



THE SAVING WORD

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / B

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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. And at 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

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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?

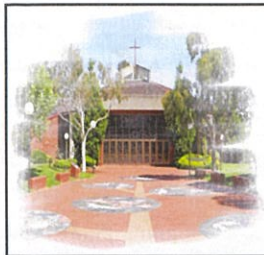
N. He answered,

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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Parish Vision Statement : Guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Parish of St Clement of Rome seeks to be a community of authentic disciples of Jesus, living the Word of God. As a welcoming community, through humble service, we acknowledge our stewardship of God's creation and strive to promote the dignity of all God's people.

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate Passion Sunday
 Today's theme is : The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
 We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
 Mass of the Lord's Supper : 7.30pm (English/Italian)

GOOD FRIDAY – 29TH MARCH
 Stations of the Cross (English/Italian) : 9.00am
 Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord : 3.00pm

EASTER VIGIL – 30TH MARCH
 Mass in English : 7.00pm
 Mass in Italian : 9.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY – 31ST MARCH
 Mass in English : 9.00am
 Mass in Italian : 11.00am

Project Compassion—Palm Sunday 23/24 March

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**

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.

Holy Land Collection—Good Friday Appeal

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 the areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes and Orphanages. Envelopes available for your kind contribution.

Holy Water after the Easter Vigil Mass

You may collect the Holy Water from the urn located in the sanctuary. Please bring your own bottles/containers. Thank you.

Project Compassion boxes

Please return your donation boxes/envelopes and place them in the baskets available in the Church foyer. Thank you for your generous contribution.

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS
 Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am & 11am (Italian)
 Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am (unless informed)

Reconciliation: Sat 9.45am (and on request). **Marian Devotions & Eucharistic Adoration :** Sat 8.40am
Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

PARISH DIARY

Wed 27th Mar @ 12.45pm—Whole School Mass
 Wed 27th Mar @ 6pm—Baptism Prep in the office
 Thurs 28th Mar @ 7.30pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Good Friday 29th Mar @ 9am—Stations of the Cross (Eng/Ita)
 & Celebration of the Passion of our Lord @ 3pm
 Easter Vigil 30th Mar @ 7pm—Mass in English & Mass in Italian @ 9pm
 Easter Sunday 31st Mar—Masses at 9am & 11am

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, and for the repose of the souls of **Concetta Bonanno, Michele Castriotta, Famiglia Castriotta, Leonardo Soccio, Familiari Soccio** and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

ASRE Reconciliation

Congratulations to the children who received their First Reconciliation last Saturday. We pray for them and their families.

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Farewell and 'Thank you' to Franka Waters

We want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to Franka for her dedicated service and contribution to our Parish. She will be greatly missed by all of us, as she ends her role as Pastoral Associate this Easter. To honour our gratitude to her, we are organising a farewell morning tea on Sunday 7th April after 9am Mass in the Clifton Centre. We extend this invitation to all the parishioners who have had the pleasure of knowing and working with her, to please join us as we come together to express our appreciation.

Chapel access code—Agreement

We are pleased to announce the successful replacement of the access code to our Chapel. Thank you for your patience throughout this process. In our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and protection of the facility, we are now prepared to disclose the new access code. To maintain the secure usage of the Chapel, we kindly request you to get in touch with the Parish Office to sign the agreement. Please remember that the confidentiality of the access code is highly important and under no circumstances should it be shared with anyone in the community. Once again, thank you for your continued patience and co-operation.

LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
23/24 March	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator/ Narrator</i>	Jacinta De La Cruz	Yamna Taouk
Palm Sunday	<i>Other Readers</i>	Rene De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
		Angelina De La Cruz	Christine Landsberg
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	John Bruce	Anne Fusca
		Elroy De Witt	Rita Gagliardi
		May Teh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
28 March	<i>Holy Thursday</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	Francis & Gloria Ng
	7.30 pm	<i>Commentator/ Reader</i>	May Teh
		<i>Reader (Italian)</i>	Ines De Romanin
		<i>Cross Bearer</i>	
		<i>Special Ministers</i>	Anne Fusca
			Georgio Baglieri
			Josie Faggion
			Tom Recinella
29 March	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	Francis & Gloria Ng
	3.00 pm	<i>Commentator/ Narrator</i>	Mark Gregor
		<i>Other Readers</i>	Rocco Gagliardi
			Rita Gagliardi
		<i>Special Ministers</i>	Georgio Baglieri
			C Travaglini
			Martin Teh
			Gloria Ng
30 March	<i>Holy Saturday</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	<i>Commentator/ Reader</i>	Rocco Gagliardi
	6.30 pm	<i>Readers</i>	1 Maria Papalia
			2 John Bruce
			3 Yamna Taouk
			4 Christine Landsberg
			5 Tim Landsberg
		<i>Special Ministers</i>	Warwick Wright
			May Teh
			Martin Teh
			Shirley Pyndiah
31 March	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	Francis & Gloria Ng
	9.00 am	<i>Commentator</i>	Tim Landsberg
		<i>Reader</i>	Jan McQueen
		<i>Special Ministers</i>	Anne Fusca
			Agnes Lu
			Gloria Ng