



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)

24 March 2024

Readings

Next Week

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4
Jn 20:1-9

in a nutshell

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.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Harry & Dorothy Heering, Frankie Petinella. For those who have died recently and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time

of special note

Holy Week schedule now available.

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches, went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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.)

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.)

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.)

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.)

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 a name above all other names.
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Communion Antiphon

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

The Parish of St Mary's

Parish Priest

REV. MICHEL G CORRIVEAU

Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Parish Office Hours

Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Saturday—6:30pm (EST)
5:00pm (EDST)
Sunday—10:30am & 5:00pm

Weekday Mass & Rosary

Tuesday—9:00am
Thursday—9:00am
Friday—9:00am
Rosary prayed before morning Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday—11:30am-12:30pm
Friday—8:10am-8:40am

Exposition

Friday at 8:00am

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

Principal: Angela Glennie

Website:

smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au

Child Safety

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

Remember children should be accompanied by an adult family member to the toilet.

Safeguarding Committee

Fr Michel
Janine Meades
Alan Somers
Sue Van der Linden
Karla Zmegac

Car Parking –WEEKDAY Masses

Please use available car parks for Mass rather than the front of the church leaving the front for the truly disabled.

Do you need a Helping Hand?

Ring the St Vinnies Call Centre 1800 305 330
Monday - Friday 10am to 3pm, St Mary's
Conference 0427 874 374 or Alan Somers
0419 134 300

Bulletin notices: by 12:00 noon Thursday
please: mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese
visit:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Regular Gardening/Working Bee—1st & 3rd Saturday

Thank you to the volunteers who turn up to assist with the maintenance of the grounds around the church. 4pm onwards

Next—Friday March 15

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, 30 April

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH



Parish Notices

New Tap and Go Terminals

Further to our new method of collecting contributions to the Parish and Presbytery, we have two new Tap and Go machines: one for the parish account and one for the presbytery account. These are placed beside the respective collection boxes in the narthex. These machines allow you to choose the amount you are giving. It can take some time for the machine to register, **be patient we are trying to rectify connection problems!**

A reminder that collections are no longer taken up during Mass. Place donations in the labelled boxes in the narthex either before or after Mass.

Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection

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 in the Holy Land rely on assistance from this collection. Envelopes are available this weekend to be returned at Good Friday ceremonies or Easter Masses.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The "Instruction on Eucharistic Worship", issued by the Sacred Congregation of Rites reads, "The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, stimulates the faithful to an awareness of the marvellous presence of Christ, and is an invitation to spiritual communion with Him. It is therefore an excellent encouragement to offer Him that worship in spirit and truth which is His due."

Confession: Those who follow and believe in the Catholic faith need to receive penance at least once a year. Many Catholics choose to go more regularly to confession to experience the love and forgiveness of God. Confession can cleanse your soul, improve your relationship with God and allow you to live in His light. (World Catholic Mission)

Adoration: Friday morning 8:00am. Yarra Junction Thursday 6:00pm (first Thursday Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

Stewardship Corner

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' 'And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

Project Compassion—Palm Sunday

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. Please donate to Project Compassion using Easter envelope available.

Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30am Mass

What has become a favoured tradition at St Mary’s will continue this year. After the 10:30a Mass on Easter Sunday, we will have our Easter Egg Hunt. Children of all ages are welcome!

Regular Gardening/Working Bees

Please note the working bees will now be held on Saturday mornings 8:00-10:00am. Thank you to the parishioners who turn up to assist with the maintenance of the grounds around the church. **Next—Saturday April 6**

Child Safety

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Something to Bring a Smile!

A farmer lived alone near a country town with a small dog that he loved and doted on. After many long years of faithful service, the dog finally died so the farmer went to his parish priest and said, “Father, my dear dog has died. Could you possibly offer some prayers at Mass for him on Sunday?” The priest replied, “I’m so very sorry for your loss but unfortunately I can’t pray for your dog at Mass.” The farmer said, “I understand Father, really I do. I guess I’ll have to go to the new church down the road. No telling what they believe. Do you think \$1000 is enough to donate for the service?” The priest piped up, “Why didn’t you tell me that your dog was Catholic.”
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Holy Week Schedule — (Both Parishes)

Holy Thursday	Confessions—Mount Evelyn
NO 9:00 am Mass.	Good Friday: after Stations and after 3pm Passion
Mass of the Lord’s Supper Yarra Junction 6pm Mt Evelyn 8pm	Holy Saturday 11:30am-12:30pm
Good Friday	
Stations of the Cross: Warburton 10:30 Mt Evelyn 9am	Easter Vigil: Yarra Junction 6pm Mt Evelyn 8:30pm
Passion of the Lord: Pallotti College 3pm Mt Evelyn 3pm	Easter Sunday: Warburton 8:30am Mt Evelyn 10:30am, & 5pm

Readings Reflection

[Darkness at Noon](#)

Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the Cross, where He dies as “King of the Jews.” Notice how many times He is called “king” in today’s Gospel—mostly in scorn and mockery.

As we hear the long accounts of His Passion, at every turn we must remind ourselves—He suffered this cruel and unusual violence for us.

He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today’s First Reading. He reenacts the agony described in today’s Psalm, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips (see Psalm 22:1).

