



THE SAVING WORD

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / B

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committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!

N. Pilate asked them,

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Crucify him!

N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they

took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

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

C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C. He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of

Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

J. Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,

C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying,

O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.

The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Mk 14:1-15:47

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.**

RESP 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

Mk 15: 1-39

(**N.** Narrator **J.** Jesus

O. Other single speaker

C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

J. It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had

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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadigal People as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney



Please pray for the:

Recently Deceased: Graziella Vitale (Rose André's mother), Keith Lawson, Faye Smiths, Ivan Micallef, Marshall Kandur, Ange Portelli, Jose Barreto Martins, Ronald Camenzuli, Mauro Soriano, Piera Scarfaro, and all those who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.



Anniversary: Antonino Torrisi, Joe Smith, Patricia (Trish) Simmonds, June (Nonie) Power, Inez D'Souza, Peter Heany, Alice Payet, Graeme Twitchings, Peter Heaney, Troy Perey, Brady North Flannigan, Ivan & Agnesa Fero, Antonia Torchia, Alda Ballaco, Marika Cubasci, Vlade Prtenjaca, Stjepan Cavlovic, Jesuina Sarmento, Florinda Courte-Real, Alexandro Corte-Real, Lorencia and Carla dos Santos.

Deceased: Sime Pedisich, Joyce Gander, Agnes Brisbane. All the souls in Purgatory.

The Sick: Helen Facione Stephany Hiew, Margaret Gately, Maureen Maron, Sandra Russell, Bishop Peter Ingham, Ha Oi Lan, Mario Assini, Sam Strano, Josephine Regan, Mary Vella, Beatriz Visperas, Michael Victor, Marcus O'Dean, Angela Beveridge, Merley Nate Fien, John Sarniak Thomson, Heracleo & Mamerta Dela Torre, and Santa Viselli. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes, and pray for World Peace, and those suffering from Covid.

Where will Fr. John be celebrating Mass next weekend?

Saturday - 30 March 2024 - 6.00pm St Agnes'
Sunday - 31 March 2024 - 9.00am St Andrew's (Livestreamed)

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK



Greetings dear parishioners and visitors of our Twinned Catholic Parishes of St Andrew & St Agnes Malabar-Matraville.

Now we begin our week of weeks, Holy Week! Many thanks for all of those who dropped off their freshly cut palms.

I wish to encourage as many as possible to be part of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum—**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper** at 7.00pm, **Good Friday, Stations of the Cross** at 10.00am, **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** at 3.00pm, **The Easter Vigil** at 6.00pm all these ceremonies times are both St Andrew's and St Agnes' Churches. **The blessing of Easter Eggs & Foods** will take place at St Andrew's on Holy Saturday at 9.00am.

On Holy Thursday there will be no morning Masses in our churches. You are invited to be part of the Mass of the Oils (Chrism Mass) at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am. In this Mass Archbishop Fisher will bless the oils of Baptism and the Sick and consecrate the Oil of Chrism. These oils will be brought back to our parishes and used through the year. At the beginning of the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper these oils will be processed into our churches of St Andrew and St Agnes.

Please remember that on Good Friday there is the annual appeal for the Holy Land in which the Franciscan Custodians to the Holy Land will be able to support their ministry there.

Holy Thursday following the Mass of the Lord Supper, it is traditional to watch and pray in silent adoration at an Altar of Repose of the Blessed Sacrament. This practice symbolising our watching and praying as Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, his arrest and waiting trial. At St Andrew's adoration will conclude at 8.30pm while at St Agnes' we will be concluding at 12 Midnight. The Archdiocese is having a program of visitation of 7 Churches leading up to Midnight. St Agnes' has been set aside as one of the 7 Churches of the Eastern Deanery. You are asked to visit 7 Churches up to midnight, please see below as well as the in the Catholic Weekly the 7 Churches. There will be booklets to help you on you Holy Thursday Visitation of the 7 Churches.

St Patrick's, 2 Wellington Street, Bondi
St Michael's 29 Banks Street, Daceyville
Holy Family 214 Maroubra Road, Maroubra
St Mary's & St Joseph's 246 Malabar Road, Maroubra
St Agnes' 509 Bunnerong Road, Matraville
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, 193 Avoca Street, Randwick

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM 2024

St Andrews/St Agnes'

Palm Sunday 23/24 March: Normal Mass Times
Holy Thursday 28 March: 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of the feet. (Both Parishes)
Reservation of the Lord: St Andrew's until 8.30pm. **St Agnes' until Midnight.**
Good Friday 29 March: 10.am Stations of the Cross
3pm Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion (**Both Parishes**)
Holy Saturday 30 March: 9.00am Blessing of Easter Food/Eggs St Andrew's
6pm Easter Vigil (**Both Parishes**)
Easter Sunday 31 March: 9am St Andrew's and 10am St Agnes'

EASTER ROSTER for the Easter Ceremonies, asking for volunteers for Readers and Commentators, located at the back of the church at St Andrew's, and in the Sacristy at St Agnes.

Catechist Meeting (Both Parishes) - Mon 25 March 2024 at 10.00 am in St. Andrew's Meeting Room.