

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) / C

10 APRIL 2022

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.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

THE PROCESSION

The priest greets the people, blesses the palms and sprinkles them with holy water; The Gospel (Luke 19:28-40) is then read. Before the procession the priest may say these or similar words:

P. Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace.

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!

The Gloria is omitted.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

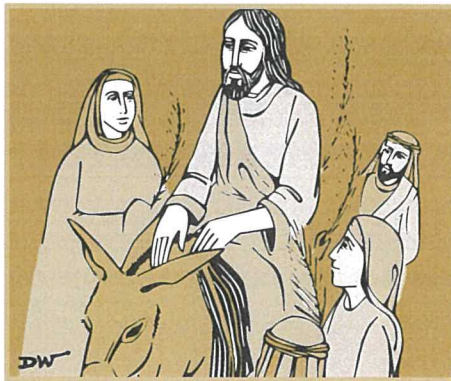
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isa 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
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.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP 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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

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 passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

(**N.** Narrator **J.** Jesus **O.** Other single speaker **C.** Crowd)

N. The whole assembly then rose, and they brought him before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying,

C. We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.

N. Pilate put to him this question,

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He replied,

J. It is you who say it.

N. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd,

O. I find no case against this man.

N. But they persisted,

C. 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.

N. 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 him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. He said,

O. You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case 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.

N. But as one man they howled,

C. Away with him! Give us Barabbas!

N. 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.

C. Crucify him! Crucify him!

N. And for the third time he spoke to them,

O. Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and let him go.

N. 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,

J. 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?

N. 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 criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said,

J. Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.

N. Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him, saying,

C. He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.

N. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said,

C. If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.

N. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him, saying,

O. Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well.

N. But the other spoke up and rebuked him,

O. Have you no fear of God at all? 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, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

N. He replied,

J. Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.

N. 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,

J. Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

N. 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,

O. This was a great and good man.

N. 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.

The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Luke 22:14—23:56

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Mt 26:42

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year C-9/10 April 2022

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Words from Fr Charles:

Holy Week is upon us as we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

During this week we are asked to walk through the events of Jesus' last days. We are asked to relive those days in something like real time but every element linked to the tomb—until Saturday night.

We start the with Jesus' "Triumphal" entry into Jerusalem but we link that immediately to the rest of the week by ending our Passion Sunday 'in the tomb'.

We celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist on Thursday but we end that glory with our main tabernacle empty, waiting.

We journey through the Passion of the Lord on Friday and again end in the tomb.

We do nothing on Saturday: we are in the tomb.

Then ... the resurrection in all its glory and simplicity and complexity.

All our other celebrations are one-day events.: Christmas, Pentecost, major solemnities: one day each. The passion, death and resurrection gets a week. Because it is central to understanding God's love for us. There are two important reasons for this week long celebration. One is because the events happened over a week (approximately).

The other is because this week is central to who we are. In this week we delve into what it truly means to be Christian, to be followers of Christ, to be disciples of Christ.

All through his ministry Jesus keeps telling people not to tell others who he is: he does this because until we experience this Holy Week, the week of Passion and Death we won't really understand the true nature of the Messiah, of God with us, and so we won't understand what it means to be his disciples.

This week, please, enter into the journey. Spend time each day reflecting on how the Passion and Death of Jesus enters into your life.

- How can I celebrate the Kingship of Jesus—how can I journey alongside him into Jerusalem and seek to understand the power and glory that is Jesus', remembering the Transfiguration.
- How can I reflect on and enter into the two wonderful elements of the Last Supper: the institution of the Eucharist and the challenge to be completely at the service of the will of the Father, as Jesus is at service to the Father and to us.
- How can I/we enter into the Passion of Jesus—not to punish ourselves but to see again how responsible I/we are for imposing suffering
- How can I enter the tomb—how can I just 'be quiet' and allow time for God's love and God's Word, and God's will for me and for us to become evident.

This last element is the one I find most difficult because it is about allowing space for ... nothing. To allow for the 'space that isn't space' the 'time that isn't time' that comes between physical death and resurrection. Allowing for God to work in us.

As a people of God we are coming out of Covid-19 and entering into a different world. Not just a world of post-pandemic but also a world that is suffering from the growing effects of the extremes resulting from changes in climate and the seeming increase violence in the home and in the international sphere.

How do we respond? We need this time of Holy Week, each of us, to once again enter into the truth that God loves us completely, so completely that he sent us his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to show us how to respond to the demands of the world around us. Please journey with me this Holy Week.

God bless, Father Charles

MASS TIMES: Outside Holy Week

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am

Please refer to Holy Week Mass times within the Bulletin

MASS OPEN TO ALL; MASKS / DISTANCING BE SENSIBLE & CARING / ALWAYS SANITISE;

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37–43 , Col 3:1–4 , John 20:1–9

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9am

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Contact Margaret O'Donnell at DoncasterRE@cam.org.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: has restarted!!

