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PASSION SUNDAY Year B, 23-24 March, 2024

THE JOY OF FAITH AMONG NON-BELIEVERS

(Pope Francis' general audience 8 November 2023)

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Among the many witnesses of the passion for the proclamation of the Gospel, those impassioned evangelizers, today I will present a 20th-century French woman, the venerable Servant of God, Madeleine Delbr l. She was born in 1904 and died in 1964. She was a social worker, writer and mystic, and she lived for more than 30 years in the poor, working class outskirts of Paris. Dazzled by the encounter with the Lord, she wrote: "Once we have heard God's Word, we no longer have the right not to accept it; once we have accepted it, we no longer have the right not to let it become flesh in us; once it has become flesh in us, we no longer have the right to keep it for ourselves alone. Henceforward, we belong to all those who are waiting for the Word. Beautiful: what she wrote is beautiful.

After an adolescence of agnosticism — she believed in nothing — at the age of around 20, Madeleine encountered the Lord, struck by the witness of some friends who were believers. So she set out in search of God, giving voice to a profound thirst that she felt within, and she came to learn that the "emptiness that cried out her anguish" was God who was seeking her.

The joy of faith led her to choose a life that was given entirely to God, in the heart of the Church and in the heart of the world, simply sharing her life in fraternity with the "street people". This is how she poetically addressed Jesus: "To be with you on your path, we must go, even when our laziness begs us to stay. You have chosen us to stay in a strange balance, a balance that can be achieved and maintained only in movement, only in momentum. A bit like a bicycle, which does not stay upright unless its wheels turn [...].

We can stay upright only by going forward,

moving, in a surge of charity". It is what she calls the "spirituality of the bicycle" Only on the move, on the go, do we live in the balance of faith, which is an imbalance, but it is like that: like the bicycle. If you stop, it does not stay upright.

Madeleine had a constantly outgoing heart, and she let herself be challenged by the cry of the poor. She felt that the Living God of the Gospel should burn within us until we have taken his name to those who have not yet found it. In this spirit, oriented towards the stirrings of the world and the cry of the poor, Madeleine felt called to "live Jesus' love entirely and to the letter, from the oil of the good Samaritan to the vinegar of Calvary, thus giving him love for love [...] because, by loving him without reserve and letting ourselves be loved completely, the two great commandments of charity are incarnated in us and become but one

Lastly, Madeleine teaches us yet another thing: that by evangelizing one is evangelized; by evangelizing we are evangelized. Therefore, she used to say, echoing Saint Paul: "Woe to me if evangelizing, I do not evangelize myself". Indeed, evangelizing evangelizes oneself. And this is a beautiful doctrine.

Looking to this witness of the Gospel, we too learn that in every personal or social situation or circumstance of our life, the Lord is present and calls us to inhabit our own time, to share our life with others, to mingle with the joys and sorrows of the world. In particular, she teaches us that even secularized environments are helpful for conversion, because contact with non-believers prompts the believer to a continual revision of his or her way of believing and to rediscovering faith in its essentiality

May Madeleine Delbr l teach us to live this faith "on the move", so to speak, this fruitful faith that makes every act of faith an act of charity in the proclamation of the Gospel. Thank you

Masses

(This schedule does not
apply during Holy Week)

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
<https://youtube.com/live/qsvTLOFcySE?feature=share>

Reconciliation

Saturdays

(NO reconciliation on
Saturday 30th March)
10am—10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
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Readings for Next Week

EASTER Sunday Year B

First Reading

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak: "You know the message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes

Second Reading

Cor 5:6-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

SETTING UP CHURCH

From this weekend until Easter Vigil, we will be very busy setting and resetting the Church for the Holy Week. If you are able to spare some time to assist us please come along on the following dates:

- **On Thursday the 28th of March** at 10am for Holy Thursday
- **On Saturday the 30th of March** from 9am for Easter Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY STATION OF THE CROSS

Traditionally, the Good Friday Station of the Cross is led by our YOUNG ADULT group. We are aiming to do the same this year.

