

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 2nd April 2023 Palm Sunday - Year A

RECENT DEATHS:

Sister Sheila Belleville

ANNIVERSARIES:

Malcolm Fraser, Alwyn Harbott, Melva Watkins,
Celia Lourey, Rupert Murphy, Margaret Cuthbertson,
Nancy Wright. Heather Cuthbertson, Dick Smithson,
John Bending, Dulcie Lyons, Sarah Molloy,
Thelma Barwick, Kevin Buckle, Tom Reagan,
Noelle Braybrook, Les Trengove, Gwen Williams,
Kevin Collins, Clifford Joseph Mellican, Gwen Sok,
Frank Liston, James Fay, John Wildenberg

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Graeme Dawson,
Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney,
Graeme Trethowan, Bernie Duffy
and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Jim Mahony

9th April: Bernadette Franc

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Bernadette Franc

9th April: Clarrie Johnston

Assembly Leaders

Today: Carita Clancy & Genevieve Johnston

16th April: Jim & Sue Mahony

Special Minister

Today: Clarrie Johnston

Music

Today: Sue Mahony

2nd April: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

April 2th & 9th: Judy Franc & Carmel Milenkovic

Church Grounds

April 2nd & 9th: Charlie Franc & Peter Milenkovic

Newsletter

March: Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES

April 7th: **Good Friday Service** 3.00pm

April 9th: **Easter Sunday Mass** 8.30am

Beaufort Confirmation Mass:

Sunday 23rd April

*We pray for the following five children as they
Prepare to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation:*

- Georgie Chamings
- Shaelee Hayward
- Arabella Jess
- Henry Jess
- Kaela Palacpac

54 **Project Compassion**

55 You can donate through Project

56 Compassion donation boxes/envelopes

57 available from your parish, by

58 visiting [https://www.caritas.org.au/project-](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

59 [compassion](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413

60 Or follow the QR Code to take you to the website

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62 **Special Collection on Good Friday**

63 for the **Holy Places**

64 In accordance with the desire of the Holy Father that
65 Catholics throughout the world should contribute to the
66 maintenance of the shrines of the Holy Land, the
67 annual collection for the Holy Places should be taken
68 up in all Churches of the Diocese on Good Friday.

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70 **Mass of the Oils 2023**

71 All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils to be
72 held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral
73 Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall.

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75 **Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine**

76 I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine,
77 now and throughout this day.

78 Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow
79 in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts,
80 fears and divisions will be overcome.

81 We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think
82 too that [in Ukraine] millions of people were killed
83 [1932-1933]. They are a people who have suffered; they
84 have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality
85 and they deserve peace.

86 May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to
87 heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so
88 that dialogue may prevail and the common good be
89 placed ahead of partisan interests.

90 Please, no more war.

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92 **Mission: One Heart Many Voices Conference 2023**

93 – **May 3-5, 2023**

94 The Mission: One Heart Many Voices conference,
95 "Lead, Act, Now" will be held from May 3-5, 2023
96 in Sydney. Registration details, the program and
97 more information is available at

98 <https://2023.mohmv.com.au/>

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MATTHEW

THE SAVING WORD

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) / A

2 APRIL 2023

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

N. 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,

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: