



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## PALM SUNDAY – 24th March 2024



St Mary's Church Manly And  
St John The Baptist Church Freshwater



**28th March: Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
Manly only 7pm



**29th March: Good Friday**  
Manly & Freshwater

Stations of the Cross at 10am  
The Lord's Passion at 3pm



**30th March: Easter Vigil**

Freshwater: 6pm  
Manly: 7pm  
(followed by supper)



**31st March: Easter Sunday**

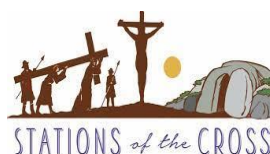
Manly: 8:30am, 10:30am & 6pm  
Freshwater: 9am



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

We will be celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy at Manly on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 2pm – 4pm.  
All welcome.

### LENT 2024



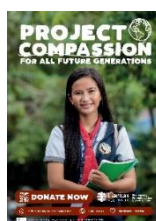
**Stations of the Cross**  
each Friday during Lent

Freshwater at 9:45am and  
Manly at 7pm



### Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday 7pm at Manly only

We would like to invite 12 parishioners to participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



### PROJECT COMPASSION

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**



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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes which are available in the Church or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

## LET US PRAY FOR

24th March 2024

**Recently Deceased:** Albert du Chatenier

## Anniversary:

**Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"**

Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Bill Hipkiss; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Rena Curll; Maria Vasile; John Santos; Shirley Ford

## Dates to remember...

- **Parish Lenten Program** Thurs 21st March 7pm
- **Stations of the Cross during Lent on Fridays**  
Freshwater: 9:45am; Manly: 7pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**  
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am
- **Confirmation Info Night**  
Wed 3 April 7pm Freshwater
- **First Holy Communion** Sat 6 April 11am
- **Divine Mercy Sunday** 7 April 2pm – 4pm



## CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822.



## TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

An elderly parishioner living in Bonner Ave, Manly is asking for assistance to get to the 8:30am Sunday Mass at Manly.

If you are able to assist please contact the parish office 9977 5822



**The Craft Group** meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring your knitting or other craft if you wish.



**Lectio Divina** Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and Wednesday mornings at 10am.



**PARISH GIVING** – thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the tap machines at

the Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.

**PILOT PROGRAM** –The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this.

The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

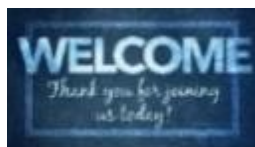
- 25% to Supporting our Priests including the sick & retired in our Diocese.
- 75% to Parish operations and maintenance of building.



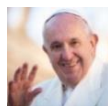
## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS – 6pm – 7.30pm

**Quiet Prayer, Adoration and**

**reconciliation will be available** 6pm – 7pm concluding with **Benediction**

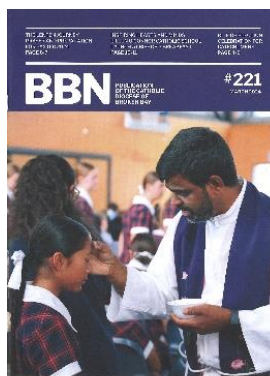


If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.



## Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March – For new martyrs

Pope Francis urges the faithful to pray during March for "those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world."




## BROKEN BAY NEWS

There are some very interesting articles in the March issue of BBN.

- **Page 12** Opportunity for Northern Beaches Community to engage in a pastoral discernment project across their region.
- **Page 15** Being the face of God in the unknow – Eleanor Keil (Manly parishioner) sharing her experiences with the Catholic Chaplaincy team.
- **Page 38** New faces of parishes in 2024 – featuring our new Parish Priest Fr Chima Ofor.

**Pick up your free copy this weekend at the entrances to the Church.**





## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

*Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday:*

**"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death".**

**"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."**

*Jesus, I trust in You*

### **The Novena commences on Good Friday**

We invite you to join us in saying the Novena commencing on Good Friday continuing on the following days at the times set out below.

