

- C. Barabbas.**
N. Pilate said to them:
O. What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?
N. They all said:

- C. Let him be crucified!**
N. Pilate asked:
O. Why? What harm has he done?
N. But they shouted all the louder,

- C. Let him be crucified!**
N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:

- O.** I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.
N. And the people, to a man, shouted back:

- C. His blood be on us and on our children!**

- N.** Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:

- C. Hail, king of the Jews!**
N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had

reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:

- C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!**

- N.** The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

- C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.**

- N.** Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

- J.** Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?
N. That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

- C. The man is calling on Elijah,**

- N.** and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

- C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.**

- N.** But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

- N.** At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

- C. In truth this was a son of God.**

Longer form, Mt 26:14-27:66

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PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / A

29 MARCH 2026

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.**

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

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.**

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

Mt 27:11-54

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (**N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker**)

N. Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and

the governor put to him this question:

- O.** Are you the king of the Jews?
N. Jesus replied:

J. It is you who say it.

- N.** But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

- O.** Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

- N.** But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

- O.** Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

- N.** For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

- O.** Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

- N.** The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

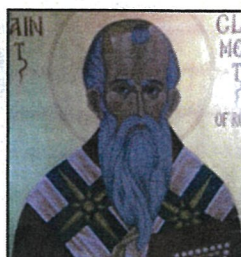
- O.** Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

- N.** They said:



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Parish Vision Statement : Guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Parish of St Clement of Rome seeks to be a community of authentic disciples of Jesus, living the Word of God. As a welcoming community, through humble service, we acknowledge our stewardship of God's creation and strive to promote the dignity of all God's people.

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate The Passion Sunday

Today's theme is : The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass

*We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because
by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world*

HOLY WEEK

MASS TIMES 2026

Parish Reconciliation for Easter
Wed 25th March : 7.00pm

Palm Sunday 28th & 29th March
Sat 28th March : 5.30pm
Sun 29th March : 9.00am & 11.00am (Italian)

Holy Thursday 2nd April
Mass of the Lord's Supper : 7.00pm

Good Friday 3rd April
Stations of the Cross (English/Italian) : 9.00am
Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord : 3.00pm

Easter Vigil 4th April
Mass in English : 7.00pm
Mass in Italian : 9.00pm

Easter Sunday 5th April
Mass in English : 9.00am
Mass in Italian : 11.00am

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (*Vigil*), Sun - 9am & 11am (*Italian*)

Tues 9:15am (*Italian*), Wed-Fri 9:15am (unless informed)

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm (and on request)

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd weekend every month. **Weddings:** By Appointment

Holy Land Collection—Good Friday Collection

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in the areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes and Orphanages. Envelopes available for your kind contribution.

Holy Water after the Easter Vigil Mass

You may collect the Holy Water from the urn located in the sanctuary. Please bring your own bottles/containers. Thank you.

Project Compassion Boxes

Please return your donation boxes/envelopes and place them in the baskets available in the Church Foyer. Thank you.

Farewell to Fr Mark

The Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites all parishioners to a morning tea after the 9am Mass on Sunday 19th April, 2026, to give thanks for Fr Mark's stewardship of our Parish over the last few years.

Please 'bring a plate' if you wish to do so. We look forward to seeing you on April 19th.

Please note that due to Easter there will not be a parish morning tea on Easter Sunday 5th April, 2026.

PARISH DIARY

Sun 29th Mar @ 9am—Mass
Sun 29th Mar @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 31st Mar @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Tue 31st Mar @ 10am—First Reconciliation 3O&3S
Wed 1st Apr @ 10am—First Reconciliation 3M&3P
Thurs 2nd Apr @ 7.30pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 3rd Apr @ 9am—Stations of the Cross
Celebration of the Passion of our Lord @ 3pm
Sat 4th @ 7pm—Easter Vigil , 9.00pm (Italian)

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

*We pray for those who have died recently,
and for the repose of the souls of **Daniele Schieven,**
Ettore Romanin and all those, whose anniversaries occur
at about this time.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

After School Sacramental Program 2026

Please see below the schedule for the Sacrament of First Eucharist preparation classes. Enrolment forms are available on the website.



