

**O.** Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

**N.** 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:

**O.** Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

**N.** They said:

**C.** Barabbas.

**N.** Pilate said to them:

**O.** What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?

**N.** They all said:

**C.** Let him be crucified!

**N.** Pilate asked:

**O.** Why? What harm has he done?

**N.** But they shouted all the louder,

**C.** Let him be crucified!

**N.** 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:

**O.** I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.

**N.** And the people, to a man, shouted back:

**C.** His blood be on us and on our children!

**N.** 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 round 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:

**C.** Hail, king of the Jews!

**N.** 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.

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. 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:

**C.** 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!

**N.** The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

**C.** He saved others; 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'.

**N.** 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:

**J.** Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

**N.** That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

**C.** The man is calling on Elijah,

**N.** 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. The rest of them said:

**C.** Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

**N.** But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

*All kneel and pause a moment.*

**N.** 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:

**C.** In truth this was a son of God.

*Longer form, Mt 26:14-27:66.*

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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.

## RESPONSORIAL 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

Mt 27:11-54

P. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

**N.** Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

**O.** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N.** Jesus replied:

**J.** It is you who say it.

**N.** But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

**O.** Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

**N.** 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,

**O.** Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

**N.** 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,

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### Project Compassion

We ask for the boxes to be brought in when you attend the Holy Week ceremonies. Thank you for your contribution over this major collection.

### Good Friday Collection

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Envelopes available.



### Volunteers :

We are in urgent need of volunteers to help out in the following Ministries:  
 Projectionists and Power Point preparation for the 5.30pm and 9.00am Masses  
 Musicians  
 Pastoral Ministers to visit the sick  
 Special Ministers for the 5.30pm Mass  
 Sacristan for the 5.30pm Mass  
 catechists (to prepare children for the sacraments). Please pray and give serious consideration. The community needs you.

### HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

#### HOLY THURSDAY – 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017

Mass of the Lord's Supper : 7.30pm  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight (Clifton Centre)  
 Reconciliation : 9.00pm (Clifton Centre)  
 Remembrance of the Last Supper and the Washing of the Feet : 9.30pm (Maronite)  
 Meditation on the Stations of the Cross : 10.00pm (Clifton Centre)

#### GOOD FRIDAY – 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017

Stations of the Cross : 9.00am  
 Via Crucis (Italian) : 10.00am  
 Stations of the Cross : 12.30pm (Maronite)  
 Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord : 3.00pm

#### EASTER VIGIL – 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017

Mass in English : 5.30pm  
 Mass in Italian : 8.00pm  
 Maronite Mass : 10.00pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY – 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017

Mass in English : 9.00am  
 Mass in Italian : 11.00am  
 Maronite Mass : 6.00pm

### MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

**Death Anniversaries :** Franco Salvitti, Patrick Watt, Giuseppina Musumeci  
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May they rest in peace. Amen

### PARISH DIARY

Thurs 13th Apr @ 7.30pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 Fri 14th Apr @ 9am—Stations of the Cross  
 Fri 14th Apr @ 10am—Via Crucis  
 Fri 14th Apr @ 3pm—Celebration of the passion of our Lord  
 Sat 15th Apr @ 5.30pm—Easter Vigil & Baptisms  
 Sat 15th Apr @ 8pm—Mass in Italian

**Holy Week Roster :** Readers and Eucharist Ministers, please collect the Holy Week Rosters from the Foyer. It is also available on the website. Thank You.

### HOLY WEEK ROSTER

Holy Thursday 13 April 7.30pm  Stripping of the Altar:	Francis/Rita/John/ Gloria  Gloria and Rita	Commentator: Rocco Gagliardi Readers: Mark Gregor Grace Cannatell Ines Romanin Head Usher: Giorgio B.	Giorgio Baglieri x 4 from Italian Pam Mitchell David Mitchell Warwick Wright Corrine Goh	Powerpoint : Bernie De Witt Music: Martin The(CDs) Ugo Romanin and Italian Choir
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Thursday) Clifton Centre  10.30pm Meditation  Removal of Blessed Sacrament to Sacristy at Midnight:	Francis to set up  Cecilia  Cecilia and Francis/John			
Good Friday 14 April 9.00am(Stations of the Cross 11.00am Via Crucis  3.00pm: Passion of the Lord	Francis/Rita/ John/Gloria	Leader: Mgr. Franco  Leader: Giorgio B & Fr. Vito  Commentator: David Mitchell Readers: David Mitchell Narrator: David Mitchell Jesus: Mgr. Franco Others: John/May Head Usher: Rocco + 1	Gabriella Grande (Veneration and Communion) Gloria Ng Chris Zordan(Veneration and Communion) Pam Mitchell Rita Gagliardi	Powerpoint: Bernie Music: Barbara Mcneair
Easter Vigil Sat. 15 April 5.30pm	Francis/Rita/John/ Gloria	Commentator: Readers: Mark Gregor Maria Papalia John Bruce May Teh Rocco Gagliardi Exsultet:	Corrine Goh Warwick Wright Cecilia Lam Maree Marsi Martin The Gabriella Grande Sylvia Mascitti	Powerpoint: Bernie Music: Barbara McNear
Easter Sunday 16 April 9.00am	Francis and Gloria Ng	Commentator: Paul Sammut Reader: Jim Cowhey	Eleanora Mascitti David Mitchell Pam Mitchell Trish Atherton Gloria Ng Elsa Waters Trish Atherton	Powerpoint : Bernie please prepare Projection & Music: Keanu

### Jubilee Cross

St Mary's Greensborough is hosting a regional Mass welcoming the CCR Jubilee Cross on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Bishop Terry Curtin will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship commences at 2.00pm followed by Mass at 2.30pm. Refreshments follow. All are invited to come and join us in the hope of bringing a true witness of God's love for all people and an opportunity for the Deanery and regional Parishes to come together and celebrate. For further information see flyer, or contact sam.giudice@bigpond.com or emilia.sacchetta@bigpond.com

**Mario's and Angela's Café:** will not be held in April. Next date will be 14/05/17 after the 9.00am Mass. All are welcome. If you attend the 11.00 am Mass we ask you to come early and join us for a cuppa and fellowship.

**Hope Ministry:** This Ministry is to provide support to each other in times of adverse difficulty such as loss or bereavement. You are most welcome to attend the meetings. Our next one will be on Sat 22nd April at 10.00am in the Parish Office. Convenors: Elroy De Witt and Sue De Bortoli.