

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Palm Sunday - Year A

2nd April 2023



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Scripture Commentary by the late Father John Thornhill SM



Today's liturgy begins with the commemoration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into the holy city. This year we hear Matthew's account. Its messianic emphasis is clear. The Master's foreknowledge and authority are affirmed. A prophecy of Scripture (a combination of verses from Isaiah and Zechariah) is being fulfilled; but his coming is in humility and peacefulness. The people cry, 'Hosanna to the Son of David'.

The first reading from Isaiah invites us to learn from the example of the Saviour, the trust we should have in our Father in heaven, whatever trials we face. But it is something else that makes this reading appropriate on the threshold of Holy Week – with God's true Servant, we must be open to a new meeting with our God in what lies ahead – glad that the Lord 'wakes us to hear, to listen like disciples'.

In the second reading, from the letter to the Philippians – echoing a hymn used in the liturgy of the first generation of the Church – Paul summarises with majestic brevity the drama of the Paschal Mystery we are about to celebrate: Jesus 'emptied himself', sharing our human condition, even to 'accepting death on a cross'; and then, for our sake, he is 'raised high', one with the Father in the glory of the divine name.

Matthew's account of the Lord's passion has the features we have come to

associate with this gospel. Faith in Jesus as the messiah has already been clearly affirmed in the description of his entry into Jerusalem; and the ultimate outcome is clearly anticipated: 'After my resurrection, I shall go before you to Galilee'. But the subtlety with which Matthew's account makes an affirmation of faith in the Saviour seems to indicate that he has his Jewish audience in mind. The refrain of fulfilment – as 'the Son of Man goes to his fate' – echoes through the narrative. The titles attributed to Jesus are few, 'the Christ', 'Son of God' and 'Son of Man'. But they are crucial for converts from a Jewish background. The first raises the great issue that confronted the Jewish people. The title, 'Son of God' (which was to become an ultimate expression of the absolute claim of Christian faith) was open-ended to the ears of old Israel, indicating one who has God's special favour. It was the title, 'Son of Man', crucial at the trial of Jesus, that removed all ambiguity. 'You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power (Yahweh himself)', Jesus declares (referring to Psalm 110), 'and coming on the clouds of heaven', (a reference to Dan 7). 'What need of witnesses have we now!' exclaimed the high priest. The rending of the veil of the Temple and the apocalyptic events in the holy city, are a divine confirmation that, with the Lord's death, the old order has given way to the new. And the centurion's words, 'In truth this was a son of God', are an expression of the Church's newfound faith.

The liturgies of Holy Week will teach us, not with fine oratory, but by recounting the great events in which the generous ways of God found a final expression in our human history. Let this recognition set the tone for our participation in the liturgies of these days.

Morning Tea

Our hosts for today's morning tea are Hellen Tay & Liz Quin

Please join us this Sunday after the 9.00 am mass

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SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Souza	Carmen de Souza
	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Norma Fernandes	Norma Fernandes
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Susanna Hooper	Easter roster
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Easter roster
	Sun 9.00am	Corrie Barnes	Easter roster
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Sharon & Ryan Moore	Elizabeth Noronha, Terry, Scanlan

Parish Calendar		
Apr Mon 3	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 4	8.00am	Mass (Holy Week) Church
Wed 5	8.00am	Mass (Holy Week) Church
Thu 6	7.00pm	The Lord's Supper - (Altar of Repose until 10pm)
Fri 7	10.00am	Stations of the Cross - Church
	3.00pm	The Lord's Passion
Sat 8	7.00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun 9	7.30 am	Easter Morning Mass
	9.00am	Easter Morning Mass
	11.00am	Chinese Easter Morning Mass



2023 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

Confirmation

6.00pm Saturday, 27 May 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 29 April 2023

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm
10 May 2023**

First Holy Communion

9am Sunday, 11 June 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 6 May 2023

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm
25 May 2023**

First Reconciliation

10.30am-12.30pm

Saturday, 28 October 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm
12 October 2023**



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HOLY WEEK

See Parish Calendar for Schedules



Seniors Gathering

Our First Seniors Lunch for 2023 will on 27 April 2023 from 12 to 2pm

Please put your names & Contact on the List provided in the Foyer.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

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?

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

Philippians 2:6-11

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

Philippians 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

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Next Sunday Readings

Saturday 8 April 2023
Easter Vigil

First Reading: (I) Genesis 1:1-2:2
Second Reading: (III) Exodus 14:15-15:1
Third Reading: (V) Isaiah 55:1-11

Sunday 9 April 2023
Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

Peter is devastated when he hears the crowing of the rooster. It is as if the rooster watched him, heard his denials of Jesus, and cried out for justice to be done.

Imagine the earth witnessing and suffering with every act of injustice: the night stars seeing Judas betray Jesus, the grasses being crushed as Jesus falls to the ground carrying the cross, all the trees feeling the awful pounding of the nails of crucifixion, and the earthquake trembling when Jesus dies.

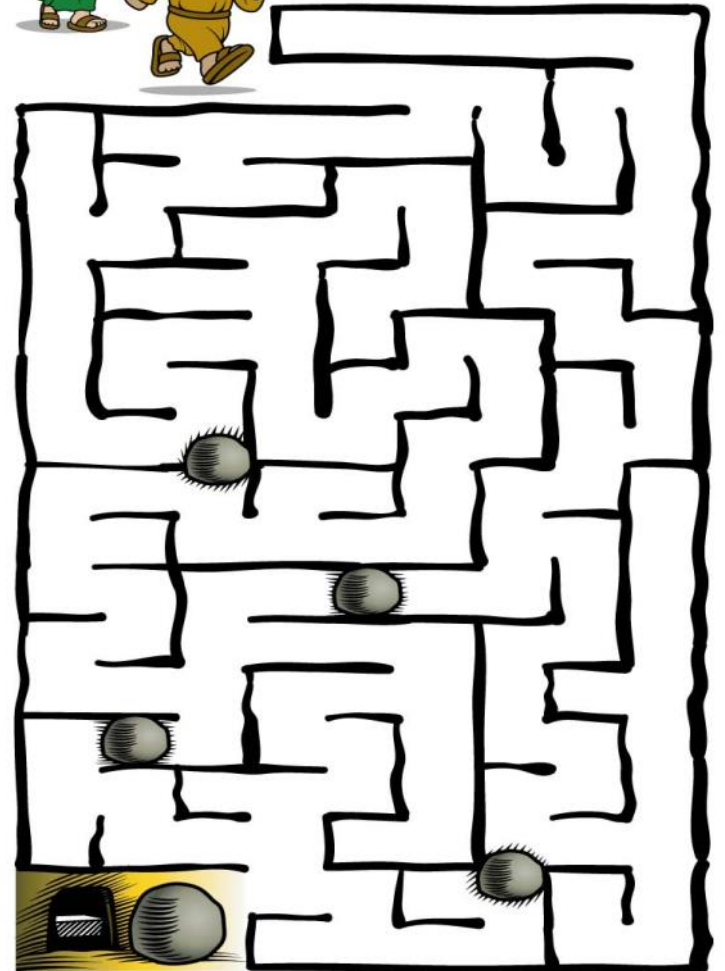
Is this point of view far-fetched, or does it contain some truth?

Can you imagine the organic planet at unrest with all the violence done to people and to nature? Or do you view most of nature as unfeeling, inanimate matter, more or less disconnected from us? So often we think it is 'okay' to do something if we 'don't get caught'. If you see that your decisions affect all of nature, how would it change the attitude of 'try to get away with whatever you can'?

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