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

Lk 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two 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 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

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 Dving 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 LUKE

> > (Lk 22:14-23:56)

Please see handouts.

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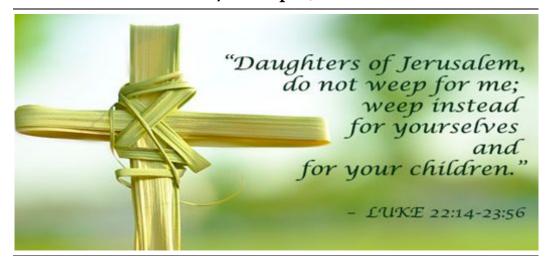


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PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY, YEAR C 9th / 10th April, 2022



In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us. We have not been saved through military might, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God. Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon? Our Saviour was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. Our Saviour first offered himself for us and continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others. The Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples because we know the end of the story!. Jesus' disciples were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, however we know that out of this darkness, light and hope will emerge!

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MASS TIMES - CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT **SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:**

Saturday [St Agnes Church] 6:00 pm Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

[St Agnes Church] 9.00 am Tuesday [OLA Church] Tuesday 6.00 pm Wednesday [OLA Church] 9.15 am Thursday [OLA Church] 9.15 am Friday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am Saturday [OLA Church] 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE

Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday 9:45 am Saturday 9.30 am

i.e. following Mass (COVID-safe protocols apply)

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

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

Passion (Palm) Sunday - Year C 9th / 10th April, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Rosie Muscat, Terry Potter, Paddy Moore, ...and all who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

John Goulding, William Smith, Desmond Kealy, Gaye Peterson, Paul Grima, Thomas James, Douglas Grace, Janina Drozdz, Maria Wielgus, Livia Polgar, Liliane Tranquille, Serge Jasmin, Nancy Waterstone, Daniel Chonner, Jane Farrugia & Charles Farrugia.

....and all whose anniversaries occur about this time

...and we keep in our prayers all who are currently unwell.

Readings for this liturgical year from Advent 2021 to Christ the King 2022 are taken from Year C in the Lectionary cycle

Should you wish to view the Scripture Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) please visit:

universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass

VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are current, that is, have not expired, and copies made available to the Parish Office.

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS:

General Guidelines from the Archdiocese (Update #57: 11th March, 2022) are available online at: melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all parishioners who continue to support both the Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through your generous contributions. Both OLA & St Agnes are now registered for online contributions.

The CDF Pay link for OLA, Cheltenham is: http://bit.lv/CDFpavCheltenham

The CDF Pay link for St Agnes, Highett is: http://bit.ly/CDFpayHighett



OLA KNITTING GROUP would like to thank everyone who supported our stall, or donated wool, etc. We have passed on to St

Vincent de Paul, (OLA Conference) the wonderful sum of \$1290. Our next knitting day will be at 1pm this Tuesday 12th April, in the OLA Church Meeting Room. All are most welcome.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

(CTC) is once again offering a series of online faith formation sessions for those looking to deepen their faith understanding and spirituality. Entitled 'Engaging your Faith', the online sessions will run from 3 to 28 May, with accreditation available for teachers enrolling from Melbourne schools. There are up to 15 different sessions on offer, each providing a 'taster' for those interested in a variety of topics including theology, spirituality, biblical studies, Vatican II, pastoral studies, Laudato Si', Christian meditation, lectio divina, interfaith relations, and the relationship between science & religion.

For more information visit: ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/ ...for the full schedule, and to make bookings.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

OLA / ST AGNES - STEWARDSHIP A THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES For those who contribute to Thanksgiving / Stewardship via envelopes, envelopes are available for collection in the fovers of St Agnes' and OLA churches, respectively.

ST AGNES' PARISH PRIMARY **SCHOOL OPEN DAYS Wednesday** 27th April and Wednesday 18th May.

Come along any time from 9am onwards for a tour and a chat with our Principal: Lachie Foott.

HOLY WEEK 2022 VOLUNTEERS: LITURGICAL MINISTRIES There are still a few vacancies for the various liturgical roles in the Holy Week rituals/liturgies, as readers, special ministers, commentators, PowerPoint operators, people to have their feet washed, etc. Please write your name on the Sign-up sheets located in the fover of the church, if you can assist. Those who have put their name down can consult these sheets to confirm your participation.



OLA CHOIR The OLA Choir is NEEDED! looking for new voices to assist with the singing on Good Friday

afternoon and Easter Sunday morning. Come along at 10am this Sunday 10th of April for a practice in the Church. Enquiries: Helen: 0432 866 039 or Tony: 0468 453 156

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE **OPEN DAYS**

Mentone Campus

Wednesday 18th May, 2022

Bentleigh East Campus Wednesday 1st June, 2022



Enrolments are open to all Year 5 students who will be entering Year 7 in 2024.

For bookings visit: stbedes.catholic.edu.au

Mentone Campus: 2 Mentone Parade, Mentone Bentleigh East Campus: 156 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East. For further information contact: T: 9582 5999 E: stbedes@stbedes.catholic.edu.au