

GOSPEL short: Mark 15:1-39

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and 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 priest, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. ‘But in that case,’ he said ‘what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?’ They shouted back. ‘Crucify him!’ 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 up 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, ‘Ebi, Eli, 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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday- 8.00am.  
(see Holy Week Schedule)

Nursing Home Masses

Wednesday -10am Uniting Centre

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with  
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time.  
Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: By appointment.  
Preparation classes are held in the  
Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of  
each month after 10AM Mass .



... "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.' "

Mark 11:2-3

Responsorial Psalm

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

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.

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

This weeks readings - Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11;  
Gospel - Mark 14:1 - 15:47

Next Weekend: Easter Sunday - Year B. Readings  
Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel - John 20:1-9.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Yr B - 25th March 2018



## Easter Mass Times



*Holy Thursday* - 7.30pm Mass followed by prayers until midnight  
*Good Friday* - 10.30am Youth re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross.  
 3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion  
*Easter Saturday* - 7.00pm Vigil Mass  
*Easter Sunday* - 8.00am; 10.00am & 6.00pm.



**Note:** This year on Good Friday during the Youth re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross there will be a direct live stream played in the Church for those parishioners who are less mobile.

## To all vocalists and musicians

You are all invited to the Choir Rehearsal leading up to the Holy Week Tridium.  
 Join us at **7pm on Tuesday 27th March** in St Felix church. We would love to have as many voices joining in for one or all nights including Holy Thursday, Good Friday Veneration, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Thank you.

## Easter Candles

Line Collet will be selling her handmade soy Easter candles in jars for \$8.00 each after Mass next Sunday and during Holy week. These candles serve as great gifts and also may be used at home for family prayer.

## Mass Intentions:

**Recently Deceased:** Joseph Cao Huong; Joseph Chien Nguyen; Kabalan Elachi; Dominic Nguyen Van Vu

**Anniversary:** Alan Walker; Joseph Dao; Maria & Giuse

**Deceased:** Michael Pham; Domico Demarte; Patricia Madafiglio; Micae Nguyen Van Noi.

**Sick:** Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Jovie Casuso; Reyes & Adelle Lim, Madelyn Nicole, Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Carmel Mascara; George Malouf; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros.

*(Please advise the office when the names of the sick can be removed)*

## Weekly Rosters

**Altar Society: 1/4/18 Group 1:** Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui *(Florist)*

**St Vincent de Paul:** **1/4/18** Andrew Nguyen **8/4/18** A Nguyen

**Church Cleaners:** **30/3/18:** Samoan Divine Mercy Group **Children's Liturgy:** 1st April – Ligaya

**Weekend Choirs:** **1/4 Saturday 6pm** - St Anne's Choir  
**Sunday 8am** - Singing Servants of God. **10 am** - St Felix Choir. **6pm** - Youth Choir.

### Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	25 MARCH	8am	10am	6pm
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Jennifer Nguyen	Charbel Eltarraf	
R	Gloria Booby	Joseph Dang	Emmanuela Viner	Elias Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Cindy Hoang	Thao Nguyen	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Chris Kreltszheim	Gordon West	Loreto Eduardo	

### 1 APRIL (EASTER)

C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Helen Vujevic	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Kalisiana Mar	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Jessica Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Cindy Hoang	Mesake Mar	Rosa House	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Jeannette Chong	Judy Jones

Reflection

## Holy Week

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerfully reflecting on the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of the salvation that Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point. The passion as found in Mark's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

*Sunday:* Mark 11:1-10 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)

*Monday:* Mark 14:1-11

*Tuesday:* Mark 14:12-26

*Wednesday:* Mark 14:27-52

*Thursday:* Mark 14:53-72

*Friday:* Mark 15:1-41

*Saturday:* Mark 15:42-47

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer or by singing an appropriate hymn such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" or "What Wondrous Love is This."

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## Chocolate Lambs

Chocolate Pascal Lambs will be selling from this weekend. The cost per lamb will be \$8.00. The money raised will go toward the running of the Parish. We wish to thank St Michael Mission Society Inc. for making and providing us with these beautiful chocolates.



## In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2018 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018. COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,230.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00. For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au).

## A Retreat for Young Women on Womanhood following the example of MARY

**When:** Saturday 14th April 10am - Sunday 15th April 2pm 2018. **Where:** Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745. **Investment:** \$130 - Registration and Payment by 8th April **Contact:** Sr M Julie Brcar - 0408 738 334 or [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com)

## Private Movie Screenings: Paul, Apostle Of Christ

*Paul, Apostle of Christ* is the new and highly anticipated film which explores Saint Paul's final days. You are invited to 3 special screenings on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 at Dendy Opera Quays. Choose between the 12pm, 3pm or 6pm sessions with tickets selling for only \$12 each. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Priests' Retirement Foundation. To reserve your seat phone the Development and Fundraising Office on 1800 753 959. No tickets sold on the day.

## Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griegtogracesaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtogracesaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539.