

The Living Word

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B

24 March 2024

Gospel Jn 12:12-16

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!' And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written: 'Fear not, daughter Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

First Reading Is 50:4-7

'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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

(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.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

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.

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 shorter form Mk 15:1-39

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 crowds 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.

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 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.'

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PAUSE MOMENT

“Be still and know that I am God” PS 46:10

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 26:42

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

Mar 30: 9am Holy Saturday Morning Prayer, OLOF
Apr 1-8: OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER
Apr 13: Men’s Breakfast **7.30am -9am** Tatts.
Apr 24: Readers Workshop **5.pm** Wednesday SPP
Apr 25: 9am ANZAC Day Mass

MISSION NOTICES

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HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

HOLY THURSDAY

7.00pm SPP Goulburn
7.00pm St Mary’s School Hall, Crookwell
7.00pm Christ the King, Taralga

GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10.00am SPP Goulburn
11.00am St Mary’s School Hall, Crookwell
1.00pm Gray Park, Taralga

PASSION OF THE LORD

3.00pm SPP Goulburn,
3.00pm St Mary’s School Hall
3.00pm CTK, Taralga.

EASTER VIGIL

7.00pm SPP Goulburn
7.00pm St Mary’s School Hall Crookwell
7.00pm Christ the King, Taralga

EASTER SUNDAY

8.00am OLOF Goulburn,
10.00am SPP, Goulburn
9.00am St Mary’s School Hall, Crookwell.

St Joseph’s Feast day, the Universal Patron of the Church celebrated on the 19th of March. Prayers and Wishes for all.

Crookwell

A huge thank you for the amazing speed and effort put into clearing St Marys for the painting. All services will be held in the School hall until the reopening in couple of months’ time. Many thanks.

Goulburn

MINISTRY Readers Workshop

Readers both CURRENT and NEW are welcomed to Share in the workshop on April 24th at 5pm SPP.

Holy Hour Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday AFTER mass at OLOF, Starting 9th of April.

Ex Students and Friends of St Joseph Morning Tea 10 for 10.15am, Wednesday the 27th March: K&Gz

St Patrick’s Day Celebration: Thank you to all involved in the St Patricks Day luncheon. The weather notwithstanding, the musical entertainment was exceptional and the hospitality heart-warming.

St Joseph’s Men’s Pilgrimage: The success of this all men’s event has declared itself, in the expressed interest in a return next year. Any photos taken can be sent to the office, for publication in the newsletter! Well Done all involved in the preparation and planning of this special event.

The **Parish Office** will close Thursday 28th March, and reopen after Easter on Tuesday 9th April.

Recently Deceased: Debra Burgess, Yvonne Halls, Dorothy (Lorraine) Davies, Wayne McKay, Stephen Cole, Hector Rodger, John Cassidy, Colleen Quinn, Brendan Craig, Pauline Hill, Josephine Rankin Ng, Spiro Grech, Julie Kelly, Edward (Ted) Turley, John and Muriel Scrivener.

Anniversaries: Bernadette and Phillip Hart, Deasey Family, Dr Paul Falk, Gina Pincott, Mary Liddle, Deceased of the Anable, Coffey and Craciun Families, Pat Phemister, Mary, Theo, Dolph and Henrietta Groves, Brian Webb, Peter Hartley, Ray Elliott, Lyle Elliott, Jack Stevens, Kevin McManus, Salvatore Depetro, Elaine Petrivic, Ryan and Dignos Families, Brian Webb, Mollie Evans, Ray Elliott, Johanna Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Richard Kennedy, Ruby Kennedy, Megan Pigram, George Cummins, Mary Jane and Braydon Golding, Claude and Gwenda Bourcaier,

Prayers: Sean Lucas, Justin Cauduro, Paul Hollands, SR Aileen Wailes, RSM, Charles, John Paul, Sean Cauduro,,