



him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. "You brought this man before me" he said "as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go." But as one man they howled, "Away with him! Give us Barabbas!" (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" And for the third time he spoke to them. "Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go." But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry? Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, "Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing." Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. "He saved others," they said "let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. "Are you not the Christ?" he said. "Save yourself and us as well." But the other spoke up and rebuked him. "Have you no fear of God at all?" he said. "You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus," he said "remember me when you come into your kingdom." "Indeed, I promise you," he replied "today you will be with me in paradise."

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, "This was a great and good man." And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

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 power, 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 felon, 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?

We have a savior who 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.

We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then 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.

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C

10 April 2022

Gospel Lk 19:28-40

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the 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 now 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'.

First Reading Is 50:4-7

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.

Responsorial 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

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.

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 Lk 23:1-49

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied, 'Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gilbert Fernandez, Danica Russo, Eileen & Leo Ellerton

ANNIVERSARIES

Viktor & Mladen Glavina, Isaac Rodrigues, Rocco & Celeste Albano, Jack Cutayar

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 24th April 2022

Lincoln Nguyen

Alyssia Nguyen

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Non-Catholic parents wishing to have their children Baptised Catholic, should consider attending our RCIA classes, which will commence in July. Please call the Parish Office or Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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EASTER FLOWERS

Donations towards our Altar Easter flowers would be appreciated.

PALMS

Thank you to all who donated palms for our Palm Sunday masses this weekend.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN PENANCE WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have Lenten Penance with Eucharistic Adoration on **Wednesday 13th April at 7.00pm.** (No Mass). *Priests will be available for individual Confessions.*

'ALPHA INFORMATION SESSION' & FINAL 'LENTEN PROGRAM MEETING'
St Peter's Church, Keilor East
Monday, 11th April from 7.30pm-8.45pm approx.

What is Alpha? Who is it for? Why is Alpha officially part of the Archdiocese? Parishioners are invited to an Information Session on Alpha. An explanatory video will be screened, questions answered. All welcome: Enquiries 0403 512 936

HOLY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord's Supper – Washing of Feet

12 volunteers are needed on Holy Thursday evening at the 7.00pm Mass. Please indicate on the clipboard if you would like to take part. All participants are asked to wear a face mask.

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 of the Church in the Holy Land, providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. The collection is also used to maintain churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your generosity is appreciated.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF MERCY

Starting on Good Friday, 15th April, to Saturday, 23rd April. Rosary, Mass and Divine Mercy Novena. 7.00pm on all days except on the two Saturdays (16th & 23rd April) which will be at 2.00pm. **Divine Mercy Feast Celebration** – Sunday 24th April at 1.30pm. Adoration, Confessions, Rosary, Litany & Divine Mercy Chaplet. 3.00pm – Holy Mass followed by blessing of the Divine Mercy Image.

HOLY WEEK

Monday of Holy Week – 11th April

9.15am - Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week – 12th April

9.15am - Mass.

7.30pm - Christ Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.

All welcome to attend.

Wednesday of Holy Week – 13th April

9.15am Morning Mass

7.00pm – Lenten Penance with Eucharistic Adoration – no Mass (*Priests will be available for individual Confessions*)

HOLY THURSDAY – 14th April

7.00pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

8.30pm – Altar of Repose & Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – 15th April

10.30 am - Way of the Cross

3.00pm - Solemn celebration of The Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY – 16th April

7.00pm The Easter Vigil Mass – Blessing of Fire, Paschal Candle & Baptismal Water followed by solemn Mass of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY – 17th April

8.30am Mass (English/Italian)

10.30am Mass (English)

No 5.00pm Mass on Easter Sunday

however there will be 7.00pm Divine Mercy Novena followed by Mass on Easter Sunday

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR EASTER TRIDUUM MASSES - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

We still need Readers, Ext. Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Greeters, Car Parking Assistants etc for our Easter Triduum Masses. Please see the clipboard (green sheets) in the narthex. We will send all who volunteer a copy of the roster by Thursday.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2022 "For All Future Generations"

Palm Sunday 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. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through Project Compassion appeal. *Please return your boxes and envelopes from Holy Thursday.*

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS



Wishing all St Peter's Primary school staff, students and their families, a safe and blessed Easter & School Holidays.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.