Some of the members, guided by Fr Luke, have planned how to set it up. However, we are asking for more volunteers on the day. All who are in year 10 or above are invited to join in. You are asked to arrive at the Church at 8am on Good Friday (29th March) We will start setting up and arrange a run through of the Station once all are gathered. Breakfast will be provided.

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

YOUTH 4:12 (our Parish Youth)

This group is to accommodate our Youth who are in grade 5 up to year 9. All activities in this gathering cater for this age group. The next gathering is on **FRIDAY, 19th APRIL** at 7pm in the Tim O'Toole Annexe. Please contact Trish Brown on 0412 357 350, if you wish to attend

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The young adult group caters for those aged 18 to 25yo. This group will lead our Good Friday Station of the Cross. They meet once a month in the Parish House. We will provide further details on when their next monthly gathering is in due course

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (Reminder)

We welcome all primary school children and younger to our Children's Liturgy program at 11am Mass each week. *Please note that the 11am Mass is being LIVE-*

STREAMED every week. We ask that children under 4 or with special needs be accompanied by a parent or older sibling. Our leaders will be easily identifiable, if your child has any allergies, a serious medical condition or special needs, please alert the leader on the day. Due to possible allergic responses we ask that you refrain from bringing any food into the Children's Liturgy space. When the children are returning to their seats after the session please ensure they are aware of where you are seated. We have provided labels for you to write your child's name if you wish. If you have any questions or feedback please feel free to chat to one of our Children's Liturgy volunteers or someone on the parish team

SAFEGUARDING

(This article is provided by The Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese)

Advice for parents and carers

Online child sexual exploitation can be confronting and not something that you may have considered as an issue that could affect you or your child. The ACCCE in partnership with ThinkUKnow is involved in many prevention and awareness raising initiatives in relation to keeping young people safe online and reducing the incidence on online child sexual exploitation.

Knowing the challenges and how they can be prevented or managed with the right information will help you take action.

For more information you can read using this [link](#)

LIST OF THOSE WHO ARE SICK

We wish to remind you that if you wish to place someone's name on the sick list, you are required to get prior consent from them to do so. The name will be on the list for a period of 6 weeks. This does not mean that we stop praying for them, but rather serves to keep the list current. It may be possible to renew once the initial 6 week period is over.

Readings:

PALM Sunday Year B

Isaiah 50:4-7 ;
Philippians 2:6-11 ;
Mark 15:1-47

EASTER Sunday Year B

Acts 10: 34, 37-43 ;
Corinthians 5:6-8
John 20: 1-18

www.universalis.com

This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Stephanie Kinson, Anton Jansz, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Ronella Tyrell, Annette Evans, Meti Pereira-VanEijk, Danny Sugunasekera, Agnes Fernandez, Shirley C. Esteban, Joaquina Braz, Norah Ekanayake, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Lina Jom, Giorgia Vella, Lucia Lay, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, Roger Gray, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Cecil Harper, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent *and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues*

Those who have died

Naureen Norico, Alice Money, Jose Bearreto Martins, Ofelia Lim Abad, Mofiz Ahmad, Olivia D'Silva, Selena Leroux, Domenico Serra, Colleen Foran, Jonas Hoareau, Donald Macleod, Nigel Macleod, Sandra D'Costa, Eda Noyan, Reneya Jolicoeur, Mo Ahmed, Joe Trindade, Annick Dominique *and all who are named in our church memorial book*

May they rest in peace

2024 HOLY WEEK MASSES

PALM SUNDAY 23rd-24th March Masses as per usual

HOLY THURSDAY March 28th Mass at 7pm
Solemn Prayer 8pm to Midnight
(No reconciliation on this evening)

GOOD FRIDAY March 29th
Station of the Cross at 10am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Services are at 3pm and 5.30pm

EASTER VIGIL March 30th Mass at 7.30pm
(no reconciliation on this day)

EASTER SUNDAY March 31st
Dawn Mass at 5.30am
And 9am and 11am *(no evening Mass)*

EASTER MONDAY April 1st Mass at 9am

HOLY WEEK RECONCILIATION TIMES

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION (Second Rite)
Monday, 25 March at 7pm
(There will be 4 priests available)

GOOD FRIDAY RECONCILIATION 11am to 12pm

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