#### **St Mary's, Manly**

- Good Friday following 3pm The Passion
- Easter Saturday 10am
- Easter Sunday 9.30am
- Weekdays following 9.15am Mass


#### **St John the Baptist, Freshwater**

- Good Friday following 3pm The Passion
- Easter Saturday 5.30pm
- Easter Sunday 10am
- Weekdays following 9.15am Mass

**Copies of the Novena can be found at the entrances of the Churches.**

## DIVINE MERCY HOUR

**SUNDAY 7th of April**  
**2.00pm - 4.00pm**

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- Procession
  - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
  - Sacrament of confession
  - Adoration with St Faustina's Diary
  - Divine Mercy Chaplet
  - Benediction
  - Veneration of St Faustina's relic
  - Blessings of Divine Mercy Images



St Mary's Church, 6 Raglan St, Manly





## Gospel reflection

Jesus' entry into the holy city and his "cleansing" of the temple with the demand that it be restored as a "house of prayer for all people" will bring his clash with the ruling class to a head. In his account of the Passion, Mark portrays the anguish of Jesus who has been totally abandoned by friends and disciples. Mark's Jesus is resigned to his fate. He makes no response to Judas when he betrays him or to Pilate during his interrogation (and Pilate makes no effort to save him, as the procurator does in the other three Gospels). As he does throughout his Gospel, Mark pointedly portrays the utter failure of the disciples to provide any assistance or support to Jesus or to even understand what is happening. The "last" disciple who flees naked into the night when Jesus is arrested is a powerful symbol in Mark's Gospel of the disciples who left family and friends behind to follow Jesus now leave everything behind to get away from him.

*Connectionmediaworks.com*



**The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.** Priests of the Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitments. During Mass, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese.

*Manly Freshwater Parish promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our MANLY community.*



## CONFIRMATION 2024

**Parents Meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7pm at Freshwater.**

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 18th May 2024 at 10am & 12am.**

**All sessions will be held at St Mary's Church, Manly.**

The Catholic Community of Manly Freshwater invites you to enrol your child in this year's Confirmation program. In the Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have been baptised and are in Year 3 or above, are eligible to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We will be holding our 2nd Parish Information Workshop Evening on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm** at St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater

Information and Registration forms can be found at the rear of the Church and also at the Parish Office.

## Pastoral Discernment Northern Beaches

As recently communicated, Bishop Anthony invites the community of the Northern Beaches to engage in a regional Pastoral Discernment Project. Our regional Pastoral Discernment is a synodal process, a shared discernment about our Mission to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. Throughout the Pastoral Discernment Project, there will be many and varied opportunities for the community of the Northern Beaches to engage richly in conversation and to listen to diverse experiences of life from each other, as we journey forward together guided by the Holy Spirit.

**Want to find out more about the Northern Beaches project?** Join us for an online Briefing Circle on 9 April at 11am and 7pm. At this one-hour online gathering, participants will learn more about the project and ways in which you can participate, you will also be provided with the opportunity to ask questions and share your hopes. There are two sessions, which are repeated, please choose one of the following options when registering.

[Register here](#) Once you have registered, you will receive a follow-up email with the Zoom link for your chosen session. For questions about the project, contact Patti Beattie Director of Pastoral Discernment and Accompaniment via email at: [PDNB@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:PDNB@bbcatholic.org.au)

## PIETY STORE

Movie of the month - Ordet (Danish - 1955). Recognised as one of the best Christian movies of all time. The viewer is rewarded for persevering as the ending is one of the most extraordinary in all cinema. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

CD of the month - Purgatory from the other side. Centuries of mystical revelations from credible witnesses. Divine insights on what awaits us all. \$5 @ the piety store

