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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B - 24th March 2024

GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Beth any, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately"'. And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'



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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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.

GOSPEL

Shorter form

Mark 15:1-39

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the 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, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' 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 committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' 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. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' 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 in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' 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.

We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

GOSPEL continued...

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, 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, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' 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, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' 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, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

Dear Parish Family, Some thoughts for your reflection this Palm Sunday.

This Sunday customarily the church presents to us the triumphant entry of Jesus in to Jerusalem and the Passion of our Lord according to Mark. We see Jesus entry into Jerusalem, to face his passion and death. He enters as the Messiah, as the King and as the Lamb of God. Fulfilling the prophesies of the Old Testament about him. However, I would like to consider the thoughts of St Anselm, he was the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109. His thoughts are splendidly helpful to set the tone and climate for the whole of Holy Week. "turn aside for a while from your daily employment, escape for a moment from your tumult of your thoughts, put aside your weighty cares. Let your burdensome distractions wait, free yourself a while for God and rest a while in him. Enter into the inner chamber of your soul. Shut out everything except God and that which can help you in seeking Him. And when you have shut the door, seek Him. Now my whole heart, say to God, 'I seek your face, Lord, it is your face I seek.'"

Invite a friend or family member to join you this Holy Week for the services at our church, let the spirit of this sacred season guide you and your family to encounter the love and goodness of the Lord.

Fr Leonard PP

Save the date – Farewell Party— All are welcome

The PPC has organised a farewell party for Fr's Chatty and Ben, who have served our parish and a welcome to me as your new Parish Priest. It will be on **Friday the 5th April, from 6. 30 pm at Croagh Patrick at St Patrick's College.** Please bring a plate of food to share as well as your own drinks.

National Trust Conservation Appeal—Church of the Apostles

Donations to this appeal are now being accepted specifically for the replacement of the protective coverings over the stained-glass windows. The coverings will be replaced later this year by a special glass recommended by and installed under the watchful eye of a Tasmanian expert in our stained-glass heritage.

Cash donations can be made at the Parish office or by placing your donation together with your name and address (for receipt purposes) in an envelope marked "Stained glass" on the collection plate. If direct depositing into the Parish bank account, please advise the Parish office of the payment noting the date, amount and your name and address (for receipt purposes). Credit/debit card donations can only be made at the Parish office. **Donations are tax deductible.**

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Mary Joseph OCD, Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Rowena Villacampa, Will Smith, Merrill Thompson, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahon, Louisa Buttazzoni, Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, 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, Ellen Bortolot..

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Marie Cousins, Warren Dargush, Kerrie Best, Joe Hallam, Fr Terry Yard, Br Ignatius Hickson OFM and Bishop Austen Crapp OFM, who have died recently, Kenneth Hiskins, Elizabeth Heckscher, Archivaldo Pechon, Brian Harley, Katelyn Taylor, Kathleen Phillips, Leslie Phillips. Beatrice Nelson, John Zammit, Adrian La Palombara, Darryl Walsh, Matthew Wilmshurst, Christopher Burgess, Jan Berlese, Nina Brzeski, Steve Vella, John Krushka, Michael Saunders, and we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: We continue to 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

MORNING AND EVENING MEDITATION will be held in the **Stables, Emmanuel Centre** on **Tuesdays at 10.30am** and **Wednesdays at 5pm**. All are welcome. **Enquires: Tina: 0417305546**

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY Every Monday in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

THE CARMEL SHOP: The Carmel Shop is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays.

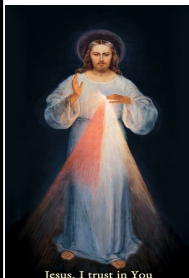
PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

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.

A VOCATION VIEW

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY



Will be celebrated at the Church of Apostles on **Sunday 7th April at 2.30pm**. Reconciliation will be available on the day.

"The World needs Divine Mercy"

Enquiries: Rozanne 0498278057,
Jan 0409175940

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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| Saturday | 6.00pm Vigil | Sacred Heart, Newstead |
| Sunday | 7.30am | Carmelite Monastery |
| 9.00am | St Finn Barr's | Invermay |
| 9.00am | St Patrick's Chapel | Prospect |
| 10.30am | Apostles | |
| 6.30pm | Apostles | |

WEEKDAY MASSES 25th—31st March

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmelite Monastery

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| Tuesday: | 7.30am | Carmel |
| | No 12noon Mass, Newstead | |
| | 6pm Chrism Mass, Hobart Cathedral | |
| Wednesday: | 5.30pm | Apostles |
| Thursday: | See Holy Week Times | |
| Friday: | See Holy Week Times | |
| Saturday: | See Holy Week Times | |

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 30th March: 9.30am-10.30am Apostles

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY PLACES 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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Holy Thursday (28 March)

7.30pm, Church of the Apostles & Carmelite Monastery

Good Friday (29 March)

10.30am, Stations of the Cross: Church of the Apostles, City

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion:

3pm, Church of the Apostles & Carmelite Monastery

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil (30 March)

7.30pm, Church of the Apostles, City

11pm, Carmelite Monastery, West Launceston

Easter Sunday (31 March)

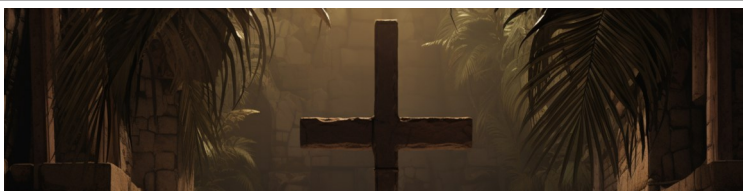
8.30am, Carmelite Monastery, West Launceston

9am, St Finn Barr's, Invermay

9am, St Patrick's College Chapel, Prospect

10.30am, Church of the Apostles, City

N.B. No evening Mass at Church of the Apostles



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"

MASS LIVE-STREAMED Each and every Sunday at 9am

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

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

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. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..



LIFE TO THE FULL CONFERENCE '24

Featuring the Sister of Life from New York City

For high school students in Grade 7–12

26th–28th April 2024, Camp Clayton, Turners Beach

Cost: \$230 includes food and accommodation
(siblings discount available)

Further details: youth@aohtas.org.au or call 0448330238

LAUNCESTON ALIVE

EASTER COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Parishioners are invited to an ecumenical
Childrens and Families Easter Festival to be held at River-
bend Park on **Saturday 30th March**
11am–2pm Free Entry

www.launcestonalive.org

Project Compassion

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story 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. There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Please donate to Project Compassion by using the boxes and envelopes available from the church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Picnic Pilgrimage

Please join with the CWL on a Picnic Pilgrimage to the Scottsdale Parish on Thursday 18th April. Learn about the Catholic heritage of this historic part of Tasmania and enjoy a day of prayer and fellowship.

Gather at St Mary's Catholic Church, Bridport at 11am; Mass at St Patrick's Church, Scottsdale at 12noon (Fr Edwin) followed by a BYO picnic lunch at Ringarooma. Leave at 1.30pm for Sacred Heart Church Ringarooma for Rosary and Benediction (Fr Sunil). Return home via Scottsdale.

Further information: Wendy Fittler 0437270217

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

St Finn Barr's Primary School is looking for volunteers to sit and listen to individual students as they read in an effort to improve reading fluency between 1.30–2.30pm on weekdays that suit you. All volunteers must hold a current Working with Vulnerable Person card (apply online: <https://tas.gov.au>) Please contact the school office 63263082 or maryann.munnings@catholic.tas.edu.au if you can please help.

Children's Corner

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



Passion Sunday



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday