



St Patrick's Parish

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PALM SUNDAY (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!
O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading: 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 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: Luke 22:14 - 23:56

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done

 PARISH PRAYER LIST
Recently Deceased:
Anniversaries:
Sick: Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham, Claudette & Gilbert Florens, Kate, Tim Lawson, John Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel O'Healy, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh, Michael Paola, Emma, Wayne, Julian Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Sam Lawson, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi, Stephen Wakeham, Gwen Weaver, June, John Phillips, Justin Calle, Michael Di Ciero, Jennifer Berridge, Shayne, Carole Wright, Susan Lee, Jos Vandersman, Carmel Calabro, Frances Lamonica, Joy Layton, Blake, Val Bailey, Leanne Trusler

Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Wednesday & Friday: 8.30am-9.10am

Saturday: 8.30-8.55am – 10am-11am

Anointing of the sick: By appointment

Marriages: Please give at least six months' notice.

Baptism: Please contact parish office for details.

Parish office: Please call 0448 658 418

Pastoral worker: Please call 0448 664 731

St Vincent de Paul: If assistance is required please contact 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm

Care group: Contact Parish Office 0448 658 418

**Latest Guidelines from the Melbourne Catholic
Archdiocese of Melbourne**

<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

	Lilydale	Healesville
Tuesday	9.15am	Thursday 9.15am
Wednesday	9.15am	Sunday 8.30am
Friday	9.15am	
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30 am	

Holy hour 8am -9am

Confessions from 8.30am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

**Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Benediction** every Friday following 9.15am Mass.

Rosary Group

Each Wednesday following the 9.15 am Mass:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the
Rosary, concluding at 10.30am.

Italian Prayer Group

Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday mornings following 9.15am Mass in the church
concluding 10.30am

Christian Meditation: Saturday morning at 9.15 am in
the Moira Tanks Room in the Community Centre. For
more information please contact Mary on 0457 638 744

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount to Parish

(Thanksgiving only) \$1404.50

3rd April 2022

Thanksgiving Collection \$ 1159.70

Presbytery \$ 427.60

Restoration \$ 379.75

If you would like to make a donation:

Running expenses of the Church

St Patrick's Church Account

083-347

63931 6508

For Fr Francis living expenses

St Patrick's Presbytery Account

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ROSTERS

Prayers of Intercession & Readings

9/10 April

6.00pm – Debra Edwards

10.30am – Frank Feltham

EASTER – SPECIAL ROSTER

23/24 April

6.00pm – Mary Dowling

10.30am – Matthew Burrow

30/4 & 1/5

6.00pm – Patrick Bennett

10.30am - Louise Fitinghoff

If you would like to join our reading roster please let the
office know.



Stations of the Cross

Each Friday in Lent, 7 pm in the church
commencing 4th March.

Easter Mass Times

14th April- 7:30 pm.

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
Altar of Repose, Individual Prayer and Adoration till
11:00 pm

15th April, Good Friday.

10:00 am- Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Passion of the Lord

16th April, Holy Saturday.
10:00 am Reconciliation
8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

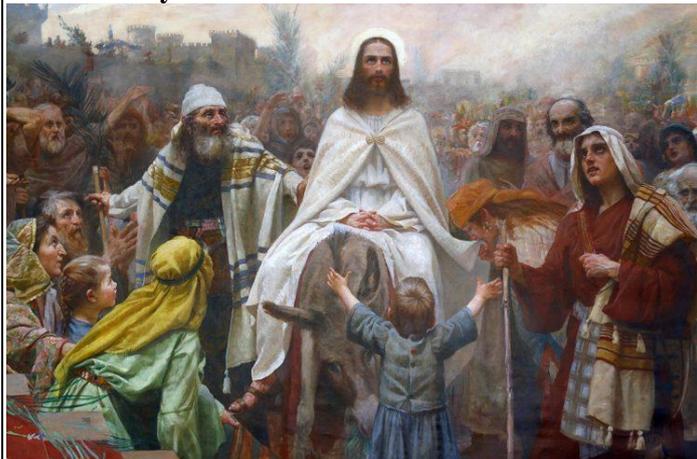
17th April Easter Sunday Mass
10:30 am St. Patrick's, Lilydale
8:30 am St. Brigid's, Healesville

Debbie says 'goodbye'

With a mixture of sadness and some excitement, I will be finishing up as Pastoral Worker at St Pat's and at St Brigid's at the end of April. After 13 years of service, I feel that the time has come for me to begin a new phase in my working life, and will be returning to the funeral industry, where I started my pastoral work. I have absolutely loved my vocation in both Parishes and treasure the friendships and experiences with which I have been blessed over so many years. I won't be going far! I look forward to seeing you 'around'! I move forward, but my prayers remain with each of you, and with the Parishes I am passionate about, forever.