Wednesdays at 9.45 am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP: (on hold)

First Friday of the month from 7pm-9pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: (has restarted)

Hopefully monthly on a Friday from 7pm—9.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: Third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in Church meeting room


Please pray for:

Those who are **sick** at this time including Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Judith Morton, Lilia Go, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Iris Henson Chan, Vincent Aloj, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Bernadette Sheridan, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa, Rodolfo, Angel, Gustavo, , Margaret Hansen, Fati, Patricia McLeod, Angelique Giacomini


And Those who died recently and for the repose of the souls of Josef Jerosh, Michele Marrone, Cecelia See Kim Hua, Ung Kah Huan, Ahimm, Ong Kok Ann, James Neo, Lusy Booah, Mary Chan Fong, Nick Rukavina, Paschal Paul Lemos, Thomas Perrin, Vito Benincasa, Guido Antoninni, Lim Chin Chai, Malek Naddas and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

St Gregory's is committed to growing a Child Safety Culture with Love

<u>THIS WEEK</u>		<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>	
Sat Sat 6.00pm		Anne Davine, Patrick Soosas	Robert & Dianne McHugh	
Sun 8.30am		Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis	Ray & Kay Lewis	
Sun 10.30am		Chris Perera, David Perrin	Brendan Pon, Robert Rukavina	
5.00pm		Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira	Mary Tontin-Filippini, Judy Ablaza Gerard O'Donnel, Stephanie Ong (Ctrs)	
<u>CARE OF THE CHURCH</u>		Andrew Khalil, Boris Klaric	<u>FLOWERS</u> : (Lent—no flowers)	
<u>NEXT WEEK</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>
Thu 7.30pm	Holy Thursday Joan Dinneen	St Gregory's School Children	Tobbin John, Natalia George	Sauro Antonelli, Loma D'Souza Philip, Margaret O'Donnell
Fri 3.00pm	Good Friday	1st Reading: Rebecca Law 2nd Reading: Queenie Wood Passion: Sauro Antonelli, Alfred Albaza, Ashley Ng, Mary Tontin-Filippini Veneration of The Cross: Karen D'Souza, Margaret O'Donnell, Lillan Antonelli		Joan Dinneen, Sharon Wilkinson Robert Rukavina, Nita Pereira, Sauro Antonelli, Judy Ablaza
Sat 6.30pm	Easter Vigil	Ward Italiano, Peter Whiting Joanne Dinneen, Noel McClelland Collectors: Iris O'Farrell, Robert & Dianne McHugh, Peter Brandon	Ian Barnes	Iris O'Farrell, Peter Brandon, Ika Hardjosantoso (Ctrs) Margaret O'Donnell, Iris O'Farrell, Robert & Dianne McHugh, Cathy McClelland
Sun 08.30am		Peter Molinari, Angela Molinari Collectors: Philip Dunlop	Sauro & Lillian Antonelli	Tony Nimmo, Sauro Antonelli, Katica Puhaj
Sun 10.30am		Amanda Stefanovski, Mary Stocco Collectors: Michael Wong, Teresa Wong, Maggie Yong, Kim Ho		Dai Sim, Maggie Yong, Robert Rukavina, Mary Stocco
Sun 5.00pm	N/A	Jerard Sardana, Mary Tonti-Filippini Collectors: Michael Ong, Nita Pereira		Mary Tonti-Filippini, Nita Pereira
<u>CARE OF THE CHURCH:</u> (Sat 16 Apr) Lisa Moule			<u>FLOWERS:</u> (Fri 15 Apr) Geraldina Donato, Mary Piccoli	



Palm Sunday 9/10 April 2022



Everyday, 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.

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Thank you

To our dear Stella Leone who has generously given her time and talent in volunteering to support our parish staff transitions into their new roles, despite having retired from her position earlier this year. Thank you Stella, we truly appreciate your commitment and loyalty to this parish. We wish you well in your retirement

Easter at St Gregory's

Holy Thursday 14th April:
Mass of the Lord's Supper—7.30pm

Good Friday 15th April:
Stations of the Cross—10.00am
Passion Ceremony—3.00pm

Saturday 16th April:
Easter Vigil—6.30pm

Easter Sunday 17th April:
Masses—8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm



Please Note the Easter Vigil Mass is at 6.30pm instead of the usual 6pm time.

Masses with congregations: QR Code check-in is no longer required. Still we must hand sanitise. Parish staff and volunteers within the Parish setting and its outreach are still required to be up to date with their vaccination.

FACE COVERINGS / DISTANCING: be sensible and respect others and the need for still being careful.

Weekday Mass times in the coming week: Tue: 9:15 am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe; Wed: 9:00 am St Gregory's Doncaster.

Facebook: It is getting more difficult to live-stream as we have many Masses where children are a direct part of the celebration of the Mass. I will continue to live-stream when possible (9:15 am from St Kevin's Tu/Th; Sunday morning 10:00 St Kevin or 10:30 St Gregory).

Facilities: The Tennis Club Room and Courts and the Hall and the Parish Room are becoming available. Room bookings can be made: st.gregoryhall3108@gmail.com and Jess will get back to you. Tennis club use for tennis playing: contact Gianna on 0438 410 506. Thinking of a gathering? Think of us (after Easter).

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School - Open Days In 2022
Tue 3rd May, Tue 17th May & Tue 8th Nov from 9am—1pm. Register at www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/events

HOLY LAND COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY 15th APRIL 2022

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 15th. 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 throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the ongoing global pandemic, it was again a difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In Australia, we were more fortunate and Australian Catholics donated \$1,126,098 (compared to \$406,023 in 2020 and \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue facing an income shortfall due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

The Doncaster RSL needs help for ANZAC day: call 0466 026 820 or 0425 718 937 or Email appealsdoncastersl@gmail.com