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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord(YEAR A) - 2 APRIL 2023

GOSPEL

Matthew. 21: 1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite 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 Zion, 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.⁸ 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 Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2*

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

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.



PALM SUNDAY
Entering Holy Week

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.

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PASSION READING (*Shorter Form*) *Matthew 27:11-54*

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' 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, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' 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, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.' 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, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' 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, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' 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 around 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, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' 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.

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PASSION continued....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 '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!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said '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 put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' 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?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' 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. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit. 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, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

Dear Parish family,

The dramatic entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at the beginning of this week brings Jesus' mission to a kind of climax, and marks the beginning of the most solemn time of the liturgical calendar.

Jesus' popularity is seemingly at its highest as he is hailed as a king; but we know that in a few short days, he will be arrested, tormented with painful treatment, abandoned by most of his followers and executed as a common criminal.

When we look at current events in our world at this time - including war, the suffering that has come from natural disasters such as floods and tornadoes, the rising cost of living resulting in homelessness, the climate crisis; which all have the potential to change the direction of life in a short time - we can recognise that in these experiences, we share in the depth of Jesus' own suffering.

In Holy Week there is an invitation for us to share in his passion through our own personal suffering. As we walk with Christ to the Cross on Good Friday, we wait in hope of the Resurrection which is to follow promising to raise us up with him above the pain and suffering of this world.

In the celebration of the Easter ceremonies, we have the opportunity to share in this journey as a community. Elsewhere in this newsletter a reminder of the times and locations of each ceremony are included - all are welcome.

May this Holy Week which we enter into today offer the opportunity to reflect on our lives and how we are being called to share in the carrying of the Cross with Jesus, and to remember in prayer those around the world who are suffering the most.

Have a blessed week.

Fr Ben Brooks



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL:

For culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Mia Davis** (Mark and Sheree) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Myra Conway, Kathy Aldred, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Danielle Evans, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Elizabeth Howell, Ellen O'Dea, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Kenneth Hiskins, Betty Kelly, Nanette Gunton, Grazia Acquarola and William McKenna who have died recently, Sr Val Burns, Kath Powell, Douglas Clayton, Celestina Sayson Roska, Romulo Rosko, Bernardo Roska, Jennifer Bond, Bernice Russell, Heinz Binder, Lili Sernaggio, Thomas O'Malley, Alwyn GATHEROLE, Tereza Robson, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: As the COVID virus continues to affect our lives, we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *Please note: No One Hour with Jesus this Sunday 2nd April at the Carmelite Monastery.*
The next afternoon will be on Sunday 7th May.

MORNING MEDITATION at the *Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am.* Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: phone 6334 1082

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated on **Sunday 16th April** at 2.30pm in Church of the Apostles.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY: From **Monday 17th April**, Monday night Rosary will re-commence in Church of the Apostles.

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses this weekend.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

You are invited to return your Project Compassion contributions as part of the Preparation of the Gifts at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY PLACES

LEAVING COLLECTION

Each year a Leaving Collection is taken to support and maintain the Holy Places associated with the Life and Ministry of Jesus. Please give generously



Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:

Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish

BSB: 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.

Reference: "your surname"

WEEKDAY MASSES 3rd—9th April

Monday: 7.30am Carmel

Tuesday: 7.30am Carmel

No 12 noon Mass at Newstead

6.00pm *Chrism Mass at Cathedral*

Wednesday 7.30am Carmel

5.30pm Apostles

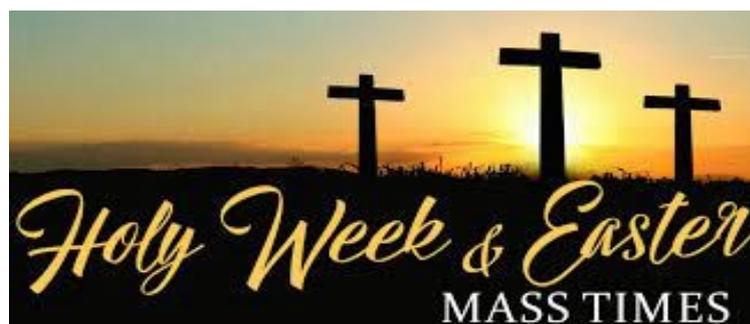
Thursday: **See Holy Week Times**

Friday: **See Holy Week Times**

Saturday: **See Holy Week Times**

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10.00am - 11.00am Apostles



HOLY THURSDAY 6th April

7.30pm: **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
Church of the Apostles
Carmelite Monastery

GOOD FRIDAY 7th April

10.30am: **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Sacred Heart Church, Newstead

3.00pm: **COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION**
Church of the Apostles
Carmelite Monastery

HOLY SATURDAY 8th April

7.30pm: **EASTER VIGIL**
Church of the Apostles

11.00pm: **EASTER VIGIL**
Carmelite Monastery

EASTER SUNDAY 9th April

8.30am: Carmelite Monastery

9.00am: St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay

9.00am: St Patrick's College Chapel, Prospect

10.30am: Church of the Apostles

5.30pm: Church of the Apostles

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Each and every Sunday at 9am

On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

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Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.



PROJECT COMPASSION For All Future Generations

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Boxes and envelopes are available in the Church. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

REFLECTION DAY

Exploring our Images of God

Saturday 6th May, 2023, 10am-3pm

At the Emmanuel Centre, Newstead

**Facilitators: Belinda Chapman and
Maureen O'Halloran**

Cost: \$40 (BYO Lunch)

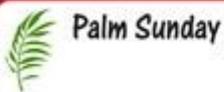
Please book by 28th April

Belinda: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

Maureen: 0400 038 095

Children's Corner

Draw or write what happened on each of these special days during Holy Week.



Palm Sunday



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 3rd: John 12:1-11
Tuesday 4th: John 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday 5th: John 26:14-25

Ponder and pray the living Word of God

DINING WITH FRIENDS

**An initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society
together with the Launceston Parish.**



If you are feeling lonely, would like to make new friends, or would just enjoy a **FREE** home cooked meal prepared by and shared with people who care, please come along to **Dining with Friends.**

Next gathering: Tuesday, 11th April at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Bookings are essential for catering

Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551



JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Jesus puts himself in the Father's hands

C G A M B L E D P F Y K M E
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clothes
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enemies
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priests
protect
safe