

Gospel *Matthew 21:1-11 (Before Mass)*

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'.

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Entrance Procession & Opening Prayer

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.

The Word of the Lord. (R) THANKS BE TO GOD.

Responsorial Psalm *21(22):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.

The Word of the Lord. (R) THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation *Philippians 2:8-9*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, glory and praise to you!

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.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, glory and praise to you!

Gospel *Matthew 27:11-54 (shorter form)*

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all.

Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' 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, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' 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, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

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, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked, 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!'

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, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' 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 around 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, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' 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 mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused 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 '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!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said '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."' 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, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' 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. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

ALL KNEEL OR BOW AND PAUSE A MOMENT.

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 ones 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, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. *Second*, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary, he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass,
and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Palm Sunday

Recently Deceased: Philip Moloughney.

Anniversaries 2nd April to 8th April: Laurie Monsour, Maris Leahy, Eileen Murphy, Emanuele Gozzo, Sam Bonacci, Georgina Crowe and Valda Kershaw.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Brian Cotter, Connie D'Amico, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Gloria Forbes, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoyer, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koertjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, George Marshall, Belinda Monterosso, Nan Nagle, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Pauline Shannon, Jeannett Stevens, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Aldo Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Michelle Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

OCEAN GROVE: 9th April at 9:00am:

(C) Majella O'Connor (L) Two Youth Leaders (SM) Jo Ballard, David O'Connor
(W) Remo & Naomi Bianco.

QUEENSCLIFF: 9th April at 11:00am:

(C) Adrian Scott (L) Diana Scott (SM) TBA (W) David Millie.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 4th April at 10:00am:

Dan Donovan and David Millie.

+ SPECIAL ROSTERS ARE IN PLACE FOR TRIDUUM +

SAFEGUARDING – NEW INFORMATION, 17 MARCH 2023

To comply with our "Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy", we need to have complete, accurate and up to date information for all our volunteers. Over the coming weeks, if you volunteer in our parish, you will receive a document outlining the information we are currently holding and ask that you confirm the details or provide up to date information in the event of either incorrect or missing details. Volunteers must have:

1. A current Working With Children Check
2. Signed a Parish Code of Conduct
3. Done the Safeguarding Essentials 30-minute online training **
4. A National Police Check (for counters and collectors only)

**A group training session is currently being planned. Date to be advised.

To register your interest, please contact Jennie Ryan via email: Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au or call the parish office on Thursdays.

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads, is open on Thursdays from 10-11am for private prayer and a cuppa. All welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION continues to the end of Lent. Resources are available at each Church. A good time to bring your offerings is the Mass on Holy Thursday.

TAR (Trinity Aid for Refugees) grocery collection: during March, Queenscliff & Point Lonsdale Parishioners are asked to contribute to the Grocery Collection box. Donations of dried or canned foods, such as Basmati Rice, Chickpeas, Red Kidney Beans or toiletries or shopping vouchers would be most gratefully received. Thank you for all past and future generosity. Contact: shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au.

Hospitality Sunday: this **Sunday, 2nd April**, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. ALL WELCOME!

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

Daylight Savings ends overnight this Saturday evening / Sunday morning (1-2 April) at 3:00am. Remember, clocks "fall" back one hour.

Ladies Social Group lunch is at Beach Terrace Cafe (1/85 The Terrace, Ocean Grove) on **Wednesday April 5th at 12 noon**. RSVP Sandra Duggan via text or phone 0423 047 862. All Ladies in the parish are most welcome.

Good Friday Holy Land collection 2023: The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please donate and support if you can. Envelopes will be available at each church.

Hour of Prayer – thank you! Thank you for those who helped with preparations, supported and attended Sunday morning's Hour of Prayer at Ocean Grove. Although we started the hour with some 10-12 parishioners, by the time the hour had ended, there were quite a few sitting in the pews and taking part in the quiet time and prayerful opportunity our 'FIAT' contribution offered. – Susan Weston and Josephine Barnes, PPC members.

St. Bernard's Parish, Belmont, invites you to start Holy Week with Tenebrae. Tenebrae tells the story of the declining loyalty of the disciples and portrays the waning light of the world, as Jesus was departing from it. We are challenged to re-examine our own lives in the light of the failure of Jesus' closest friends and allies. **Monday 3rd April at 7:30pm in the church.**

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends for our dinner for April. **Tuesday, 11 April, 2023 at 6:00pm at The Bistro, Belmont Hotel** (cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont). Cost: Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. If you wish to come to the dinner, please phone or text Michael 0431 959 584 or Joan 0429 215 111 by Friday, 7 April.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd April – MONDAY of HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 4th April – TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 5th April – WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
11:00am: Funeral of Mr Philip Moloughney at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 6th April – THURSDAY of the LORD'S SUPPER
THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM
No morning Mass at Ocean Grove
6:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 7th April – FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
(Day of fast and abstinence)
9:00am Way of the Cross
in the grounds of St Aloysius School and Holy Trinity, Queenscliff
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
3:00pm Lay-Led Liturgy at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

Saturday 8th April – HOLY SATURDAY
7:00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Sunday 9th April – SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION
(Solemnity with octave)
6:30am Dawn Ecumenical Service at Point Lonsdale Beach
9:00am Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads
9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

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