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5 April 2020
**Palm Sunday of
the Passion of
the Lord
Year A**

Entrance Antiphon: 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!'

First Reading: *A reading from the prophet 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)

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: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the 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 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: 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: *The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (26:14-27:66)*

Memorial Acclamation: When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

All the Masses that our Priests are celebrating in private are being offered "*pro populo*"
- for the intentions of the people of God.

Monday, 6 April

- The soul of Alma Fernandez on the Anniversary of her death.
- The souls in Purgatory, offered by the Fuller, Watts, Woods & Rowland families

Note: Mass intentions envelopes & notices for bulletin are to be submitted/emailed to the office by Wednesday 6pm.

PASTORAL CORNER

The Jews had been longing for a great leader, like one of the Kings of old, who would lead them to victory against the Roman invaders. They thought that Jesus might be that leader, but by his actions he shows everyone that he is no earthly king or soldier – he comes as the King of peace, love and forgiveness. Reflect on your feelings as you listen to the Passion being read. What does the passion of Jesus tell us about where God is in the suffering of the world and in our own personal suffering? What does self-giving love imply for the way we live our lives? What does it ask of us personally?

Praying the Liturgy of the Hours (The Divine Office)

The importance of silence

The silence following the Psalms and Readings is an integral part of the prayer. In any attentive conversation between friends, after our friend has spoken, we often pause, to absorb what they have said before we reply. To pause, to be silent after each Psalm, allows the word of God to germinate in us. It gives us time to meditate on the word of God, and to listen to the voice of the Spirit in our hearts.

Psalm 62 (63) is prayed on Sunday Morning Prayer (Lauds) Week 1

PSALM 62 (63) (A Soul Thirsting For God)

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit**

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be
world without end.**

Amen

While you are unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion you may wish to pray the following prayer

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Palm Sunday Livestream Mass

will be celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe
SDB at 11am WST through

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Sixth Sunday of Lent
5th April 2020



Dominic, 47, is a father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with Caritas Australia's partner, Centre of Hope who runs a safe house and family anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an unhappy relationship around.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help support the Safe House project and help bring greater harmony to families in Papua New Guinea.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

A Reflection on Palm Sunday

Fr Jean-Noël MARIE

On this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, as we raise and wave our palms let us also embrace our crosses as we recommit ourselves to true and profound conversion and change of minds and hearts. The Liturgy of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord brings together both the glory that is our destiny by virtue of our baptism in the death and resurrection of Christ and the Passion that we must all embrace -two opposing realities that make up the human condition and its *"raison d'être"*.

We are all caught up at the moment in a crisis that frightens us but also challenges us to scrutinise the deep recesses of our hearts and souls, our motives and what it really means to be a Christian- a disciple of Jesus.

That is the situation in **La Peste (The Plague)**, Albert Camus's classic novel published in 1947, which is now, in this current climate, attracting new generations of readers. A plague is spreading. People are dying. Everyone is ordered to quarantine at home as the local doctor works around the clock to save victims. There are acts of heroism and acts of shame; there are those who think only of themselves, and those who are engaged for the greater good. The human condition is absurd and precarious. Perhaps with the current lockdown, restrictions and constraints we will have some time to reflect upon what is real, what is truly important, and in the process become more human.

Through his characters, The French Novelist Albert Camus examines how people respond as individuals and as part of a community, to suffering and death. Whether it is a solitary experience or a show of social solidarity no one can afford to be indifferent.

What is true of all the evils in the world is true of the plague and the Coronavirus as well. It helps us rise above ourselves, above our self-centredness and pride. It helps us to embrace our crosses and in the fullness of time, by God's grace, receive our imperishable crown of glory.



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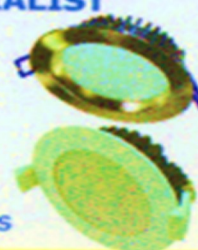


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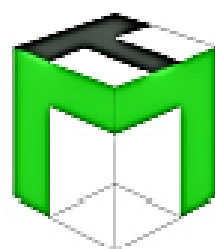
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