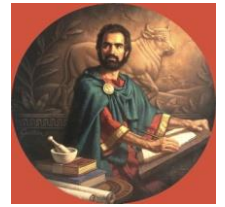


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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 25 MARCH 2018 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR B *THE YEAR OF YOUTH*

This week's readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: By the time the gospel accounts came to be written, it was more than 35 years after the death of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark is now very widely held to have been the first of the four gospels, written in about the year 70 CE. One of the reasons for the writing of the gospels was the fact that those who had walked and talked with Jesus were becoming old and dying. There was a sense of capturing the story before the last eye witnesses were gone. This is very evident in the Passion narrative from the gospel of Mark. One can almost hear an elderly voice dictating the events: 'then this happened ...; then he said ...; then we all thought ...' Like so much of this particular gospel, there is very little embellishment. It's like an old time detective show, 'Just give us the facts!' The gospel of Mark presents the story of the Passion as a sequence of events with little commentary or theological reflection. (That is partly why it lends itself so well to being read by several voices.) One of the best examples that the gospel is a straightforward recollection of events is the inclusion of the scene in Gethsemane when the young man ran away naked. No storyteller would create such a bizarre, unexplained event. There is no explanation of who the young man is, why he was wearing only a loincloth, nor why the armed men tried to seize hold of him. It is reported in exactly the same style as the rest of the story – very matter-of-fact. The presence of the young man – both in Gethsemane and in the gospel – has puzzled scholars for many years, yet if nothing else, it provides evidence of the way in which this Passion narrative was transmitted from lived experience, to memory, to oral account, to written gospel.

GOSPEL FOCUS – THIS MAN WAS A SON OF GOD: By the time we have stood and listened to this lengthy Passion narrative, the listener may have started to wilt by the time we get to the death of Jesus. Yet the gospel writer keeps one of the most important messages for this moment. As Jesus dies, a centurion standing by utters the inspired words, 'In truth, this man was a son of God.' Famously played by John Wayne in the movie, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, the centurion is the voice of the gentile – the non-Jew – representing all those throughout the world who will recognise the truth of Jesus' life and purpose.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT? PASSION OF THE PASSION: The Passion narrative is very aptly named. The emotion and power of this story is nothing short of passionate. The gospel writer's style of fast paced, unadorned factual narrative is a very effective way of helping the reader/listener to engage in the story. It is, after all, the first half of the most important Christian story – finished off by the resurrection that is celebrated on Easter Sunday. It is easy to see why this stark, narrative style was embellished and expanded upon by the later gospel writers and yet it is perhaps the more passionate for the lack of explanation and theologising.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – BEFORE THE COCK CROWS: Peter is an interesting character in the gospels. He is one of the first of the disciples to be called; Jesus changes his name and places great trust in him; he is witness to the most significant moments of Jesus' life; he is able to profess his faith in Jesus as the Christ and yet it is he who denies even knowing Jesus. We might have thought that Peter was Jesus' most loyal and faithful follower, yet it is he who can't stand up and claim that he was a follower of Jesus. Is it any wonder that it is difficult for us today sometimes?

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!

Response to the Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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 the 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.

**Saint Luke the Evangelist
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We are Companions on the Journey ...

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Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

**Rev Father Gerard Johnson
Parish Priest**

Marilyn Robert

Part-time Parish Secretary

**Thursday & Friday
9.30am – 4.30pm**

Email: BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au

Website:

<http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Home.aspx>

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil – 6:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY

Tues. 11.00am
Weds. @ 9:00am

(No Thursday morning Weekday Mass)

**Rosary prayed after Mass times as
listed above. All welcome.**

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 11.30am – 12.00pm &
7.00pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday 9.30am – 10.00am &
7.00pm – 8.00pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

The Blessed Sacrament is
exposed for Adoration
Wednesday
Start: 7:00pm | End: 8:00pm

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

By appointment and
six months (6) notice, please.
*(This helps with the planning of both
celebrations and Parents usually know
nine months in advance when their
baby is to be born).*

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**Prayer to Saint Luke
the Evangelist**

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal
by his preaching and writings the mystery of
your love for the poor, grant that those who
already glory in your name may persevere
as one heart and one soul and that all
nations may merit to see your salvation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen!
*Patron Saint of artists, physicians, surgeons,
students and butchers.*

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and those Parishioners unable to be
among us this weekend. For those who died recently and for all those whose
anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace. *Parishioners may like to
remember their loved ones in this way by contacting the Parish Office leading up to
the person's anniversary and requesting that their loved ones' names be included
and mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Mass accompanied by the
usual stipend envelope that is on the notice table.*

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: **Thursday of the Lord's Supper. Friday of the
Passion of the Lord & Annual Collection for sacred sites in the Holy Land.
Saturday – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.** Sunday Masses: Preface of
the Passion (Palm), Euch. Accl. No. 1 & Eucharistic Prayer II. We welcome back
Fr. Jim Staunton P.E. this week for Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

PALM SUNDAY: TODAY IS 'WORLD YOUTH DAY' celebrated by Pope Francis in
Rome and across the world. Today let us pray for the young people of our parish,
that they may be open to hearing the quiet voice of Jesus from among the many
voices around them.

HOLY WEEK EXERCISES: Weekday Mass, Project Compassion, mid-week Stations
of the Cross Wednesday afternoons at 4.00pm, Holy Hour each Wednesday evening
at 7.00pm, the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) – available three times this
week, Our Journey through the Triduum and learning by heart the (new) Mass
responses.

**12 WILLING: YOUNG, AGED AND INBETWEEN PARISHIONERS NEEDED TO
HAVE THEIR FEET WASHED ON HOLY THURSDAY:** Please record your name
and telephone number on the clipboard on the notice table in our Church Foyer. A
run through of each ceremony will happen with all Ministers of service at 9.45am
Holy Thursday morning, Good Friday morning and Holy Saturday morning please.

WEEK 6 - Holy Week: Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday. Good Friday. Dark Saturday.
Easter. These are very important days in the life of the Christian Church and for
individual Christians. This week is the culmination of our Lenten journey. For weeks, we
have been preparing our hearts to consider anew the meaning of the cross. Join us
as we walk through Passion Week, from the joyful crowds of Palm Sunday to the
deep sorrow of Good Friday and ultimately to the triumph of Easter Sunday. On that
Resurrection Sunday, we will rejoice in union once again as we say "Christ is risen! He
has risen indeed!"

PROJECT COMPASSION WEEK SIX: Psyche Mae from Philippines. When Psyche
Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on
the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was
forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive. In 2018, Psyche
Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling
to leave poverty behind them – with plans to study a Master's degree. Please visit this
webpage for more details:

<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-6-Psyche-Mae>

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES can be returned next week please.

THE 6PM CHOIR will lead the singing on Easter Sunday Morning 1st April @ 8.30 am
Mass, Saturday 6 pm Sunday Vigil Mass 14th April & 28th April.

A VOCATION VIEW: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. We are presented with two
options in today's Mass: do we welcome Christ into Jerusalem or scream out to
crucify Him? Our willingness to give testimony to Christ helps determine where we are.

ST. LUKE'S FETE – 18TH MARCH 2018: Thankyou to all involved with this Parish
biennial enterprise, especially Jackie Purcell our Parish School Principal & Staff,
Melissa with her team - the Fete Committee and all our Parishioners who have
children in our Parish Primary School. It was a great day fostering stronger friendships
and deeper relationships within, around and beyond the Community. This Parish
initiative raised \$7000 for the Parish School and Parish. Many thanks!

IS THERE A SEMI-RETIRED TEACHER available who would be willing to meet
regularly with Parents and children (*who are not in our Primary School*) to prepare
them for the Sacraments of Initiation this year? Please make yourself known to Fr
Gerard at your earliest convenience.

PARISH CARE GROUP: Let's get together to discuss where to from here, who will
lead and what can we manage these days with the support that is available.

WHERE: Presbytery - **WHEN:** 15th April 2018 - **TIME:** After 10.30am Sunday morning Mass.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS IS BACK! Do you shop at Coles? If you do **this is
another way to support our Parish Primary School.** Please deposit your "Schools
voucher" in the box provided on the notice table in our foyer.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES: Please send to the following e-mail address by
Wednesday 5pm – BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED? After Mass most times in our Church People like to
spend some further time in prayer, yet others like to catch up and chat. Do you think
those who want to chat could withdraw to the Church foyer to do so, enabling those
who want to stay and pray to do so in the quiet of the Church? A both/and – or, a
win/win for all ...

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

24 MARCH 2018 & 25 MARCH 2018 (PALM SUNDAY)

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Monica Hodder
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Engelina Nyhuis
	10:30 AM	Lynda Kilroe-Smith

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

24 MARCH 2018 & 25 MARCH 2018 (PALM SUNDAY)

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Reader - Olive Hammill Gospel - Bernie Brennan
		Gospel - Melina Barcellona
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Reader - Godfrey Thong Gospel - Godfrey Thong
		Gospel - Shirley Prabha
	10:30 AM	Reading - Dale/Lizzie Dixon Gospel - Steve Kilroe-Smith Gospel - Margaret Gearon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

24 AND 25 MARCH 2018 (PALM SUNDAY)

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	-
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Joe Brogno
	10:30 AM	Margaret Gearon

SLIDE OPERATORS

24 AND 25 MARCH 2018 (PALM SUNDAY)

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	David Prabha
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

CHURCH CLEANING

MAINTENANCE

31 MARCH 2018	Team 2 (Monica Hodder, Marie Parker, Jeannette Neumann, Filomena Manley, Beryl Kanagalingam)	31 MARCH 2018	Team 7 (Steve Brenna, George Brodawka & Bernard O'Malley)
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-Engelina Nyhuis & John Nyhuis -

HOLY WEEK ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY THURSDAY

8:00 PM	Godfrey Thong Megan McLean Kana Chelliah	3:00 PM	Lynda Kilroe-Smith
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GOOD FRIDAY

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

HOLY THURSDAY

8:00 PM	Beryl Chelliah	3:00 PM	Reader - Olive Hammill Gospel - Godfrey Thong Gospel - Marg Yore
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GOOD FRIDAY

SLIDE OPERATORS

HOLY THURSDAY

8:00 PM	Manny Gonzalez	3:00 PM	Marg Yore
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GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER VIGIL & EASTER SUNDAY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM	Jess Kilroe-Smith	8:30AM	Rosemary Donaldson
		10:30AM	Ian Holmes

EASTER SUNDAY

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM	Readings 1 & 2 - Melina Barcellona Readings 3 & 4 - Marg Yore Readings 5 & 6 - Steve Kilroe-Smith Reading 7 - Mia Perang Epistle & Psalm - Margaret Gearon	8:30AM	Ken D'Souza
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EASTER SUNDAY

SLIDE OPERATORS

8:00 PM	Marg Yore	8:30AM	Maria D'Souza
		10:30AM	Manny Gonzalez

A CHANGE IN PRACTICE: Some People have made it known that they are finding not having the Prayers & Responses on the screens in our Church to prompt them a challenge. When was the last time you required prompt cards to have a conversation with a member of your family or with God? The Prayers and Responses are much the same each week so remembering them ought be second nature; this exercise in memory may prove to be more beneficial than some people realise, for the Celebration of Mass is all about remembering; "Do this in remembrance of me," Jesus says (Luke 22:19).

MARCH OF WITNESS GOOD FRIDAY 30 MARCH 2018: St John's March of Witness on Good Friday morning, this year held on the 30 March has been held continuously for over fifty years and has not dwindled in numbers over the years. About 1000 people participate. Please see Church noticeboard for more details.

SAFETY STATEMENT: We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable adults in our Church. Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Blackburn South holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. (<http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Policies.aspx>)

Parish Groups & Contacts

Did not our hearts burn within us as we walked along ...

**Lectors, Welcomers Collectors
Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharist, & Rosters**
Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

Children's Liturgy Group
Nina Grieve - 9877 4023
Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

Thanksgiving Counters
Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087
Steve Kilroe-Smith - 0404 864 232

**Pastoral Council &
Child Safety Officer**
Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

History
Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

Whitehorse Deanery

Finance Council
Steve Brennan
Parish Accountant

Hall Hire
Marilyn Robert - 9877 2292

Gardens
Judy Noy - 9894 1506

Church Sacristan
Greg Grant 0401 644 474

Church Linen
Toni Plevier

Church Cleaning & Flowers
Megan McLean 9878 8691

Maintenance
Bill Goodwin 9803 6056

Holy Communion
to the housebound

Parish & School Choirs
Maria Pinto, Lina Mafi
0411 136 043

Marg Yore & Kat Bergin
9877 4023

**Parish and School
Fete Committee**

Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

Parish School Advisory Board
Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**Parish School
Parents' Association**
Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

St Vincent de Paul Society
For Assistance: 1800 305 330
(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

Parish Contact:
Tony Kearney

RECRUITMENT NOTICE:

These Parish Groups welcome new members who choose to participate in the life of the Parish in these ways - would you like to make contact with one or more of them?