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 2 nd May	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Eucharist 1
Saturday 9 th May	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Eucharist 2
Saturday 16 th May	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Eucharist 3
Saturday 23 rd May	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Eucharist 4
Saturday 30 th May	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Eucharist 5
Saturday 6 th June	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Eucharist 6
Saturday 20 th June	@ 5.30pm Mass	Sacrament of First Eucharist

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL' EUCARISTIA
5/04/2026	G. Varasso L. Del Tondo	Famiglia A. Vallese	L. Ciampa G. Baglieri



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Palm Sunday 28–29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

New Ways of Giving

To Support our Church with ease, we've introduced a new EFTPOS terminal. This is an easy and secure way to donate, but please note that it is not an alternative to your regular stewardship envelopes.

You can also donate by scanning this QR code with your phone camera.
Thank you for your generosity!



LITURGY ROSTER SAT 5.30PM SUN 9.00AM

28/29 March	Sacristan	Maria Papalia/ Virginie Mindiel	Carmen Gobbi
Palm Sunday	Commentator	Jacinta De La Cruz	Grace Cannatelli
	Reader	Rene De La Cruz	Tig Chibo
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Anne Fusca
		May Teh	Rita Gagliardi
		Enza Wilcocks	Fulvia Gerosolimo

2 nd April	Holy Thursday 7.00pm	Sacristan	Grace Cannatelli, Maria Papalia
		Commentator	Daniel Abdallah
		1st Reading	Fulvia Gerosolimo
		Responsorial Psalm	Fulvia Gerosolimo
		2nd Reading	Tig Chibo

Foot washers (first to be washed by Fr Mark)
Virginie Mindiel, Josie Faggion, Tom Recinella, Tig Chibo, Grace Cannatelli, Fulvia Gerosolimo, Erika Paolilli, Jacquelyn Woods, James Brancatella, Daniel Adams, Lachlan Adams, Daniel Abdallah

Foot washers (to have feet washed by the first Foot Washers)
Caterina Cannatelli, Daniel Abdallah, Zina Scalzo, Carmen Gobbi, Tony Barbuto, Rossel Baini, Anthea Saniel, Renato Saniel, Fr Mark Reynolds, Bruno Cannatelli, Massimo Cannatelli, Cristiano Cannatelli.

Special Ministers
Virginie Mindiel, Carmen Gobbi, Giorgio Baglieri, Angela Abdallah.

3 rd April	Good Friday	Sacristan	Livia Tunggal Rita Gagliardi
	9.00am	Stations of the Cross in English & Italian	
	3.00pm	Commentator	Milia Abdallah
		1st/2nd Reading	Grace Cannatelli
		Passion Narrator	Bernie McKendry
		Other Readers	Warwick Wright Jan McQueen
		Crowd	The Congregation

Special Ministers
Warwick Wright, Carmen Gobbi, Giorgio Baglieri, May Teh

Carrying of the Cross
Bruno Cannatelli, Massimo Cannatelli, Cristiano Cannatelli

4 th April	Easter Vigil 7.00pm	Sacristan	Elroy De Witt, Carmen Gobbi
		Commentator	Maria Papalia

Readers
1 Daniel Abdallah, 2 May Teh, 3 Adele Mancin, 4 Christine Landsberg, 5 Tim Landsberg

Special Ministers
Virginie Mindiel, Adele Mancin, Carmen Gobbi

5th April	Easter Sunday	Sacristan	Shirley Pyndiah
	9.00 am	Commentator	Tig Chibo
		Reader	Christine Landsberg

Special Ministers : Agnes Lu, Maria Papalia, Shirley Pyndiah

**We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.**