We will have a "farewell" cuppa with Debbie at our morning tea on Sunday 2nd May. Please come along and have a chat and say goodbye Debbie.

Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday commemorates the arrival of the Messiah into Jerusalem. The sense of Messianic expectation had been building over the course of the three years of Jesus' public ministry. There was a lot to get excited about. The crowds that thronged to hear him speak marvelled at the words he spoke: simple yet profound, provocative yet with the capacity to move them to the core. The words he spoke to them would never be forgotten. The people that Jesus encountered were compelled to re-evaluate their lives; many were completely transformed. Moreover, Jesus' reputation as a wonder-worker had spread far and wide. He had performed scores of miraculous healings, exorcisms of evil spirits; he had the power to calm storms and walk on water. There were even reports of him multiplying bread and turning water to wine. This Messiah was exceeding all expectations!

With all this hype the Jews (who had already begun flocking to Jerusalem in readiness for the Passover) caught wind that Jesus was about to enter Jerusalem. This was it. This was the moment that every Jew had been waiting for: the Messianic King's glorious entry into

Jerusalem to finally defeat the Romans and restore the long-lost glory of Israel as a mighty nation, greater even than King David or Solomon. For this reason, the crowds throng to the streets at Jesus' approach ready to offer him a rapturous welcome. They lay their cloaks on the ground and cut the palm branches to wave as makeshift banners. "Hosanna to the Son of David, the long-awaited heir to his throne. Hosanna to the one who will redeem Israel and restore her honour, vanquishing the Roman occupiers and establishing a Kingdom that will never end! Hosanna in the highest!"

They watch closely expecting to see an army of fearsome warriors follow in his wake, like in the stories vividly recounted around the hearths of every Jewish home, or read from the Torah in the synagogues. With his mighty powers Jesus would surpass the glory of Joshua, David, Gideon, Samson, or Judas Maccabeus. Strangely, only twelve un-armed men follow in Jesus' wake, none of whom look particularly fearsome. Perhaps the army will come tomorrow, or maybe in the dead of night? Even so they watch to see if Jesus will challenge the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. Perhaps he will go to the palace and overthrow the puppet-King Herod Antipas? Maybe Jesus will go straight to the Praetorium and rout the Roman army in its stronghold? The crowds follow Jesus and he goes instead to the Temple. They watch with growing expectation. What will he do next?

Then Jesus does something truly shocking.

Jesus makes a whip out of his cord and starts driving the sellers and their animals out of the temple. He over-turns the money-changers tables, sending the coins flying, together with their owners who scramble covetously to gather them up. Sheep and cattle disperse, with pigeons escaping from their overturned baskets in all directions. It is a scene of total pandemonium. The Jews are aghast. This is not what a Messiah is supposed to do. He was supposed to cleanse Jerusalem of its Roman occupiers and drive *them* out. Instead he 'dishonours' the Temple of their ancestors, scattering the animals required by the Law of Moses to offer sacrifice. The shattering of the crowd's expectations is galling and scepticism sets in. 'Miracles? What a lot of hogwash!' they must have sneered. This simply *cannot* be the Messiah.

There is only one thing to be done. Jesus must be put to death. And so it is that the very same crowds that on Palm Sunday welcomed Jesus with such adulation, within five days are chanting in unison: "Crucify him! Crucify Him."

The folly of the Jews was their preoccupation with worldly concerns: they pined for an earthly kingdom, not a heavenly one. And yet is not their folly and blindness also, all too often, our own? We become caught up with 'getting ahead', and growing in power, wealth and influence. We measure 'success' and 'failure' by worldly standards. Jesus came to save *us*. His priority is the salvation of our souls. Jesus tells Pilates quite plainly "My kingdom is not of this world." Nor is our own kingdom of this world. Every effort to attain to lasting security, ease and comfort in this world is in vain. Jesus willingly accepts his death in all its horror in the hope of curing us of our

worldly ambitions and vanity. His death looked for all the world like a colossal failure but in reality it was a perfect success. *Consummatum est*. Jesus Christ accomplished his Father's will and fulfilled his earthly mission to atone for the sins of the world.

