



RICHMOND CATHOLIC PARISH

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SUN 28TH MARCH 2021 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD- YEAR B

St Ignatius' Church

326 Church Street,
 RICHMOND VIC 3121

Mass Times

Daily

12.00 noon
 (Monday - Friday)

Saturday

6.00pm (Vigil)
 7.00pm (Polish)

Sunday

9.30am (English)
 12.00 noon (Polish)
 5.30pm (Vietnamese)

Anointing of the Sick

1st Friday of the Month

St James' Church

162 Kent Street,
 NORTH RICHMOND
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Mass Times

Sunday: 11.00am

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We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the Richmond Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

March 28: Palm Sunday

This year we shall again celebrate Palm Sunday in the shadow of Coronavirus. As in previous years Palm Sunday is a day for remembering refugees. Marches took place through many cities and towns, their banners recalling the branches waved as Jesus entered Jerusalem in the Gospel story, and the fate of so many people who have sought asylum echoing the end of Jesus' life journey on Good Friday.

March is also a year since CV was declared to be a pandemic. The Palm Sunday march, like other large events, was cancelled. At Jesuit Social Services we grieved the loss of opportunity to walk under our Jesuit Social Services and Catholic Alliance for People seeking Asylum banners in solidarity with refugees. The uncertainty caused by the virus, however, has also brought home to us the experience of refugees, which echoes Jesus' journey from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday, from the memory of ordinary life with its triumphs and disappointments, its meetings in the streets, its friendships and rivalries, and all its predictability. It takes us also to their later time of flight, perhaps to arrest, to pursuit, and to the living death of the loss of freedom, of dignity and of sharing in the joy of shared enterprises and relationships. It snatches us from the tapestry of the ordinary relationships to the broken thread of isolated lives.

In Australia the lives of people who have sought protection mirror Jesus' confinement in Jerusalem at the end of the week that began so promisingly on Palm Sunday. For him that was a relatively short time of lost freedom, of concealment behind thick walls, of casual brutality, of sudden invisibility, of arraignment before judges who had already decided to have him killed, from being a human agent to being a cipher in other people's games.

The life of people who have sought protection from Australia is best seen through the eyes of people who became physically and mentally ill through years of confinement on Nauru and Manus Island. Under legislation forced on the Government they were brought to Australia for treatment. Many were held in city hotels, untreated and confined. They could look out on the city streets, on people living the unconfined lives which they had sought for themselves and their families, look out on all the casual conversations, the hurry to work each morning and return home each evening, and the daily activities that build a nation. And like animals in a zoo, they could see the occasional person looking in at them, kept alive but deprived of life. Many were recently released from these places of mental torture to an unsupported life in the community, not out of compassion but,

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A Jesuit Parish Our Missions

We share responsibility to: Practise and promote gospel values, recognise and respond to the ever-changing needs of the community and foster a faith that leads to justice. As a parish open to change desiring to be a community, we strive to live the gospel values of: Diversity, Hospitality and Inclusivity.

OUR PRIESTS

Fr Trung Nguyen SJ PP
 Fr Michael Smith SJ

MEDITATIONS ON GOD'S LOVE

- * "I fear just one thing: Money! Greed was what motivated Judas to sell Jesus"
- * "Life is a challenge, we must take it."
- * "If you are discouraged, it is a sign of pride because it shows you trust in your own powers."

Mother Teresa

COLLECTION 21-03-2021

ST IGNATIUS

Thanksgiving Envelope: \$292
 Loose Collection: \$1866.40

ST JAMES

Thanksgiving Envelope: \$40
 Loose Collection: \$215.50

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

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!

FIRST READING

Is 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

(Đ) Lạy Chúa con thờ, muôn lạy Chúa, Ngàiỡ lòng
ruồng bỏ con sao?

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
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

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!

CÂU XƯỚNG TRƯỚC PHÚC ÂM

Vì chúng ta, Đức Ki-tô đã tự hạ, vâng lời cho đến nỗi bằng lòng chịu chết, chết trên cây thập tự. Chính vì thế, Thiên Chúa đã siêu tôn Người và tặng ban danh hiệu trỗi vượt trên muôn ngàn danh hiệu.

GOSPEL

Mk 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.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (ALL BOW) born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to Judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 26:42

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

Project Compassion

Sixth Sunday of Lent - 28 March 2021

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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Laudato Si: On care for our Common Home

Pope Francis: (2015)

“Inner peace is closely related to care for ecology and for the common good because, lived out authentically, it is reflected in a balanced lifestyle together with a capacity for wonder which takes us to a deeper understanding of life.”

PLEASE PRAY FOR

SICK: Kate Tynan, Paula Stuart, Darryl Stanton, Freda Paul, Margaret Jansen, Maria Paloglou, Bridget Moriarty, Peter West, Sue Kunath, Declan Ferguson, Michael Ryan, Mai Dăng, Veronica Nguyen, Thuy Hang Nguyen, Silvia Carly and Gail Sleigh, Yiannis Korkolis, Julieta Uy, Leilani Gelvosa, Jerry Bazant, Anita Bayer, Minda Wright & Andres Crisanto Victa & Bui Van Hong

RECENTLY DECEASED: Chan Phan

ANNIVERSARY: Celia De Silva

SCHEDULE OF THE HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday – 1 April 2021

6.30pm - English
8.00pm – Vietnamese
7.30pm (St James Church)

Good Friday - 2 April 2021

3.00pm - English
5.00pm – Vietnamese
3.00pm (St James Church)

The Easter Vigil – Saturday 3 April 2021

12.00 noon - Polish
7.00pm - English
9.00pm – Vietnamese
9.00pm (St James Church)

Easter Day – Sunday 4 April 2021

Normal Sunday Mass timetable at St Ignatius Church
10.00am (St James Church)

Easter Monday – Monday 5 April 2021

9.30am - English
12.00 noon – Polish

Psalm Sunday, continued...

because they would cost the government less. Many remain in confinement.

This image of these refugees belongs together with the familiar story of Palm Sunday and the week that it introduced. It represents a man who enters the city as king and judge, and later is betrayed for a few coins, is mocked and judged. But his suffering and God's raising him from the dead really judge those who judged him.

ST IGNATIUS' ROSTER

Saturday 27/03/2021 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Stephanie Van Tatenhove

Sunday 28/03/2021 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: Sr Barbara Brown-Graham fcJ

Sunday 28/03/2021 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

Saturday 03/04/2021 - 6.00pm Mass

Reader: Marlon D'Souza

Sunday 04/04/2021 - 9.30am Mass

Reader: Juliana Gaganowicz

Sunday 04/04/2021 - 5.30pm Mass

Reader & Special Ministers: Vietnamese Community

The people who look to us for protection have similarly been judged, put on display as deterrence, and their lives measured by their financial costs. They look out on the Australians who have done this to them and ask what we value, what price we put on humanity and compassion, what values we have. As they look out, they invite us to look inwards and to reflect on our lives and our nation.

Fr Andy Hamilton, SJ

“Congratulation to Sister Helen Buckley on the golden jubilee of her first vows. We wish her much blessings and graces from God, so that she would be filled with joy and energy to continue her ministry of service.”

