

Partnered Parishes of Reservoir—Reservoir East—Reservoir North St Gabriel, St Stephen of Hungary & St Joseph the Worker

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Weekend Blessing of Palms

Saturday 28 March Vigil Mass
*St Joseph the Worker
Reservoir North 5pm*

St Stephen's Reservoir East 6.30pm

Sunday 29 March Mass
*St Gabriel's Reservoir 9am
St Joseph the Worker
Reservoir North 10.30am*

Tuesday 31 March
9.30am Mass St Stephen's Reservoir East

Wednesday 1 April
*8.30am Eucharistic Adoration 9.15am Mass
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North
7pm Eucharistic Adoration & Night Prayer
St Gabriel's Reservoir*

Holy Thursday 2 April
Mass of the Lord's Supper
*St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 5pm
St Gabriel's Reservoir 7.30pm;
Night Prayer 9pm*

Good Friday 3 April Way of the Cross
*St Gabriel's Reservoir 10am
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 7pm*

The Lord's Passion
*St Gabriel's Reservoir 3pm
St Joseph the Worker Reservoir North 3pm*

*Project Compassion boxes and envelopes
can be returned in the weekend collection*



Saturday 4 April
The Vigil of Easter
*St Gabriel's Reservoir
7.30pm
St Joseph the Worker
Reservoir North 7.30pm*

Easter Sunday 5 April
*St Gabriel's Reservoir
9am Mass
St Joseph the Worker
Reservoir North 10.30am*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Stephen's Reservoir East
*Saturdays 28 March 7.15pm
Tuesdays 31 March 10am*

St Gabriel's Reservoir
*Sundays 8am
Thursday 2 April 9am*

**St Joseph the Worker
Reservoir North**
*Saturdays 4pm
Sunday 29 March 3pm
Wednesday 1 April 10am*

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing, parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres.

The Syro Malankara community celebrates Holy Week at St Stephen of Hungary Church Reservoir East with extended services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and the Vigil of Easter.

CHRISM MASS

Tuesday 31 March 10am St Patrick's Cathedral

During the Chrism Mass Archbishop Comensoli blesses the Oil for the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism. These Holy Oils are used in the church's ministry throughout the year. The priests present renew the promises of ordination.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

260 Child's Rd Mill Park
commences
Thursday 16 April 7pm
melbcatholic.org/s/millpark

ST LUKE'S PARISH

1A David St Lalor
commences Friday 17 April 7pm
melbcatholic.org/s/lalor

MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY

Palm Sunday 29 March
Good Friday 3 April
Catholic Regional College
380 Sydenham Rd Sydenham
melbournepassionplay.com.au

ST GABRIEL'S PIETY STALL

St Paul's Holy Week Missal \$12
St Paul's Sunday Missal \$35
St Paul's Weekday Missal \$90
Daily Mass Book \$25
New Community Catholic Bible \$35

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP

Auditions: Sunday 30 August 6pm
Rehearsals commence 6 September
Enquiries: Judy.judeome@hotmail.com

CATHOLIC MEN

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 10am
melbournemensrosarycrusade.com

LEGION OF MARY

Our Parish praesidium (group),
dedicated to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament,
meets every Monday 1.30pm Bethany Room
St Gabriel's Parish Centre.
New members are always welcome.
Enquiries Maureen O'Dwyer 9460 8520

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our Parish conference meets on the 3rd Monday of
the month 7.30pm Emmaus Room
St Gabriel's Parish Centre.
New members are always welcome.
Conference president Peter Johnson
reservoir.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

The committee includes representatives of St Gabriel's, St Stephen of Hungary and St Joseph the Worker Parishes: Bernadette Harris, Christopher Chua, Franca Pascuzzi, Georgia Tan, Laura Fernando, Liliana Keating and Andrew Dos Santos; Fr Pritchard, Deacon Correya, the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary. Melbourne Archdiocese representatives Suzette Diaz and Judeline Wadhvani are leading us through this process step by step.

Weekend 2-3 May:

Mass for parish leaders and volunteers at each church
Feast of St Joseph the Worker and anniversary of church consecration North Reservoir. Committee members will update us on *Take the Way of the Gospel*, its goals, and affirm all of us in parish life and mission.

Sunday 14 June:

Forum, engaging parishioners in *Take the Way of the Gospel*. We all want opportunities for worship and prayer, community life, adult faith formation, pastoral care of families, women, men, young parishioners, widowed, elderly and sick. The Dominican Sisters are already making a great contribution to parish life. To build up the kingdom of God in our part of Melbourne parish life and community must be vital, vibrant, viable. St Joseph the Worker Church after Sunday 10.30am Mass.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12 April

St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne

2pm Eucharistic Adoration Holy Rosary
Reconciliation
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Mass
divinemercury.com.au

Holy Cross Church

707 Glenhuntly Rd Caulfield South
1pm Reconciliation Eucharistic Adoration
Hour of Mercy Mass
combinedsocietiesofmary.com

EASTER SEASON BLESSING OF HOMES

Register Parish Office
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EASTER OFFERING

Your generous gift supports our Bishops,
retired and sick priests
and our own Parish clergy. Thank You!

