, the greatest of all good, and please have mercy upon me.

Jesus Christ enters the city: the people go forth to meet him; they receive him with acclamations and rejoicings; and, in order to do him honor, some of them strew branches of palms along the road, whilst others spread out their garments for him to pass over. Oh, who would ever then have said that that Lord, now recognized as the Messias, and welcomed with so many demonstrations of respect, the next time that he appeared along the self-same ways would be under sentence of death, and with a cross upon his shoulders? Ah, my beloved Jesus, these people now receive Thee with acclamations, saying, *Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!* Glory to the Son of David! Blessed be he who cometh in the name of God for our salvation! And then they will raise their voices insultingly to Pilate to take Thee out of the world, and cause Thee to die upon a cross: *Away with Him! away with Him! crucify Him!* Go, my soul, and do Thou too lovingly say to him, *Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!* Blessed forever be Thou that art come, O Saviour of the world! for, otherwise, we had all been lost. O my Saviour, save me!

When the evening, however, came, after all those acclamations, there was no one found who would invite him to lodge in his house; so that he was obliged to retrace his steps to Bethany.

O my beloved Redeemer, if others will not give Thee a welcome, I desire to welcome Thee into my poor heart. At one time, I, unhappily, expelled Thee from my soul; but I now prize to have Thee with me more than the possession of all the treasures of earth. I love Thee, O my Saviour; what power shall ever be able to separate me from my love of Thee? Sin only; but from this sin it is Thine to deliver me, by Thy help, O my Jesus; and thine too, by thy intercession, O Mary, my Mother.

Jesus prays in the Garden

Jesus, knowing that the hour of his Passion had now come...goes to the Garden of Gethsemane, where he knew already that his enemies would come to take him. He there begins to pray, and lo! he finds himself assailed by a great dread, by a great repugnance, and by a great sadness: *He began to be afraid, to be weary, and sorrowful.* There came upon him, first, a great dread of the bitter death which he would have to suffer on Calvary, and of all the anguish and desolations by which it would be accompanied. During the actual course of his Passion, the scourges, the thorns, the nails, and the rest of his tortures came upon him but one at a time; whereas, in the garden, they all came upon him together at once, crowding into his memory in order to torment him. For his love of us he embraced them all; but in embracing them, he trembles and is in agony: *Being in an agony, He prayed the longer.*

There comes upon him, moreover, a great repugnance to that which he has to suffer; so that he prays his Father to deliver him from it: *My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass away from Me.* He prayed thus to teach us that in our tribulations we may indeed beg of God to deliver us from them; but we ought at the same time to refer ourselves to his will, and to say, as Jesus then said, Not, however, as I will, but as You wilt. Yes, my Jesus, Your will, not mine, be done. I embrace all the crosses that You will send me. You, innocent as You are, has suffered so much for love of me; it is but just that I, who am a sinner, and deserving of hell, should suffer for love of You that which You do ordain.

There came upon him, likewise, a sadness so great that it would have been enough to cause him to die, had he not, of himself, kept death away, in order to die for us after having suffered more: *My soul is sorrowful even unto death.* This great sadness was occasioned by the sight of the future ungratefulness of men, who, instead of corresponding to so great a love on his part, would offend him by so many sins, the sight of which caused him to sweat in streams of blood: *And his sweat became as drops of blood trickling down upon the ground.*

So, then, O my Jesus, it is not the executioners, the scourges, the thorns, or the cross that have been so cruel: the cruelty lies in my sins, which afflicted Thee so much in the garden. Give to me, then, a share of that sorrow and abhorrence which You did experience in the garden, that so, even to my death, I may bitterly weep for the offences that I have given You. I love You, O my Jesus: Receive with kindness a sinner who wishes to love You. Recommend me, O Mary, to this your Son, who is in affliction and sadness for love of me.