

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

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 Phil 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.

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.

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Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Mt 27:11-54

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 judgment, 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 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, '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.

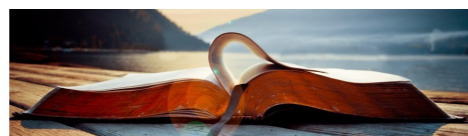
On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying 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 to 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 knelt 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 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, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Next Weeks Readings: Easter Sunday Year A

First Reading Acts 10:34,37-43

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

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Palm Sunday Year A 5th April 2020



Commencement Of Holy Week

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The purpose of Holy Week is to re-enact, relive, and participate in the passion of Jesus Christ. Holy week is the time to look at ourselves and find out where we stand in this drama of the Passion of the Lord. The book, *Inquirer Moments* by Fr. Jerry Orbos suggested on how to make this week a meaningful holy week. He gave meaning to each letter of the words H-O-L-Y W-E-E-K:

H – Stands for *Halt!* Stop for a while or at least slow down. Take time to rest and relax. Be away from noises around us.

O – Stands for *Off* with your worldly pursuits and concerns. Focus on your spiritual life this week. Don't let the world and its cares disturb the tranquillity of your mind and soul this week.

L – Stands for *Listen*. If you are in the Off or Silent Mode, then you can really listen, pray and meditate. Take time to listen to God and tell Him what's happening with your life. Allow the Father to wrap His loving arms around your shoulders once again and just listen.

Y – Stands for *Yield to God*. Let go of your grip on your own life. Be on the lookout for His road signs as your travel on. Listen to His instructions and you will find your way.

W – Stands for *Warm up your Relationships*. Time to allow your loved ones feel that warmth and love. Reach out to the people you have taken for granted or left out altogether. Do anything that will help you repair, restore and revitalize your relationships.

E – Stands for *Erase the burdens of guilt and sin* with a good, honest and humble confession. Heed God's call: "Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let sin keep us apart. Forgive people who hurt you and ask for forgiveness from people you have hurt, used or abused in any way.

E – Stands for *Express your love*. Whatever you do, especially this week, like praying, fasting, works of penance and deeds of charity, let them all be expressions of your love and gratitude to God.

K – Stands for *Kneel down*. In humility, kneel down in prayer before God and thank Him for suffering so much, for dying on the cross and for rising again for our salvation. Somebody died for you and me. Let us not allow this week to pass without personally thanking Him.

Fr Tomy

**ALL PARISH LITURGIES
CURRENTLY SUSPENDED**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am

9:00am

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday
(except school holidays)

6:00pm

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 7:45am

Tuesday 7:45am

Wednesday 7:45am

Thursday 7:45am (Ordinariate of Our Lady
of the Southern Cross)

Friday 9:15am (Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

Saturday 7:45am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 8:15am—9:00am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

7:25am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

8:45am Friday

Facebook



Our parish now has a Facebook account. It is another way for us to be able to keep in touch. The parish Facebook account name is Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish. Please send friend request to the above Facebook account name.

We shall be live streaming Holy Week and Sunday Liturgies for the parish community. The live streaming of Holy Week Liturgies are as follows.

Palm Sunday-9 am
Holy Thursday- 6 pm
Good Friday- 3 pm
Easter Vigil-6 pm
Easter Sunday-9 am

Mental Health First Aid Training

Dear Parishioners,

As expected, the Mental Health First Aid Training is on hold at present until we can gather again. However, we need to care for the mental health of ourselves and others always, stay well and connected to others while we wait for this time of uncertainty to be over. We will see this thing through as our Clergy and Pope tell us with faith, courage and perseverance.

In faith and prayer Robyn Rosina.

Pastoral Visitation

As a fellow parishioner missing my parish community. I am concerned some of us may be isolated and feel cut-off from our church and parish community. What we could do is offer to do drive-by visits to say hello, have a chat, bring a bulletin and pray with you. We would maintain social distancing at all times for a short visit and not enter anyone's home. We will keep a safe social distance from each other but we can keep connected. If you or you know someone who would benefit from a drive-by visit from another parishioner please let Jan, at the Church office, know and we can be on the move. We just need the name and phone number of the person and we can take from there. Robyn Rosina

Email Addresses

The parish office has only a very small number of email addresses. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Bulletin, via email each week, please ask them to call the office and have their email address added to the Parish list. Thank you. Jan

Catechists

I am delighted to advise that the Department of Education is working with SRE Providers through the SRE Consultative Committee to look at options to support remote learning to enable students access to SRE learning.

