

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C**Gospel Lk 19:28-40**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus went on ahead, going up in the name of the Lord. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you,

'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this, 'The Lord has need of it'.

So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them.

And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them,

'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said,

'The Lord has need of it'.

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it.

And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.

As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples

began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him,

'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'.

He answered,

'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

First Reading Is 50:4-7

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 spite.

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 ashamed.

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.

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 robbing 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.

Christianity is a faith of paradox: leadership through service; greatness through humility; and life through death. The greatest paradox of all is the paradox of the cross. The death of Jesus through the most humiliating form of capital punishment in history would appear to be exactly what the Jewish authorities hoped it would be: the end of the Jesus movement. The ignoble death of a group's leader through public execution is usually enough to bring about the end of any movement. However, Christians know that the death of Jesus is not the end of the story.

His resurrection, that we celebrate at Easter next weekend, is the twist in the tale that means the death of Jesus, rather than being a point of despair, in fact becomes a moment of hope. This difference of expectation is captured in the Lukan account of the crucifixion by the two criminals with whom Jesus is crucified. One joins in the mockery of Jesus, whilst the other recognises the innocence of Jesus and has faith that Jesus will enter into his kingdom. This second criminal acts as an example for all people of faith. He reminds us that those with faith still have to face death and still have to face up to the consequences of their actions, and yet the way we approach death should not be with despair, but rather with hope and confidence that we will share in Christ's resurrection.

The reading of the Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples at the time. They were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, but we know the end of the story! We know that out of this darkness will come light and hope!

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IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gregory Cashman

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Cutayar, Michelle Mojzes

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 4th May 2025

Molly Kennedy

Ciara Reidy

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Non-Catholic parents wishing to have their children Baptised Catholic, should consider attending our RCIA classes, which will commence in July. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION

Palm Sunday – 12/13 April

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity. *But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes or envelopes, online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH RECONCILIATION

We will have Reconciliation on **Tuesday, 15th April at 6.30pm-7.30pm.** *Priests will be available for individual Confessions.*

CHRISM MASS(Mass of the Oils) Tuesday 15th April at 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral. **No morning mass on 15/4 as Fr Anil attends this Mass.** All welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral.

GOOD FRIDAY – HOLY PLACES COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land, providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. The collection is also used to maintain churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your generosity is appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR EASTER

TRIDUUM MASSES - Holy Thursday at 7.00pm, Good Friday at 3.00pm, Holy Saturday at 7.00pm Readers, Ext. Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Greeters, Car Parking Attendants, Sacristans, Singers, Cleaners are needed for all 3 Masses. Please fill in your details on the clipboard.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS

We will have a Special Collection at Masses this weekend to assist in covering the cost of the Easter floral arrangements for the Church and Altar of Repose.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA IN PREPARATION

FOR THE FEAST OF MERCY - Good Friday, 18th April - Saturday, 26th April. Rosary & Divine Mercy Novena at 11.30am on Good Friday; 5.30pm on Holy Saturday; 10.00am on Easter Sunday. Monday 21st April-Friday 25th April at 7.00pm, followed by Mass; 5.30pm on Saturday 26th April. **Divine Mercy Feast Celebration –** Sunday 27th April at 1.30pm. Adoration, Confessions, Rosary, Litany & Divine Mercy Chaplet. 3.00pm – Holy Mass followed by blessing of the Divine Mercy Image.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE Donations of suitable items for our Mother's Day Raffle(11/5) would be appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office.

PALMS Many thanks to all who provided palms for our Palm Sunday masses.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2025

HOLY WEEK

Monday 14th April and Wednesday 16th April – Morning Mass at 9.15am

Tuesday 15th April – Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10.00am (All welcome to attend)

Parish Reconciliation

Tuesday 15th April from 6.30pm-7.30pm

HOLY THURSDAY – 17th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm. Altar of Repose & Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – 18th April

Way of the Cross at 10.30am
Divine Mercy Novena at 11.30am
Solemn celebration of The Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY – 19th April

Divine Mercy Novena at 5.30pm
The Easter Vigil Mass at 7.00pm
(Blessing of Fire, Paschal Candle & Baptismal Water)

EASTER SUNDAY – 20th April

Masses at 8.30am and 10.30am
Divine Mercy Novena at 10.00am, followed by Mass at 10.30am
(No 5.00pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR

CONFIRMATION We are inviting all competent singers to join the St Peter's Community choir for the Confirmation Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, May 30th at 6.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together to be part of this special occasion. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday, May 20th, and Tuesday, May 27th, at 5.00pm in the Church. We will also practice at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 25th May. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Seona Martin at smartin@spkeilorcast.catholic.edu.au. We look forward to your involvement in making this event memorable!

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am Sunday Masses

*5.00pm Mass

***No 5.00pm Mass on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday.**

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

RECONCILIATION 9.45am Saturday after

9.15am Mass *(or upon request of Parish Priest)*

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO TA' PINU

SHRINE Thanks to all who came along to our Ta' Pinu Shrine Pilgrimage last Saturday. It was a joyful, faith-filled day. A special thanks to our driver, Frank Simone.

PARISH OFFERTORY PROGRAM

Thank you to all who completed and returned Pledge Cards. If you haven't returned your card, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.