

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C

Entrance Antiphon:

Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

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!

A reading from the prophet Isaiah **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.

The word of the Lord.

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.)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians **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.

The word of the Lord.

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!

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke **Lk 22:14 – 23:56**

Communion Antiphon **Mt 26:42**

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

Next week's readings:

First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel Jn 20:1-9



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Our Parish Vision Statement:
We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am Saturday Confession 9.45 am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

Homily for the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 10th April, 2022

With the liturgy of today, we begin the celebrations of the Holy Week. This week is called holy because in it we celebrate the deepest aspects of the mysteries of our salvation; the mysteries of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. These mysteries will gradually unfold in the celebrations of the days to come, especially in the Paschal Triduum constituted of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The whole season of Lent is arranged to lead us to this very climax of our spiritual journey. Very unique in the Liturgy of today is the blessing of palm leaves and carrying them in our hands in procession because of which today is called Palm Sunday. Also striking is the reading of the Passion Narrative taken this year from Saint Luke's Gospel (Luke 22:14-23:56), which introduces us to the key moments of the celebrations to be held in the few days to come; for which also today is called "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." With the palm leaves we carry in our hands, we commemorate the solemn entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, which we read in the Gospel (Luke 19:28-40) of the first part of today's liturgy, for the purpose of His suffering and death for our salvation. With these palm leaves also, we show our readiness to walk with our Lord Jesus Christ on this path, not like the crowd who abandoned Him immediately when they saw troubles coming, but like faithful followers who are ready to share in his suffering and death so that we may share also in the glory of the resurrection at the vigil of Easter. All of these mysteries constitute the Church's spiritual strong-room and the Church's fountain of grace for all of her liturgical celebrations. The truth of the story of our Lord Jesus Christ is the fact that in the humility of the Cross is our victory (Phil 2:6-11); the same victory through which our Lord Jesus Christ redeemed us. The same victory that leads us to profess with the certainty of faith in our times of troubles "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" (Is 50:4-7).

In the readings we heard today, we came in contact with many persons in the different scenes. Every one of the persons we heard is a very good material for personal reflection. In this personal journey within our inner selves, one could imagine; who would you become if this whole scenario is to be replayed in our midst? If everything depends on how we live our lives, on our choices and how we have prepared ourselves through this season of Lent what would our positions be? The Jews? The Pharisees? One of the disciples? The Crowd? Etc. This is an important self-probe that will help us realize the level of the progress we are making in the spiritual life and to recognise who we truly are. Otherwise, what would be the value of these celebrations if they do not challenge us daily to become better persons? What would be the value of all of these celebrations if they do not bring us to imitate our Lord Jesus Christ who gave up His glory in humility and took on our human condition that He may liberate us to share in the glory that is His from time immemorial? The essence of these mysteries is never to lead us to mystify ourselves, but rather to help us become simple and to strengthen us to change the world for good with the simplicity of our lives and actions.

We pray that through the mysteries of our faith that will be celebrated this week, we may become better and simple human beings, better and simple Christians and better and simple citizens so that we can help to build a better and simple world. Amen.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

***** Laurie Webber the former parishioner , the husband of Dorothy, the father of Ryll and Lincoln. The funeral was taken place in Benalla on 1st of April. May his soul rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Betty Cuttriss, Margaret Meerabach, Arie de Wit, Frank Collins, Teresa Fitzmaurice, Jim McCart, Abraham Schellenbach, Toos Kuyper, Rosemary Fidge, Zdena Simek, Nick Thomas, Aida Parente, Joanne Sauer, Lee Walsh, Jim Aitken, Joe & Giuseppina Lamendola.

Prayer for the deceased: Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

Working Bee



To prepare the church and the grounds for the wonderful feast of Easter we are planning a working bee on Saturday the 9th of April from 10.15 am. (Day before Palm Sunday)

We are hoping to give the church a good "Autumn Clean" and also do some further gardening in the grounds depending on how many people are able to assist.

This is such a worthwhile and enjoyable opportunity to do something for the parish so we invite people, with even limited ability, to join us with a number of jobs to be completed.

Work will include a big clean up of the church including removal of all cobwebs in lots of corners.

Vacuuming and window cleaning. Clean-up outside near front gate to enable proper access to Parish Mass times. One big tree to be removed, chipper will be available for all cuttings.

General tidy up of the grounds depending on available people.

Light and heavier jobs to be done so all welcome to share the load.

If you have any queries, please call Patrick Coyne on 0418585834 or Maureen on 0431483963. Equipment and morning tea and lunch provided.



Thursday of the Lord's Supper—14h April

7.30pm at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave — Washing of the Feet and Eucharist.

8.30 pm Solemn Reservation. Adoration.

Good Friday - 15th April:

10.00am. The Stations of the cross at Sumava Czech Centre, 46, Locks Way, Belgrave South. (Please DO NOT bring any food) but bring an umbrella if rain is forecast.

3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord with Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night —

Saturday 16th April: 6.30pm at St. Thomas More Church, Reynolds Lane, Belgrave.

Blessing of the Fire. followed by the vigil Mass.

Sunday of the Resurrection — Easter

Sunday 17th April:

6.30am -St. Joseph's Church, Emerald.

Blessing of the Fire, Holy Eucharist.

Please note also.... that breakfast will be served after the **Easter Dawn Mass at St. Joseph's church. All welcome**

9.00am - Easter day mass at Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook.

9.00am—Easter day mass St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave.

11.00am—Easter day mass at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk.

- **We Recommend bringing a mask for Holy Thursday and Good Friday Passion, in case social distancing cannot be maintained with the numbers attending.**

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Blankets for Seasonal Workers

A group of Tongan and Vanuatan Seasonal Workers is currently living at Gilwell park. They will be working on local farms throughout the coming winter. Coming from the tropics, they will feel the cold greatly. If you have blankets or doonas in clean condition to spare, please drop them at any of our Mass Centres by Palm Sunday.

Marilyn Huber.

Thanksgiving envelopes are available at your mass centre this weekend.

Divine Mercy Sunday — 24th April at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave

Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Cruz



- 7.45 am — 8.45am — Reconciliation. (Two Priests are available)
- Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image at 9.00 am followed by the Holy Mass
- Exposition of the blessed sacrament
- Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Rosary
- Reposition of the blessed sacrament

(When leaving the church, please venerate the Divine Mercy image).

The Divine Mercy novena starts on Good Friday.

Stations of the Cross

St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave
on Friday at 7pm.

Dear Parishioners

This Friday is the last night to attend the station of the cross before Good Friday. With all that is happening in the world at the moment many sacrifices are needed.



Successful Event

A total of \$2381.75 was raised at the Middle Eastern Feast last Sunday. Thanks go to members of the Social Justice Group and Casey Grandmothers 4 Refugees, for their hard work to prepare the food and the venue. The support of parishioners who attended or made a donation, gave prizes for the raffle and bought raffle tickets and jams made this great achievement possible. Such loyal support is greatly valued.

Proceeds were divided between the Asylum Seeker Centre in Dandenong (\$500) and the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Centre (\$1881.75).

Marilyn Huber.

Easter Sunday Dawn service at Emerald

All are most welcome to attend our 6:30 Mass. We gather outside around our fire, light our candles and then proceed into the church for Mass. It is an inspiring event followed by the companionship of a shared breakfast after Mass.

Baptism

Let us welcome **Mack Jude Glidden** into our faith community as he is going to be baptized this weekend at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave. May he be richly blessed throughout his life, constantly being aware of the unconditional love and Mercy of God.

Chrism Mass: Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Five parishioners can participate from our Parish. Please Contact Fr. Cruz by Saturday.