Listen carefully for the echoes of this Psalm throughout today’s Gospel—as Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced; as His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God’s love, His faith that God will deliver Him.

Are we that much different from our Lord’s tormenters? Often, don’t we deny that He is King, refusing to obey His only commands that we love Him and one another? Don’t we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip service with our half-hearted devotions?

In the dark noon of Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem’s temple was torn. It was a sign that by His death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God.

He was God and yet humbled Himself to come among us, we’re reminded in today’s Epistle. And despite our repeated failures, our frailty, Jesus still humbles Himself to come to us, offering us His body and blood in the Eucharist.

His enemies never understood: His kingship isn’t of this world (see John 18:36). He wants to write His law, His rule of life on our hearts and minds.

As we enter Holy Week, let us once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives. Let us take up the cross He gives to us—and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength that truly this is the Son of God.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
[stpaulcenter.com](#)

Jesus makes His Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

The time of his Passion being now at hand, our Redeemer departs from Bethany to go to Jerusalem. On drawing close to that ungrateful city, he beheld it, and wept: *Beholding the city, He wept over it.* He wept because he foresaw its ruin, which would be the consequence of the stupendous crime of taking away the life of the Son of God, of which that people would shortly become guilty. Ah, my Jesus, when You were then weeping over that city You were weeping also over my soul, beholding the ruin which I have brought upon myself by my sins, constraining You to condemn me to hell, even after You having died to save me. Oh, leave it to me to weep over the great evil of which I have been guilty in despising You, the greatest of all good, and please have mercy upon me.

Jesus Christ enters the city: the people go forth to meet him; they receive him with acclamations and rejoicings; and, in order to do him honor, some of them strew branches of palms along the road, whilst others spread out their garments for him to pass over. Oh, who would ever then have said that that Lord, now recognized as the Messias, and welcomed with so many demonstrations of respect, the next time that he appeared along the self-same ways would be under sentence of death, and with a cross upon his shoulders? Ah, my beloved Jesus, these people now receive Thee with acclamations, saying, *Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!* Glory to the Son of David! Blessed be he who cometh in the name of God for our salvation! And then they will raise their voices insultingly to Pilate to take Thee out of the world, and cause Thee to die upon a cross: *Away with Him! away with Him! crucify Him!* Go, my soul, and do Thou too lovingly say to him, *Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!* Blessed forever be Thou that art come, O Saviour of the world! for, otherwise, we had all been lost. O my Saviour, save me!

When the evening, however, came, after all those acclamations, there was no one found who would invite him to lodge in his house; so that he was obliged to retrace his steps to Bethany.

O my beloved Redeemer, if others will not give Thee a welcome, I desire to welcome Thee into my poor heart. At one time, I, unhappily, expelled Thee from my soul; but I now prize to have Thee with me more than the possession of all the treasures of earth. I love Thee, O my Saviour; what power shall ever be able to separate me from my love of Thee? Sin only; but from this sin it is Thine to deliver me, by Thy help, O my Jesus; and thine too, by thy intercession, O Mary, my Mother.

Jesus prays in the Garden

Jesus, knowing that the hour of his Passion had now come...goes to the Garden of Gethsemane, where he knew already that his enemies would come to take him. He there begins to pray, and lo! he finds himself assailed by a great dread, by a great repugnance, and by a great sadness: *He began to be afraid, to be weary, and sorrowful.* There came upon him, first, a great dread of the bitter death which he would have to suffer on Calvary, and of all the anguish and desolations by which it would be accompanied. During the actual course of his Passion, the scourges, the thorns, the nails, and the rest of his tortures came upon him but one at a time; whereas, in the garden, they all came upon him together at once, crowding into his memory in order to torment him. For his love of us he embraced them all; but in embracing them, he trembles and is in agony: *Being in an agony, He prayed the longer.*

There comes upon him, moreover, a great repugnance to that which he has to suffer; so that he prays his Father to deliver him from it: *My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass away from Me.* He prayed thus to teach us that in our tribulations we may indeed beg of God to deliver us from them; but we ought at the same time to refer ourselves to his will, and to say, as Jesus then said, Not, however, as I will, but as You wilt. Yes, my Jesus, Your will, not mine, be done. I embrace all the crosses that You will send me. You, innocent as You are, has suffered so much for love of me; it is but just that I, who am a sinner, and deserving of hell, should suffer for love of You that which You do ordain.

There came upon him, likewise, a sadness so great that it would have been enough to cause him to die, had he not, of himself, kept death away, in order to die for us after having suffered more: *My soul is sorrowful even unto death.* This great sadness was occasioned by the sight of the future ungratefulness of men, who, instead of corresponding to so great a love on his part, would offend him by so many sins, the sight of which caused him to sweat in streams of blood: *And his sweat became as drops of blood trickling down upon the ground.*

So, then, O my Jesus, it is not the executioners, the scourges, the thorns, or the cross that have been so cruel: the cruelty lies in my sins, which afflicted Thee so much in the garden. Give to me, then, a share of that sorrow and abhorrence which You did experience in the garden, that so, even to my death, I may bitterly weep for the offences that I have given You. I love You, O my Jesus: Receive with kindness a sinner who wishes to love You. Recommend me, O Mary, to this your Son, who is in affliction and sadness for love of me.