

Second Reading
Philippians 2:6-11 (JB)
 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 (JB)

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Gospel
Mark 15:1-39 (Jerusalem Bible) Short Version
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First thing in the morning, the chief priest 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, '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 priest, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead.

Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said

'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back. 'Crucify him!' 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 up 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.

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, 'Ebi, Eli, 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 to 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Yr B
28th March 2021



St Paul of the Cross

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde
 Blackwood

Our Lady of the Way

4-6 Laffers Rd
 Glenalta

Introduction:

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!

Entrance Antiphon:

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Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon:

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

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BAPTISMS
 By appointment

WEDDINGS
 By appointment

MASS TIMES
St. Paul of the Cross (SPC)
 Tuesday 9:30am
 Wednesday 9:30am
 Friday 11:00am
 Sunday 8:00am

Our Lady of the Way (OLW)
 Wednesday 7:00pm
 Thursday 9:30am
 Saturday 6:00pm
 Sunday 10:00am

CONFESSIONS
 SPC - Friday 10:30 to 10:55am
 OLW - Saturday 5:30 to 5:50pm

HOLY HOUR
 OLW - Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30pm

ROSARY FOR PEACE
 OLW - Monday 10am

Sunday 28th March

PALM SUNDAY—EASTER MORNING TEA
after 10am Mass. Due to COVID requirements relating to serving meals, it has been decided to not have our usual Easter Luncheon. Instead we will provide an Easter focussed morning tea. Hope you are able to attend.

Sunday March 28 2021**Palm Sunday Peace Walk**

SA Council of Churches and Churches Together SA invites your community to share in the Palm Sunday Peace Walk on Sunday March 28 2021. It is a gentle walk down beginning at Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), along King William Road to (Tarntanya Wama) Elder Park, where there will be three short presentations and an invitation to all to stroll in prayerful presence along the banks of the Karrawirra Pariari (Torrens River).

2nd April Good Friday Holy Places Appeal

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will be on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work in schools orphanages and medical centres.

Monday 19th April 2021**Senior Singles and Carers Group**

Monday 19th April 2021, is our April 'get together,' A Luncheon at the Torrens Arms Hotel at 12 noon. Please RSVP to all our events as we have to provide numbers of attendees. Contact Geoff Sugars 8278 5650, Judy Betros 0439 713 017 or Veronica Poskey 8278 3813

Thursday 29th April**St. Vincent de Paul**

St. Vinnies is holding a Badge Day Collection on Thursday 29th April. This is in response to anticipating that the requests for assistance will increase as Jobseeker payments return to below poverty line levels.

We urgently require volunteers who are happy to give an hour of their time to cover Drakes, Woolworths or Coles.

Please contact Peter Donovan on 0413 910 234 or Eleonora Truskewycz on 0435 441 471 if you are able to assist.

Your help would be very much appreciated.

Parish Waling Group

What a beautiful day for a walk along Minnow Drive. We had a record number walking and unfortunately couldn't fit everyone in the photo. Our next walk is on Tuesday 20 April at 9am. The location will be notified later. Thank you Barb Colla for the photo. Bob 0412 310 947

**IMPORTANT****Wearing of Face Masks in Church**

We are awaiting confirmation regarding the wearing of face masks in church from next Wednesday Morning. Unfortunately, this will not be clarified until Monday morning so we are asking that you come to the Easter Masses prepared with a face mask. We will have disposable face Masks available for those who arrive without them - you will not be turned away. **PLEASE** if you have a face mask at home bring it with you.

Churches will be able to operate at full capacity from next Wednesday which is great news for Easter. You are however still required to use the QR code or sign in so please be diligent with this and avoid attracting a \$1060 fine for yourselves and a \$5060 for the parish

Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes

Please return your boxes and envelopes either on Good Friday or soon after. The envelopes can be put in the second collection box and the boxes in a container in the foyer of the church.

Please Pray for friends, some named previously, some wishing to remain anonymous

Sick: Jacob Van Eyk, Teresa and Tony Lavers, Gary Stafford, Greg Collins, Margaret Granger, Roger Sawley, Laura Fazzalari, Dieter Marwede, Jemima Leydon, Sheila Ko (Tee Ping's sister), Tamika Harrison (Maria Marwede's granddaughter)

Recently Deceased: Janine Kinnear, Stephen Wooding (Janet's husband)

**COVID – Update March 2021**

Confusion regarding the use of the QR code and manual sign in sheets throughout SA has seen quite a few people being fined recently.

The directive issued in February 2021 states:

All people entering a business/place/activity with a COVID Safe Check-In QR code must ensure that they scan in, or provide their details on paper records, upon entry or as soon as reasonably practicable after entry. If you choose not to provide your details, you may be refused entry or fined up to \$1060 for an individual and a \$5060 fine for the organisation.

Please ensure you comply with this directive.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

We are all reminded that the Vatican directive that Sunday Obligations can be met on any day of the week during the pandemic is still in place. Consider attending Mass during the week or on Saturday evening to avoid overcrowding. It is your responsibility to follow the directives from the Health Department and SA Police in helping to keep yourselves, your families and friends safe.

GOOD FRIDAY

Adoration of the Cross by the congregation is to be by genuflecting or bowing only – no touching or kissing permitted. Please ensure you observe social distancing as you come forward.

Please Note There will be **NO** Morning Tea at St. Paul of the Cross on Easter Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" - MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

If a Priest is required please call 8278 6619

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 (JB)

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.** 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.** 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.** 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.**

St. Michael the Archangel prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen