



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO BULLETIN

TAKE THIS HOME

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY - YEAR A

4 - 5 APRIL 2020

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24

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.'

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.

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!

I will tell of your name to my people
and praise you where they are gathered.
'You who fear the Lord revere him
give him glory. children of Israel.

RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26:14-27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

*Blessings
on him who
comes in
the name of
the Lord!*



If you in the area, please feel free to collect a palm for your home. These will be available at Mary's Grotto from Saturday evening, 4 April. Please be mindful of social distancing and please no more than 2 palms per household.

Don't forget you can watch Fr Bernie's Reflections on our website, Facebook or Instagram every Wednesday, Friday & Sunday.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Mon 6 Apr	Isaiah 42:1-7	John 12:1-11
Tue 7 Apr	Isaiah 49:1-6	John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed 8 Apr	Isaiah 50:4-9	Matthew 26:14-25
Thu 9 Apr	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14	John 13:1-15
Fri 10 Apr	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12	
Sat 11 Apr	Genesis 1:1 - 2:2	Matthew 28:1-10
Sun 12 Apr	Acts 10:34, 37-43 1 Corinthians 5:6-8	Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Matthew 28:1-10

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ The words of Jesus from the cross in this text are in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke.
- ◆ The name Barabbas literally means son (*bar*) of the father (*abba*). Here the crowd chooses the false son while condemning the true Son.
- ◆ This Sunday is also known as 'Palm Sunday' and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Celebrations similar to those carried out in churches today were being held in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century.

A WORD FROM FR BERNIE

Greetings of peace during these unusual times. It is certainly a very strange time to be alive. So many people however are seeing this as an opportunity for reflection and renewal. It is interesting that it is during our Lenten Session that this virus has struck! So how do we continue to find hope during this time? I have been amazed at how people are connecting. Last night I had a facetime call from one of our parish families who just wanted to catch up and chat. It was a wonderful time of sharing which finished with us praying the Our Father together and me offering a blessing prayer over the phone. I have heard of others who are connecting with family and friends through phone calls and internet – all checking up that everyone is okay. The same for my own family.

Today we begin our celebration of Holy Week, a time when usually we are not only planning a great week of liturgical celebrations but also often planning for a break with family and friends. So my first bit of advice is to make sure you keep connected during the week. I have prepared a booklet with home liturgies/prayers that you can use each day this week. You can download it online or if you wish I have printed some copies for you to collect. I will leave these in our Marian Grotto to the left of the church, along with this week's bulletin and some blessed palms. This is a place more protected from the weather, but also gives you a chance to offer a prayer whilst at the grotto. (please always be mindful of the civic social distancing rules – if you turn up and someone else is praying be patient until they leave). I have reduced the number of palms this year, so please take no more than two per household.

On Holy Saturday evening, Fr Oscar and I will celebrate a shortened version of the Resurrection Mass and will bless a number of bottles of water. The tradition over many years has been to bless water on this night remembering our baptismal promises. Before Coronavirus I had two people preparing for baptism for Holy Saturday but that sadly will have to be postponed. However, I feel it is important for you to receive something of support during this time. So, after Fr Oscar and I have celebrated on Saturday night you may wish to appoint one member of your family to contact me to collect a bottle of Easter Holy Water. It is important you contact me first to avoid people gathering at the church and to avoid breaking the social distancing regulations. The intention for that Mass will be for healing and hope for our community and world. Blessings and peace, Fr Bernie

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Jesus was acclaimed by the crowd. It was a prelude to being vilified, abused and killed. Jesus would have known that there were many very genuine people in the crowd, waving palms because they had encountered him in some way and believed in him. He would also have known that there were others among the crowd who were already fostering the chain of gossip and innuendo that would turn the crowd against him the next day. Echoes of this extreme behaviour are found in the term "tall poppy syndrome", which describes the tendency of people to pull down someone who has received acclaim for an achievement or a talent. When someone has been the victim of gossip and innuendo, the damage done to the person's good name can be very difficult to repair. So can the damage to the victim's confidence and self-esteem. When jealousy drives such damaging behaviour, deep wounds can be inflicted and gifts repressed by the fear of attack. The whole community loses. If this has happened to us, healing is helped by forgiving those who have inflicted the damage. But forgiveness is not easy and may take time to be deep and true. Being with those who love us and seeking wise counsel help, and so does reaching out to others rather than brooding and nursing the pain. The most difficult stage is shedding the fear that such a situation can cause in us, and finding the confidence again to use our gifts. That is when we truly triumph over the harm inflicted upon us. We all have our own version of the palm-waving crowd in our lives, and maybe more than one crowd. What part do we play in the crowd – do we genuinely acclaim what others have done or are we looking for a chance to bring them down? Are we comfortable being part of our particular crowd?

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LET US PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick: Abp Anthony Fisher OP, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Lisa Roper, & Cathy Murray

Anniversaries at this time: Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble each word, then arrange the circled letters to form a word that will complete the statement that Jesus made about himself.



The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted "_____ to the Son of David!" Matthew 21:9a (NIV)

DOYNKE [] [] [] [] [] []
 TLOC [] [] [] []
 STUOH [] [] [] [] [] []
 ADAEH [] [] [] [] [] []
 KNIG [] [] [] [] []

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 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

CLUES

- A small animal similar to a horse that has long ears. Matthew 21:2(NIV)
- A young male horse (or donkey). Matthew 21:2 (NIV)
- To call out in a loud voice. Matthew 21:9 (NIV)
- The opposite of behind. Matthew 21:9 (NIV)
- A male ruler of a country. Matthew 21:5 (NIV)