**LIVING FAITH BOOKLET - April/May/June now available from the Piety Store**



## SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

1. **Planned Giving:** through a monthly **direct debit** or **credit card**. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
2. **Collection plates during Mass**
3. **Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or **EFTPOS Terminals**.
4. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.
5. **Direct into Parish Bank Accounts**
  - **2nd collection Parish Bank Account**  
Funds the running of the Parish  
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish  
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank  
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784
  - **1st collection** Supports our Priests  
Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral  
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank  
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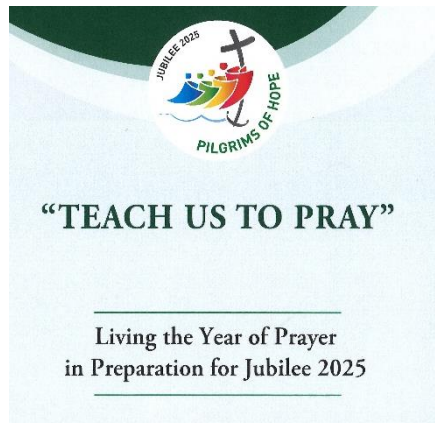
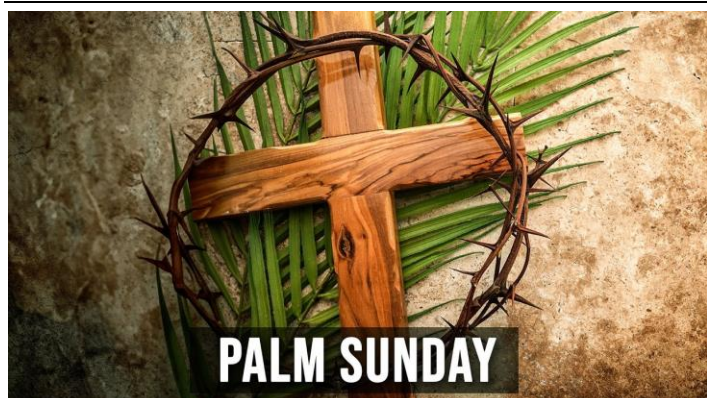


If you donate to the Parish using your credit card please let us know if you have a new card or the card has expired by contacting the Parish Office 9977 5822 or email [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

### DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT



Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.



### Year of Prayer 2024

The Holy Father, Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a Year of Prayer. In a letter that was written on 11 February 2022 to Archbishop Rino Pro-prefect, the Holy Father wrote "From now on I am happy to think that the year preceding the Jubilee event, 2024, will be dedicated to a **great 'symphony' of prayer**. *First of all, to recover the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and adore him.*" Thus, *The Year of Prayer* will be a focal project for Mission Broken Bay in 2024 leading into the Jubilee Year of 2025, in collaboration with the Deans.

The Holy See is currently developing a number of resources for the Year of Prayer, with some already released, however the English translation are still some time away.

As a starting point ***Teach us to Pray: Living the Year of Prayer in Preparation for Jubilee 2025***, has been released by the Dicastery for Evangelisation, and is [attached here](#) for your reference.

### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Prayer Group in Spanish – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

### PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

# EASTER ROSTER 2024

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM – Manly

HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.00pm		GOOD FRIDAY Solemnity of the Lord's Passion – 3pm	EASTER VIGIL 7pm
<b>Acolytes &amp; Servers</b>	Matthew French Ivica Covic Gabriel Wan Owen Richard Heasman Teresa Hearn	Matthew French Ken Thompson Ivica Covic Louise Wareham Owen Richard Heasman	Matthew French Ivica Covic Gabriel Wan Louise Wareham Owen Richard Heasman
<b>Readers</b>	Reader 1 Vincent Bokanovic Reader 2: Rita Bruzzese	Reader 1: Patty Thomas Reader 2: Sandie Cornish  Gospel Passion Reading Narrator: Rita Bruzzese Other Voices: Bill Tango  Intercessions: Katalina Taefotu	Reader 1 Sandie Cornish Reader 2: Rita Bruzzese Reader 3: Freya Zemek Reader 4: Jean Halcrow  Epistle: Bill Tango
<b>Music</b>	Tongan Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM – Freshwater

