



making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God.'" Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. 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. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. 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 must be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

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Gospel Mt 21:1-11

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

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfill

what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of an ass.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?'

And the crowds said,
'This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.'

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?

- 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.)

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 shorter form Mt 27:11-54

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick and housebound in our Parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anna Tsonidis, Gesualdo Berto, Fr Salvatore Dimattina

ANNIVERSARIES

Salvatore Pierorazio (1 month), Jihan Khallouf, Antonia Attard, Ivan Mance, Clare Meneze, Antonio & Ida Botter, Fermio & Maria Botter, Giuseppe, Anna & Ermina Botter, Domenico & Flora Farronato, Ostilio Santello, Salvatore Sudano, Evelyn Chy, Michael, Kathleen & Peter Julian McDonald

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:-

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or remain anonymous

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Account Name: St Peter's Church Account BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 53530 4676. Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. ASmith T/G 500

EASTER FLOWERS Donations towards our Altar Easter flowers are always appreciated.

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

EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

'THANK YOU' - LENTEN HEALING RETREAT Thanks to all who participated in and helped out at our Lenten Healing Retreat last Saturday.

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN PENANCE WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have Lenten Penance with Eucharistic Adoration on **Wednesday, 5th April** (no Mass) at **7.00pm**. *Priests will be available for individual Confessions.*

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, or contact the Parish Office by Wednesday morning.

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, 7th April, to Saturday, 15th April. Rosary, Mass and Divine Mercy Novena. 7.00pm on all days except on the two Saturdays (8th & 15th April) which will be at 2.00pm. **Divine Mercy Feast Celebration** – Sunday 16th April at 1.30pm. Adoration, Confessions, Rosary, Litany & Divine Mercy Chaplet. 3.00pm – Holy Mass followed by blessing of the Divine Mercy Image.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION

2023 "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 the Project Compassion appeal. *Please return your boxes or envelopes from Holy Thursday onwards. A basket will be kept near the Altar.*

HOLY WEEK

Monday of Holy Week – 3rd April

9.15am - Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week – 4th April

9.15am - Mass.

Wednesday of Holy Week – 5th April

9.15am Morning Mass

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

HOLY THURSDAY – 6th April

7.00pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.
8.30pm – Altar of Repose & Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – 7th April

10.30 am - Way of the Cross

3.00pm - Solemn celebration of The Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY – 8th April

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

EASTER SUNDAY – 9th April

8.30am Mass (English/Italian)

10.30am Mass (English)

(No 5.00pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

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, Holy Saturday Readers, Ext. Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Greeters, Car Parking Attendants, Sacristans, Singers, Cleaners are needed for all 3 Masses. Please fill in your details on the clipboard.

MOONEE VALLEY ALPHA Moonee Valley Alpha for Young Adults is launching at St Monica's Church (Symons Centre) on Sunday nights from the **23rd of April 2023!** So what is Alpha? Alpha is a series of small group conversations and videos, run over several weeks, that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment. It's a place to connect with people over dinner, where you can say anything you like, or nothing at all. Register at <https://bit.ly/42BF1YM>. For enquiries, please contact Adam 0469583228 or mooneevalleyalpha@gmail.com. Posters available in narthex.

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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, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL

End of Term 1 at 1.30pm

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.