



THE SAVING WORD

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / B

24 MARCH 2024

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. 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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WEEKEND
MASSES Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9.00 am Sun: 5.00 pm

WEEKDAY
MASSES Wed: 12.00 noon Thur: 5.30 pm Holy Thursday
Fri: 3.00 pm The Lord's Passion

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.00 pm

*Or by appointment

EASTER CELEBRATION TIMES

Holy Thursday 5.30 pm and Adoration till 7.00 pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross 9.00 am Confessions till 10.15 am

The Lord's Passion 3.00 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 5.30 pm (**No Confessions Holy Saturday)

Easter Sunday 9.00 am

***No 5.00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday**

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gary Donaldson, Susan Rice (Guyra), Elizabeth Foy (Morpeth).

ANNIVERSARIES: Marie Mansfield (3/3), William Grima (5/3), Harry Cunningham (30/4).

DECEASED: Margaret Marshall, Valerie Chillingworth, Margaret Marshall, Valerie Chillingworth, Sr Rita Vella, Barry Schipp, Vivian Hackett.

SICK: Fr Anthony Koppman, Norma O'Brien, Christine Porters, Gary Donaldson, Shane Davidson, Monica Austin, Colin MacPherson, Terry Dean, Barbara Brennan, Graeme Bussell, John Betts, Kate Harrison, William Bonner, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Fr Bernard Flood.

VEENAS VERSION:



What do you do with your palms received at the church on Palm Sunday? Palm Sunday is usually celebrated with processions and the distribution of the blessed palm leaves. In our parish, the palms are saved and burned into ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday of the next year. It is suggested that you keep the palms in your home and place them in the garden when you receive next year's palms.

COMING EVENTS:

29 Mar Good Friday 31 Mar Easter 25 Apr ANZAC Day

CHANGES TO EASTER EVENTS: *There will be NO Anointing Mass*

OR Second Rite of Reconciliation during Holy Week.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082 105

1st. Collection West Tamworth Presbytery (Diocesan collection) Acc No: 001023642

2nd Collection West Tamworth Church (St Pats Church) Acc No:001041198



"God's love for us is best shown in times of aridity." (1970)



PROJECT COMPASSION: This year we shared with you the stories of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities. Find out more at <https://www.caritas.org.au/>. **Please donate to Project Compassion.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. Click on the link to see the full story: [Memory and Other Stories](#)

EASTER ROSTERS Are now displayed at the back of the church. Please check these and speak with Sr Kathryn if you will not be available.

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION: The Holy Land Collection via envelopes on Good Friday offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region, and of course the recent pandemic. To find out more or make a donation go to the website at <http://holylandfranciscansaustralia.org/>

VEENA'S UPDATE - FR ANTHONY ON LEAVE: We are very grateful to Fr John McHugh as he provides his pastoral care for us at this most important time of our faith journey.

HOLY WATER BOTTLES: Please return last year's or be sure to bring your own for holy water at Easter.

menALIVE WEEKEND FOR MEN. What are you doing on the 4th and 5th of May? Could you benefit from a weekend featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003 thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Now, Armidale's 3rd menALIVE weekend is being hosted at Echidna Gully at Metz Gorge. Further information - www.trybooking.com/CPBWS to register or Chris on 0433 775 429.

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

God our Father, in Jesus, your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule. We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the person they choose be one of deep and true prayer, a person of a compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a person of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will. We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen*

EASTER CELEBRATIONS 2024

PALM SUNDAY

VIGIL 5.30 pm: R P Bamford D Bolitho SUN 9.00 am: R J Ryan G Clout SUN 5.00 pm: A O'Halloran C Lavell

COUNTING TEAM: S Brown A Bowden FRI CLEANING 29/3 M Vella A Jones ALTAR LINEN: H Reid

HOLY THURSDAY 29 March 5.30 pm

Readers: C Ledwos S Brown

STATIONS 9.00 am Good Friday 29 March

THE LORD'S PASSION 3.00 pm Good Friday 29 March

Readers: S Brown N Pullman (Passion Narrator) Sr Kathryn

Crowd/Others: S Brown

EASTER VIGIL 30 March 5.30 pm

G Clout C Ledwos Sr Kathryn (Epistle) D Gowing

EASTER SUNDAY 31 March 9.00 am

A Sartori S Brown **** No 5.00 pm Mass**



We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