		GOOD FRIDAY Solemnity of the Lord's Passion – 3pm	EASTER VIGIL 6pm
<b>Acolytes &amp; Snr Servers</b>		Joanne Druery Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press Mick O'Farrell
<b>Readers</b>		Reader 1: Joshua Wright Reader 2: Jasmine Wright  Gospel Passion Reading Narrator: Vincent Bokanovic Other Voices: Toni Walsh  Intercessions: Toni Walsh	Reader 1: Vincent Bokanovic Reader 2: Toni Walsh Reader 3: Pam Brown  Epistle: Joseph Press
<b>Music</b>		Pat Brown	Pat Brown
<b>Welcomer</b>		Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott

## EASTER SUNDAY

	Freshwater 9am	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm
<b>Acolyte/ Server</b>	Amorina Wright Lou Maruca	Ken Thompson	Matthew French Louise Wareham Teresa Hearn	Matthew French
<b>Readers</b>	Joshua Wright Jasmine Wright Joleena Wright	Patty Thomas Katalina Taefotu	Ron Gravalin Janie Fonua	<b>Assistance Required</b>
<b>Music</b>	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Bianca Zatz	<b>TBC</b>
<b>Piety Store</b>			Kim McGrath	

# Hosanna! Hosanna!

Passion Sunday, Year B

Draw or write what happened on each of these special days during Holy Week.



Passion Sunday



Holy Thursday

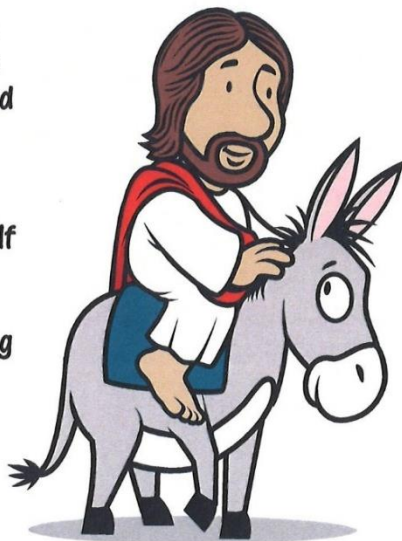


Good Friday



Easter Sunday

A crowd of people came to see Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Draw yourself amongst a crowd of people waving palm fronds at Jesus.



## PALM SUNDAY – Year B

**NOTE: Readings for the Family Mass at Manly will be taken from the Children's Lectionary.**

### First Reading

*Isaiah 50:4-7 (JB)*

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 (JB)*

**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

*Philippians 2:6-11 (JB)*

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Philippians 2:8-9 (JB)*

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

*Mark 14:1 - 15:47 (JB)*

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**N** It was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and the chief priests and scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick and have him put to death. For they said,

**C It must not be during the festivities, or there will be a disturbance among the people.**

**N** Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper; he was at dinner when a woman came in with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the ointment on his head. Some who were there said to one another indignantly,

**C Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor;**

**N** and they were angry with her. But Jesus said,

**J** Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What she has done for me is one of the good works. You have the poor with you always and you can be kind to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what was in her power to do; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. I tell you solemnly, wherever throughout all the world the Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also, in remembrance of her.

**N** Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, approached the chief priests with an offer to hand Jesus over to them. They were delighted to hear it, and promised to give him money; and he



looked for a way of betraying him when the opportunity should occur.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

**C**     **Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?**

**N**     So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

**J**     Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, 'The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.

**N**     The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he arrived with the Twelve. And while they were at table eating, Jesus said,

**J**     I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me, one of you eating with me.

**N**     They were distressed and asked him, one after another,

**O**     Not I, surely?

**N**     He said to them,

**J**     It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping into the same dish with me. Yes, the Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!

**N**     And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them saying,

**J**     Take it; this is my body.

**N**     Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them,

**J**     This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.

**N**     After the psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

**J**     You will all lose faith, for the scripture says, 'I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.' However after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

**N**     Peter said,

**O**     Even if all lose faith, I will not.

**N**     And Jesus said to him,

**J**     I tell you solemnly, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.

**N**     But he repeated still more earnestly,

**O**     If I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

**N**     And they all said the same.

They came to a small estate called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples,

**J**     Stay here while I pray.

**N**     Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And a sudden fear came over him, and great distress. And he said to them,

**J**     My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here, and keep awake.

**N**     And going on a little further he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass him by. He said,

**J**     Abba (Father)! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it.

**N**     He came back and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,

**J**     Simon, are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake for one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

**N**     Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for him. He came back a third time and said to them,

**J**     You can sleep on now and take your rest. It is all over. The hour has come. Now the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is close at hand already.

