

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Sunday 28 March 2021



Readings for
this week:

Entrance: Mark 11:1-10
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Passion of Mark 14:1-5:47



Readings for
next week

Acts 10:34,37-43
Colossian 3:1-4
John 20:1-9



Liturgical Jottings

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This Sunday seems to have two titles. Passion Sunday because this is the day the entire Passion of the Lord is proclaimed as the Gospel. Palm Sunday because this day the palms and olives branches are blessed and distributed recalling the event of the people receiving Christ into Jerusalem. This was the very first Palm Sunday Procession or March.

We begin Holy Week. Two Gospels are read; one at the beginning of the Mass and the other in the Liturgy of the Word, They relate the events for the whole week. But no one-day is able to celebrate the entire mystery of the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. We take eight days.

Looking at the Readings

As with Mark's Gospel, the account of the Lord's Passion is the shortest of those of the four evangelists. I am somewhat thankful for this. My first day at Catholic University America I had to sit a two hour Latin test which comprised of translating St Jerome's Latin into English of Mark's Passion. It is simple Latin but more fortunately I had read it three times on Palm Sunday earlier in that year. The language is simple but its implications are deep. The secrets within his earlier mission are revealed. He is publicly acclaimed the Son of God. He is seen as the Master giving instructions. The Old is replaced by the New with the tearing of the veil in the temple: we now have a new temple, the body of Christ.

The paucity of words of Jesus from his arrest to his death are significant also in revealing his messianic secret. He speaks only three times: to the high priest's question he answer "I am [the Messiah] the son of Man" to Pilate's question are you King of the Jews, "Yes" and finally "Eloi, Eloi lama sabachthani", the words of the suffering servant, Psalm 22:1 is also an ancient reference to the Messiah.

A Passion Sunday Prayer

With the tearing of the veil
on account of Adam's debts,
tear my ingrained meanness,
destroy the bond of my life's sins.
I believe with all my soul
and adore you, O only Son,
forgive me the faults I committed;
may my past sins not be remembered.

A prayer by Nerses Snorhali

Quotable Quote

God speaks in the silence of the heart, and we listen. And then we speak to God from the fullness of our heart, and God listens. And this listening and this speaking is what prayer is meant to be.

St Teresa of Calcutta

On the Lighter Side

When our son was around five, on Palm Sunday we did the normal parental questioning, "So, what did you learn today at Mass?" He was carrying a small branch home, so we expected to hear about Jesus riding on a donkey and people waving palm branches. Instead, our son said, "I learned not to poke anyone in the eye."



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Giuseppe Casuscelli
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Colleen & Gabrielle Feehan
	Our sick and their carers	Carmel Trevaskis

EASTER ROSTER

Holy Thursday <i>Commentator</i> Jasimine Di Lai <i>Minister of the Word</i> Kaye Gaffy	Good Friday – Passion <i>Cross Carriers</i> Evert Worm, Lou Worm, Barry Lowe <i>Commentator</i> Denise Woodman <i>Minister Word</i> Carol Coulston <i>Readers</i> Kaye Gaffy Robert Miller <i>Intercessions</i> Debbie Worm <i>Reflection</i> Mary Gale	Easter Vigil <i>Commentator</i> Carol Coulston <i>Old Testament Readers</i> Debbie Worm Kaye Gaffy Robert Miller <i>Epistle Reader</i> Shelia Gregg	Easter Sunday <i>Commentator</i> Denise Woodman <i>Minister of the Word</i> Debbie Worm
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Happy 90th Birthday

On behalf of the Parish we would like to wish Mary Lalor a very happy birthday for Wednesday



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Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday 30th March commencing at 11 am all are welcome to attend.

EASTER MASS TIMETABLE

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday 1st April 5:30 pm

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross

Friday 2nd April 10:00 am

Good Friday – The Pasion of our Lord

Friday 2nd April 3:00 pm

Easter Saturday – Vigil Mass

Saturday 3rd April 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday – Mass

Sunday 4th April 9:30 am

Special Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Kerrins and Ross Kelly, who have recently retired from the Finance Committee. Both these gentlemen have done so much for our Parish over many many years and they will be missed. I particularly want to thank Paul for all the work he has done to help with the renovation of the Convent. This has always been done with a smile, even when things were not going smoothly. So once again thank you Paul and Ross for your service to your Parish. **Fr John Paul Pasala**