



SUNDAY 13TH APRIL, 2025.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD. YEAR C

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (Luke 22:14-23:56)

Jesus of Nazareth is executed in Jerusalem when the city is filled with pilgrims who are there to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover.

A year after his execution, when his friends and family gather once more for Passover, they find new meaning in the celebration of the feast. Every Passover from now on will mark the anniversary of the death of Jesus and will be celebrated through the lens of their experience of his life and death. They share their memories of the one they loved so deeply and reflect on the meaning of his life and death in the light of their wisdom traditions.

Every element of their Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of God's people from slavery, will echo with resonances of the life and death of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way.

It is not surprising, then, that these final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of the Jesus' story to be committed to writing. Neither is it surprising that each of the canonical Gospels includes an account of Jesus' suffering and death and that each approaches the events from its own particular perspective.

There are several unique features in Luke's account. The most remarkable to my mind is Jesus' readiness to forgive his executioners even while they continue to mock him. Another is his capacity to reach out to others: to 'turn towards' the women of Jerusalem, to receive their compassionate mourning, and to express his own concern for them.

In line with his overall intention to demonstrate that Christianity is no threat to the Roman Empire, Luke repeatedly points to the innocence of Jesus. The Lukan Jesus is the rejected prophet who trusts utterly in God and into whose hands he entrusts his spirit. He dies with the same sort of dignity that has characterised his life.

It is easy to let our own hurt find expression in criticism or mistreatment of others whom we fail to understand. It is also easy to retaliate in the face of unjust accusation and insult. It takes more courage than most of us can

muster to name unjust treatment for what it is, to truly forgive, to retain our peace of mind in such circumstances, and to trust in the power of God to break through the ignorance that engenders violence.

Palestinian activist Lucy Nusseibeh (founder and director of MEND, Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy) and the members of the Israeli Coalition of Women for a Just Peace have learned that lesson and are showing others the way of non-violence. As we enter into the mysteries of Holy Week, we might pray for the grace to act with the dignity of the Lukan Jesus and thus circumvent the cycles of violence in our own contexts.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Helen Thomas** who died recently; and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Augustine's on Tuesday 15th April after 6pm Mass
Corpus Christi on Friday 18th April at 6pm in Vietnamese.

RECONCILIATION

2nd Rite: Wednesday 16th April at 7.30pm at St. Augustine's

1st Rite: Good Friday 12.30pm at Corpus Christi
Holy Saturday at 9.00am at St. Augustine's

ENTRANCE AND BLESSING OF PALMS

Today the memorial of Christ's entrance to Jerusalem takes place at all Masses. Pieces of palm are available at the entrances to the churches for parishioners to take on arrival. At the beginning of Mass, the priest will start from the back of the church. He will sprinkle the palm branches with holy water and an account of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem is proclaimed. There may be a procession, a solemn entrance or a simple entrance into the church.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

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: Philippians 2:6-11

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

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: Philippians 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: Luke 23:1-49

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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.

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 26:42

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

JOSEPH'S CORNER HIGH TEA

Celebrating 25 years of Joseph's Corner's vital work in the west on **Sunday 4 May 2025, from 2.00pm- 5.00pm** at Mt St. Joseph Girls' College Maidstone Street, Altona 3018. Tickets: \$40 per person. For table bookings or dietary requirements, contact Ann Hudson on 0409 901 899.

SAVE WITH CDF COMMUNITY FUND

Competitive interest rates, include 5.10% p.a.* on a 6-month Term investment. Ring 1800 134 135 or visit www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- **Thank you for the donation** of large palm branches for the church on Palm Sunday.
- **Thanks to the volunteers** who came on Thursday and cut olive branches into small pieces for parishioners to take on Palm Sunday.
- For Easter, **there will be a working bee** from 9.30am on Saturday 19th April St. Augustine's to prepare the church for Easter.
- We would like **some large leaves** for the altar, e.g. Monstera, Elephant Ears, etc.
- **Donations for flowers** for Easter can be placed in an envelope, marked Flowers, and given to Fr. Werner.
- **STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES** are ready for collection at St. Augustine's over the next three weeks; this week at Corpus Christi and next week at Annunciation.
- **HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE** Copies of the timetable of ceremonies are available. Please take one home.
- **HOLY WEEK ROSTER for Readers and Ministers** are available at the back of the church.

STEWARDSHIP

There will be 2 distinct collections during Sunday Masses starting on **5th May 2025**. The **FIRST COLLECTION** will be for the **PRESBYTERY**. The **SECOND COLLECTION – ENVELOPES – for the CHURCH**.

We are encouraging people to set up a **Direct Debit** Payment to our bank accounts for the Presbytery and the Church, using the account details below.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S YARRAVILLE PARISH

St. Augustine's Yarraville Church Account:

BSB 083 347 Account No. 638052213

St. Augustine's Yarraville Presbytery Account:

BSB 083 347 Account No. 638051413

CORPUS CHRISTI KINGSVILLE & ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Corpus Christi Kingsville Church Account

BSB 083 347 Account No. 485182315

Presbytery Account: BSB 083 347 Account No. 638051413

We suggest **monthly** to be the most efficient way to contribute. This can be done separately for Church and Presbytery accounts. Thank you for your support to our Parish. It is appreciated. Fr. Werner.

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LITURGY TIMES

TUESDAY MASS

St Augustine's....6.00 pm

Exposition: 5.30 –6.00pm

WEDNESDAY MASS

Corpus Christi.....9.15 am

THURSDAY MASS

St Augustine's...9.15 am

FRIDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

SATURDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.30 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

St Augustine's...5.00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Annunciation....8.00 am

St Augustine's...9.30 am

Corpus Christi..11.00 am

St Augustine's..11.30 am

(Polish)

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS after 9.30am

Mass at Corpus Christi

St. Augustine's...4.15pm

NEXT ITALIAN MASS

Thursday April 3rd at

11am at St. Augustine's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

To receive an Email copy of our newsletter, scan the QR code below and fill in your details.



PROJECT COMPASSION

You can support Project Compassion through the **boxes or envelopes** or **by calling: 1800 024 413 or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion** or by scanning the QR code on the envelope.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 30 Nov – 2 Dec. 2025

Who is ACYF for?

Young people from Year 9 in 2025 up to those 25 years of age are invited to come along. Those aged 18-25 years are welcome to register as part of a group (Uni, school, parish etc.) or as an individual. Those under 18 will need to register as part of a group (school or parish) and be supervised by an adult group leader.

JUBILEE OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

21 July 2025 – 5 August 2025, open to Catholics aged between 18 and 30. The journey will take in Italian towns and cities culminating in Rome, for the Jubilee celebrations. Registrations will close on Friday 11 April 2025.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

At Yarraville, Kingsville and Brooklyn, we hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our communities. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of all the Churches and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office. www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY - We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

(12th & 13th April)

Palm Sunday C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Rose Thomas

9.30am Pina Guzzardi

Sam Polzella

Counting..... Phillip Marques

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm..... Greg Buhagiar

9.30am..... Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am..... Joe Fusca

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(19th & 20th April)

Easter Sunday C

READERS: St. Augustine's

7.30pm Vigil Readers

9.30am Andrea Wilberger

Anna Messina

Counting..... Krystyna Biront

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Grace Viegas

Imelda Gibson

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

7.30pm..... Frank Galea

9.30am..... Pina guzzardi

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am..... Hong Nguyen

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Baskets are left in the churches for regular donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year.

Cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta sauce, washing powder/liquid, baked beans, spaghetti, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes are always needed. Many thanks for your generous support.