**N**     Even while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. He had said,

**O**     'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge, and see he is well guarded when you lead him away.'

**N**     So when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said,

**O**     Rabbi!

**N**     and kissed him. The others seized him and took him in charge. Then one of the bystanders

drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Then Jesus spoke,

**J** Am I a brigand that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I was among you teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me. But this is to fulfil the scriptures.

**N** And they all deserted him and ran away. A young man who followed him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked.

They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled there. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's palace, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him,

**C** **We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands.'**

**N** But even on this point their evidence was conflicting. The high priest then stood up before the whole assembly and put this question to Jesus,

**O** Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

**N** But he was silent and made no answer at all. The high priest put a second question to him,

**O** Are you the Christ the Son of the Blessed One?

**N** Jesus said,

**J** I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.

**N** The high priest tore his robes, and said,

**O** What need of witnesses have we now? You heard the blasphemy. What is your finding?

**N** And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die.

Some of them started spitting at him and, blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting,

**C** **Play the prophet!**

**N** And the attendants rained blows on him.

While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the high-priest's servant-girls came up. She

saw Peter warming himself there, stared at him and said,

**O** You too were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

**N** But he denied it, saying

**O** I do not know, I do not understand what you are talking about.

**N** And he went out into the forecourt. The servant-girl saw him and again started telling the bystanders,

**O** This fellow is one of them.

**N** But he again denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,

**C** **You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.**

**N** But he started calling curses on himself and swearing,

**O** I do not know the man you speak of.

**N** At that moment the cock crew for the second time, and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.' And he burst into tears.

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,

**O** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N** He answered,

**J** It is you who say it.

**N** And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

**O** Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

**N** 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 crowds went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

**O** Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

**N** For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again.

**O** But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

**N** They shouted back.

**C** **Crucify him!**

**N** Pilate asked them,

**O** Why? What harm has he done?

**N** But they shouted all the louder,

**C** **Crucify him!**

**N** 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,

**C** **Hail, king of the Jews!**

**N** 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,

**C** **Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!**

**N** The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

**C** **He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.**

**N** 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,

**J** Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

**N** This means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,

**C** **Listen he is calling on Elijah.**

**N** Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying,

**O** Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

**N** 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 died, and he said,

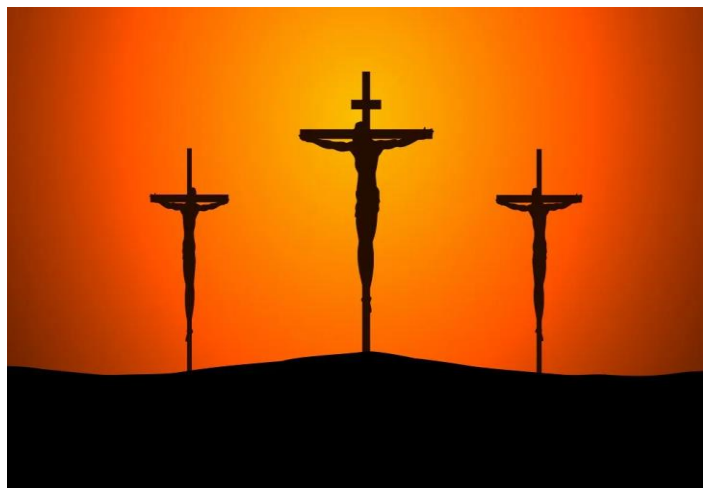
**O** In truth this man was a son of God.

**N** There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger, and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

It was now evening, and since it was Preparation day (that is the vigil of the Sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who brought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

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