SRE Providers are currently negotiating the options with the Department and the CCD team is already developing lessons from the *Walking with Jesus* curriculum so that we can provide online resources as soon as the Department is ready to go.

Schools will not be allowing SRE teachers to have direct contact with students e.g. video enabled software, SMS or other forms of messaging. What we would encourage catechists to do is to pray for the children in their classes during their normal class time.

A real benefit of this is the opportunity to evangelise parents and other family members as they engage with their children's learning in the home environment.

Alison Newell, Diocesan Coordinator CCD

Covid-19 Our Parish Thoughts

Due to the Government regulations, that all church buildings are to be closed for private prayer. The church is not closed—as **we are the church** and **we can still pray**.

The Parish office will remain open, office hours are Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm.

Sunday Mass on TV/Internet

TV Mass 6.00 – 6.30 am on Chanel 10

Internet access <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> at any time.

Holy Water can be obtained by contacting Fr Tomy on 0408 632 015 or Fr Baby on 0400 568 491.

Parish website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/toukley>

Care of the Elderly

A number of parishioners do not have access to a smartphone or the Internet. If you are aware of anyone in this situation, could you please keep in regular contact with them. I am sure they would appreciate it if you are able to contact them to see that they are coping, and if they are in need of any help.

Financial Sustainability of Our Parish

Although you are not able to attend Mass during this time, it is very important that your donation to our collections continues each week for the Financial Sustainability of our Parish

This is vital for our capacity, as a parish, to continue our Mission, during these difficult and trying times. We encourage our parishioners to donate to both the first and second collection, as well as the Charitable Works Fund Appeal, due in May, by direct debit to the parish.

We thank you for your past generosity and look forward to your continued financial support of our parish. Please contact the Parish Office to update your details.

The First Collection goes entirely for the support of our priests, including those who have retired.

The second collection is for the support of our parish, which includes all pastoral activities, as well as the ongoing day-to-day running costs eg rates, insurance and electricity etc.

Please see below options available for you to continue your financial support of our Parish.

Donation/Envelopes are to be given directly into the parish office. New planned Giving envelopes are available in the foyer of the church.

Credit card authority – Forms are available for collection from the parish office or call the office on 4396 4455.

Direct debits can be made into the Parish Commonwealth bank account for the first and second collections.

Parish Bank Details BSB 068 784 and Account number 6238001

Thank you for having the patience to read this. We ask you to pass on this information to anyone but especially those without computers or smartphone access.

May Mary the Mother of God and St Brendan continue to bless you and your families and keep you safe and well at this time.

Fr Tomy

In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.

Recently Deceased

Fr Ray Farrell, Maureen Daniels, Clement Apiap, Frank Feliciotto, Vi Brodie, George Garvey, Felice Grasso, Fr John Barry OSA, Fr Denis Callahan, Ellen Ashton, Frederick Jurd, Eileen O'Kane, Marie Dyer, Jason Myers (Dublin), Bernard Hensley, Wesley Glabus, Veronica King.



Anniversaries

John Kennedy, Danny Kay, Ruby Prendergast, John Flanagan, Bill Tyson, Colin McIntyre, Eddie Johnston, Tony Wilson, Joseph & Stella Magri, Mary Stewart, Franceska Rose, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Edwin Ambait, Pantaleon, Temotea Ambait, Elma Capacite, Romualda & Hermigilso Giba, Valmai Joseph, Dorothy Rush, Victoria Borg, Rose and Stark Families & Holy Souls.

Remembrances

Katy Ng, Olga Creighton, Colin McIntyre, Carol Brown, Scott Kay, Lisa Marie Grenot, John Thomas Matthews, Hannah McCool, Gilles Dedrouas, Lorraine Anderson

Please Pray for the Sick

Ken Chubb, Fiona Haslam, Vicky Debono, Teresa Wegrzyn, Ann and Steve Durnford, Maureen Mulheron, Koby Bourke, Monica Mason, John Andrews, Kathleen Wiegold, Ariane Hampton, Fr Bill Aliprandi, Linda Read, Eleanor Matthews, Andrew Kelly, Paul Covington, Fiona Gill, Koby Thomas, Evan Shepherd, Kathleen Strong, Koby Bourke, Brian Davies, Tony Hodges, 4 year old Ethan, Faye Lund, Michael Wiggin & Vanessa Miller.



Pope Francis' prayer Intention for April



Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped, and accompanied.

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