

St Michael's Parish, Nowra

Incorporating the Catholic Communities of St Michael's, Nowra – St. Patrick's, Berry – Sacred Heart, Bomaderry - Help of Christians, Culburra – St Joseph's, Kangaroo Valley – Holy Spirit, Vincentia.



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PALM SUNDAY Year B

28th March 2021



Fr. Antony Kadavil reflects and comments on the readings at Mass for Palm Sunday in ordinary time. He says that it is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and Resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation.

The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and Resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus.

The liturgy also enables us to experience vicariously, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying to sin and selfishness and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. No wonder Greek Orthodox Christians greet each other with the words, "*Kali Anastasi*" (Good Resurrection), not on Easter Sunday but on Good Friday. They anticipate the Resurrection. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies.

In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus, we shall be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ's passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

The Palm/Passion Sunday liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem and the drama of his unjust trial and suffering, culminating in his crucifixion and death.



Helpers Needed for Easter Ceremonies

The Nowra Community Group are seeking names of people willing to fill any of the roles for Easter Liturgies at Nowra. Please see the Attendance Monitor to add your name to the sign-up sheet available this weekend at Mass.

Holy Week and Easter

April 1st Holy Thursday



Nowra	7:00pm
Berry	7:00pm
Vincentia	6:00pm (limited seating available)

April 2nd Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

Nowra	10:00am
Berry	10:00am
Bomaderry	8:30am
Vincentia	9:00am & 10:30am
Kangaroo Valley	10:00am

Good Friday Lord's Passion



Nowra	3:00 pm	
Berry	3:00pm	
Culburra	3:00pm	
Vincentia	3:00pm	(full – no seats available)

April 3rd Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil



Nowra	6:00pm
Berry	7:00pm
Culburra	6:00pm
Vincentia	7:00pm (limited seating available)

April 4th Easter Sunday



Nowra	8:00 am 9:30am & 5:00pm
Berry	8:00am
Bomaderry	9:30am
Culburra	8:00am (Mass) & 9:30am (Communion Service)
Vincentia	8:00am & 9:30am
Kangaroo Valley	11:00am

Check in with the SERVICE NSW QR CODE

Nowra, Culburra, Berry and Bomaderry – **are now using the Service NSW QR check in (the Service NSW QR remembers your details) or signing in at the door.**

For Mass at Kangaroo Valley, please email ronankangaroo1@gmail.com

For Mass at Vincentia - call **0435 862 156** or email holyspiritvincentia@gmail.com

A memorial Mass for *Deirdre Sedman* will be held on **7 April** at 10.30am at Holy Spirit, Vincentia. Deirdre was the organist for 17 years at Holy Spirit Church. If you would like to attend the Memorial Mass, please email phone 0435 862 156 or email holyspiritvincentia@gmail.com



PROJECT COMPASSION – Sixth Sunday of Lent

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home. You can donate through Parish boxes, envelopes, phoning 1800 024 413 or online <https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate>

Weekend Masses

Nowra	Saturday	5:00pm
	Sunday	8:00am
		9:30am
		5:00pm

Culburra	Saturday	5:00pm
Bomaderry	Sunday	9:30am
K'Valley	Sunday	11:00am
Berry	Sunday	8:00am

Vincentia	Saturday	6:00pm
	Sunday	9:30am
Croatian Mass	Saturday	7:00pm
	1 st Saturday of the month	

Weekday Masses

Nowra	Monday to Friday	8:00am
	Wednesday	5:30pm
	Friday	11:30am

Berry	Tuesday –	5:30pm
Culburra	Thursday –	5:30pm
Bomaderry	Friday –	5:30pm

K' Valley	Tuesday to Thursday	9:00am
Vincentia	Mon, Thurs & Friday	8:00am
	Tue & Wed	5:30pm

Reconciliation/Confessions

Nowra Saturday: 9:30 – 10:30

Berry Tuesday following 5:30 Mass

Bomaderry Friday following 5:30 Mass

Culburra

Saturday before 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Vincentia

Saturday: 5:00pm



ST JOHN'S YEAR 7 2022 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!

Year 7 2022 Enrolment Applications close on Monday

29 March 2021. Contact St John's on 4423 1666 or

download an enrolment package

www.sjedow.catholic.edu.au



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We prayerfully remember the recently deceased **Peter Delaney**, faithful parishioner and dedicated long-time member of SVdeP, **Erwin Seidl**, **Peter Pickett** and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: **Dulcie Kiley**, **Paul Smith** and **Ernest Barker**. We also pray for all who have died from

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

* Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

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A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Is 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 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.)**

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.

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

Gospel - The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mk 15:1-39

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the 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, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' 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 crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' 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. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' 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 in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' 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, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' 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, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' 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 had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Mt 26:42

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