Recently Deceased

Joe Manitta, Salvatore Cardamone, Angelo Chiodo

Anniversary & Remembrance

Joseph & Rose, Camillo Di Iorio, Carmeno & Katren
Cutajar, Giovanni Papalia & family,
Libero, Francesco, Antonio Santopietro,
Pasquale Timpano, Maria Grazia Murdica,
Elda Addona, Felice Taranto

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

N. Narrator □ **Jesus** **O. Other single speaker** **C. Congregation**

N. Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied,

□ It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him,

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges. At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them,

O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N. they said,

C. Barabbas.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. But in that case, what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

N. They all said:

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Pilate asked:

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Let him be crucified!

N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said,

O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

N. And the people, to a man, shouted back,

C. His blood be on us and on our children!

N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him. On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He puts his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God.'

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way. From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

□ Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

N. That is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said,

C. The man is calling on Elijah.

N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said,

C. In truth this was a son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS *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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *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.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

La Domenica delle Palme inaugura la Settimana Santa, unendo l'ingresso trionfale di Gesù a Gerusalemme al racconto della Passione. Riflette sul Re umile che entra su un asino, invitando a passare dalle acclamazioni della folla alla fedeltà nella croce, riconoscendo in Lui il Messia.

Il Re Umile: Gesù entra a Gerusalemme non su un cavallo di guerra, ma su un asino, simbolo di pace e umiltà. Il Suo regno non si basa sul potere mondano, ma sul servizio e l'amore.

Dall'Osanna alla Passione: La liturgia evidenzia il contrasto tra la folla che lo acclama ("Osanna") e quella che pochi giorni dopo chiede la crocifissione, invitandoci a riflettere sulla costanza della nostra fede.

Il Compimento delle Scritture: Matteo sottolinea come ogni evento della Passione adempia le profezie, mostrando Gesù fedele al Padre fino alla fine.

Amare fino in fondo: La Passione non è solo un sacrificio richiesto, ma il dono totale di Sé di Gesù per amore. Questo chiama i fedeli a una vita donata.

La celebrazione, con la benedizione dei rami di ulivo, è un invito a seguire Cristo nel suo cammino di amore e di dolore, per giungere con Lui alla risurrezione.

*In a homily on Palm Sunday,
St Bernard of Clairvaux (+1153) remarked:*

'How different the cries that now are calling him "King of Israel" and then in a few days' time will be saying, "We have no king but Caesar!" What a contrast between the green branches and the cross, between the flowers and the thorns! Before they were offering their own clothes for him to walk upon, and so soon afterwards they are stripping him of his, and casting lots upon them.

As you begin Holy Week, join the crowds in shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Then stay with Jesus all week as he prepares to suffer and die. Take some time each day to consider this one realization in today's Gospel: "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

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**Next weekend
Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34,37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

Processional Hymn CWB 303

Refrain: All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels
are praising you on high,
as we and all creation,
exultant make reply. *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews,
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain*

To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted,
accept the prayers we bring,
rejoicing in all goodness,
our Saviour and our King! *Refrain*

Liturgy of the Word

Matthew 21: 1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66

Psalm Response

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

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!

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 318

At the cross her vigil keeping,
Mary stood in sorrow, weeping,
When her Son was crucified.

While she waited in her anguish,
Seeing Christ in torment languish,
Bitter sorrow pierced her heart.

With what pain and desolation,
With what noble resignation,
Mary watched her dying Son.

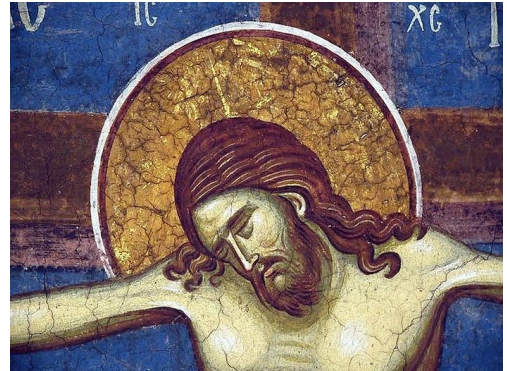
Ever patient in her yearning,
Though her tear-filled eyes were burning,
Mary gazed upon her Son.

Who, that sorrow contemplating,
On that passion meditating,
Would not share the Virgin's grief?

Christ she saw, for our salvation
scourged with cruel acclamation,
bruised and beaten by the rod.

Christ she saw with life-blood failing,
all her anguish unavailing,
saw him breathe his very last.

At the cross, your sorrow sharing,
all your grief and torment bearing,
let me stand and mourn with you.



Holy Communion CWB 330

O sacred head, surrounded
by crown of piercing thorn.

O bleeding Head, so wounded,
reviled and put to scorn.
The pow'r of death comes o'er you,
the glow of life decays,
yet angel hosts adore you,
and tremble as they gaze.

In this your bitter passion,
Good Shepherd, think of me
with your most sweet compassion,
unworthy though I be:
beneath your cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
in your dear love confiding,
and with your presence blest.

Christ Jesus, we adore you,
our thorn crowned Lord and King.
We bow our heads before you,
and to your cross we cling.
Lord, give us strength to bear it
with patience and with love,
that we may truly merit a glorious crown above

Recessional Hymn CWB 400

Hail, Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace. *Refrain*

Refrain: Angels, saints and nations sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."

King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings. *Refrain*