

**THE COMMEMORATION OF THE  
LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO  
JERUSALEM**

**Matthew 21:1-11**



When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'

**FIRST READING**

**A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 50:4-7**

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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R/: My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?**

**SECOND READING**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians 2:6-11**

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.

**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.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!**

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS  
CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

**Matthew 26:14 – 27:66**

[Click here for Palm Sunday's readings online](#)



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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A**

**4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2020**



***Focus on the Readings...***

*The long reading of Matthew's account of the Lord's Passion is presented as a series of alternating scenes in which the disciples fail while Jesus commits himself both to them and to the Father. The betrayal by Judas, the disciples fleeing at his arrest and Peter's denial all highlight a sinful humanity and imperfect faith. But it is this very state that Jesus has come to redeem. The moment of his death is when this redemption is achieved. At that moment, the veil in the temple, which hangs in front of the holy of holies, where God dwells, is torn asunder. God is no longer separated from humankind. God's indwelling has burst the confines of the temple and permeates the entire world. Heaven and earth are no longer separate from each other. In the salvific death of Jesus (the revelation of God in His humanity), heaven and earth are united again. Ironically, it is the Gentile centurion who stresses the divinity of Jesus: 'In truth this was a son of God.'*

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**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****MASS TIMES:**

**Saturday** 6:30 pm  
**Sunday** 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
 Tuesday 6.00 pm  
 Wednesday 9.15 am  
 Thursday, Friday 9.15 am  
 Saturday 9.00 am

**COMMUNION SERVICE:**

Monday 9.15 am

**RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays: 9.30am & 6pm

**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****BAPTISMS:**

Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism and Application Form available on our parish website.

**WEDDINGS:**

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: 9583 6161

**Palm Sunday - Year A**  
**4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2020**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Nathan De Abreu  
*...and all who died recently.*

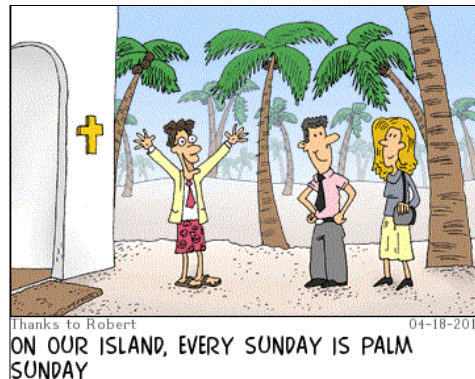
**We also remember:**

Vera Grima, Paul Grima,  
*...and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.*

**COUNSELLING:** All counselling will now be over the phone or video consultations due to COVID-19. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact AnneMaree directly on:0403 284 536, and leave a message indicating you are a parishioner. AnneMaree will return your call, and is happy to have a chat about anything that is worrying you. Thank you.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) head to: <http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass.htm> Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column.

**MEDITATION ONLINE:** Maree Crutch is offering at 12 o'clock Monday Tuesday Thursday and Friday, free zoom classroom meditation exercise visualisation program 50 mins open to anyone who can access a computer. You will just need to send your email to: mareecrutch@gmail.com – Maree Crutch: Over 30 years' experience as a health practitioner and educator.

**Prayer for the World****Facing the Challenge of COVID-19**

Dear God,  
 who hears the cries of all in our world.  
 You invite us to trust in your gift of unconditional love.  
 Stay with us in this time.  
 Give strength to those who are ill and work through the hands and hearts of those who serve.  
 Be with us as we pray at home, unable to access the communities that have carried us for so long.  
 In every heart you have given the capacity to love as Jesus loved.  
 Let us share this love today. Amen.

**THANK YOU** Our sincere gratitude to those parishioners who have had both the capability, and the means, to transfer their contributions to Thanksgiving and/or Presbytery giving, over to Direct Debit or Credit Card. While we're mindful that some may be enduring financial hardship at this time, the offerings we are receiving, given the absence of collections within Mass, are certainly gratefully received. If you'd like to switch from Envelope giving to Direct Debit or Credit Card, please contact the Parish Office on 9583 6161, for the appropriate form. While some are keen to still drop in their Envelopes, we'd suggest that you look after yourselves, and not venture down to the office just to put your offerings in. If transferring over to Direct Debit or Credit Card is not possible, you might like to drop in a number of week's envelopes less frequently.

**ACCESS TO PERSONAL & FAMILY PRAYERS:**

In this time of crisis, the website [liturgyhelp.com](http://liturgyhelp.com) is providing Catholics with access to a range of resources for personal and family prayer. In particular, the hope is that Catholics in social isolation can gain a sense of prayerful solidarity with their local school and parish communities and the whole Body of Christ. You're welcome to print resources and pass them on to your friends, family and community, particularly those who do not have access to the internet.

Simply go to: [liturgyhelp.com/aus/pray](http://liturgyhelp.com/aus/pray)

**DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS THIS WEEKEND**

Daylight Saving ends this weekend. Clocks are to be put back one hour on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020. i.e. from 3:00am to 2:00am.

**PROJECT COMPASSION 2020:** Due to the current health emergency, and its associated restrictions, there's currently no need to drop in any Project Compassion boxes/envelopes. Hang on to them for now! Once we're again able to gather as a community of faith, for Mass, etc., we'll ask anyone who collected/put aside money for Project Compassion in Lent 2020, to bring their donations along and we'll forward them on to Caritas Australia, albeit a bit later in the year than usual.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- ❖ The name Barabbas literally means son (bar) of the father (abba). Here the crowd choses the false son while condemning the true Son.
- ❖ Since the fourth century, the site now marked by the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem has been revered as the site of Calvary.
- ❖ Two images in the liturgy of 'Palm (Passion) Sunday' stand out: **the palms** signifying the glory and triumph of Jesus, reminding us also of his entry into Jerusalem before his death; **the cross** representing Christ's love for the world and the sacrifice he made so that salvation would be available to all people.
- ❖ One of the great devotions associated with this period of the Church year is the Stations of the Cross (or 'Way of the Cross'). In Jerusalem, the processional path that follows the steps of Jesus that led up to his crucifixion is known as the 'Via Dolorosa' (the sorrowful path or way). Traditionally fourteen stations are associated with the arrest, trial and death of Jesus. To travel and meditate on these events is a centuries-old practice, with some evidence of similar devotion going back as far as the fifth century. It is a practice that was promoted by the Franciscans, who were given custody of the holy places in the Holy Land in the fourteenth century.