Yes, let us acclaim Jesus Christ, but let's be sure it's the real Jesus Christ, and not some projection of our own disordered, worldly desires. Hosanna to the Son of David, who has opened the gates to heaven to all who believe in Him.

Yours in Christ
Fr Francis Denton

From Debbie's Desk

Our Lenten preparation continues to carry us quietly but irresistibly to the mind-bending reality of the cross. This weekend we celebrate Passion Sunday, the first 'celebration' of Holy Week, when we hear the sad details of Jesus' final hours of life. We hold palms in our hands, acclaiming Jesus as Lord, yet how often do we throw the palms down when he needed them most. Under arrest, unjustly tried and sentenced to death, cruelly beaten and nailed to a wooden cross to die, Jesus' story is pitiful. Jesus had a choice, as God he could have chosen to allow his glory to be seen. The men who thought they had power over him could not have been more wrong. Jesus is fully human, as we are fully human, he is subject to the frailties of human existence as we all are. Yet he is also fully divine, God himself. He lived his humanity as we do, so that we can know that there is nothing we can experience in our birth, life and death that he has not experienced before us. He knows us, and he loves us as we are. He encourages us and leads us to be who we can be. He is there to show us how much our heavenly Father loves us. He reveals our unseen God to us in a way that the prophets of the Old Testament were never able to achieve. Jesus chose to bow to human power in solidarity with us, who do not usually have a choice. As I said, mind bending stuff! Jesus' sad death continues to echo through human history, and is being lived out today, very graphically. We just need to turn on the radio or watch the news to hear his story repeated, in all its sadness and confronting reality. In every phase of human history, before and after his birth, Jesus' story has been lived out again, and again, and again, by real people.

Yet the ceremonies of Good Friday, the day we remember Jesus' pitifully sad death, are but one movement of two other celebrations. On Holy Thursday night, we remember that Jesus gave us himself in Holy Communion, so that we need never feel that we are alone. His apostles were commissioned to care for his people and to give us the Sacraments to sustain us, and to bring us life renewed every day. And on Easter Sunday, we remember that Jesus defeated death itself. He rose from the dead. He revealed his glory. He proved to us that life does not end in death, it simply changes, to a glorious hope that can never be obliterated by the realities of human existence. Jesus does indeed reveal God's love for us in a way that shows us who he is. The last few moments of Lent are our chance to reflect that there is

nothing we do that we do alone. God is with us, mostly unseen, but very real. We are his people, he is our God, he is very near to the broken hearted. And through the miracle of the Eucharist, we receive him into our hearts, food for our journey, as we enter the miracle again and again in each new day.

And as the world turns, things change, as they have always done, and always will. It is with much sadness, and some excitement, that I have come to the end of my time with our Parish as Pastoral Worker. After 13 years, I have decided to change careers again, and will be returning to the funeral industry, for new pastoral and career challenges. My time as Pastoral Worker for St Patrick's and St Brigid's Parishes has been rewarding beyond measure, it has been confronting at times, frustrating often, exciting for the most part, comfortable, and always rewarding and encouraging. I have formed wonderful friendships that will last forever. I have watched a whole generation begin school in Prep, and graduate and move on to uni or the workforce. My association with St Pat's school extends back more than 30 years, and each of my 6 children and even some of my grandchildren, have completed their primary and secondary education through St Pat's and MLMC. I am pretty sure we paid for the gym! I love the people who are our Parish. But the time has come, and I move on to new challenges with a sense of excitement and anticipation. I won't be going far! We live in the Parish, and I will be seeing you 'around'. I will continue to pray for you and for all of our Parish's families. I encourage you to pick up my pastoral load, to keep your eyes open for anyone who needs a friendly smile, or a helping hand. Let Fr Francis know, or call Sharon, if you feel someone could benefit from assistance from our Parish. My work continues on in your hands. I am not worried!



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