

**THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 12:12-16**

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel!' And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written, 'Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

**FIRST READING**

**A reading from the prophet 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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R/ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**SECOND READING**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 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**

**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**



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**PALM SUNDAY – Year B  
27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**



Every year on this Sunday the story of Jesus' betrayal, passion and death is told at length. The reading is taken in turn from one of the synoptic gospels – Matthew, Mark or Luke because we always read John's account on Good Friday. This year we read from Mark. No two versions of the passion narrative are the same. They have much in common but differ in the detail. It is helpful to think of each evangelist as an artist painting a portrait. Portrait painters are creative artists that are not satisfied with presenting a surface likeness; they seek to uncover a deeper truth. What they produce will appear very different, even if the subject is the same. For all the brevity of Mark's gospel, his passion narrative is just as long as that of the other evangelists. Thus it looms larger in the overall work. In his introduction to the gospels scripture scholar Frank Moloney points out that "Mark tells the passion and death of Jesus in two coherent sequences: Jesus, the disciples and the Jewish leaders and the Roman trail, crucifixion, death and burial.

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#### MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT

##### SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:

Please book in via : <https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>

Saturday [St Agnes Church] 6:00 pm

Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

##### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am

Tuesday [OLA Church] 6.00 pm

Wednesday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

Thursday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

Friday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am

Saturday [OLA Church] 9.00 am

The following remain suspended

**COMMUNION SERVICES – OLA / St Agnes:**

Monday 9.15 am / 9.00 am

#### RECONCILIATION:

Please refer to the Holy Week Timetable

**BAPTISMS:** limitations on the No. of attendees apply  
Please direct all enquiries for the Sacrament of Baptism to the Office: 9583 6161

**WEDDINGS:** limitations on the No. of attendees apply  
By appointment, 6 months' notice required.  
Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

#### PALM SUNDAY - YEAR B 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

##### PRAYING FOR:

Noel Byrne (Ireland),

...and all who died recently.

##### We also remember:

Celia Moran, Patrick Moran, Cora Robinson  
Frank Patterson, Mary Haggarty,  
Ana Hitscheld, Charlie Giarrusso,  
Doris Zahra, Fr John McGannon,  
Rosemarie Crozier, Franjo Fajic  
Fr Peter Robinson OAM PE, Sergio Mejia,  
Connie Abello, Chan Lim,  
....and all whose anniversaries occur about  
this time.

*We also keep in our prayers all who are  
sick.*

**Readings for this liturgical year from  
Advent 2020 to Christ the King 2021 are  
taken from Year B in the Lectionary cycle**

Should you wish to view the Scripture  
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian  
Liturgical Calendar) please visit:

<https://www.universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/>

**VOLUNTEERS:** Please make sure that your  
WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are  
current, that is, have not expired, and copies made  
available to the Parish Office.

**UPDATED COVID RESTRICTIONS:** Stage  
Four restrictions now apply. General Guidelines  
from the Archdiocese (Update #25: 18<sup>th</sup> January  
2021) are available online at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19>

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP:** Thank you to all  
parishioners who continue to support both the  
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through  
your generous contributions. Both OLA & St  
Agnes are now registered for online contributions.  
The **CDF Pay** link for **OLA, Cheltenham** is:  
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayCheltenham>  
The **CDF Pay** link for **St Agnes, Highett** is:  
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayHighett>

**Please note: There will be no 6pm  
Mass on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March due to  
the 'Mass of the Oils' at St Patrick's  
Cathedral.**



**PALM SUNDAY** (28<sup>th</sup> March) rallies and vigils will once again be taking place across Australia calling for justice for refugees. For those of us in Victoria, the annual Walk for Justice for Refugees Palm Sunday 2021 event will take place at the State Library of Victoria from 2pm-4pm. Members of Jesuit Social Services staff, including those involved in the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA), will be attending on the day, and they hope to see you there! They will be meeting at 377 Russell St (just outside the Old Melbourne Gaol) at 1.45 pm, and then make the short walk from there to the State Library. The event will be COVID-safe – please wear a mask, and register with the QR codes that will be provided by organisers on the day.

#### SCHOOL NEWS

**ST AGNES' PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL - OPEN DAYS 2021** (in line with Covid-safe Protocols): Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> April. Come along anytime from 9am on these days for a guided school tour, with the school principal, Mr Lachlan Foott. If you are unable to make one of these Open Days, please contact the school office to make alternate arrangements.

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL - TOUR DATES:** Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> April 9.15am, Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> April 9.15am. Applications close for Prep 2022 on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns. Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality. This year, we have shared stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few amongst the millions who have been helped through Project Compassion. As we celebrate this Australian icon, we would like to thank generations of supporters for their generosity, which allows Caritas to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

Visit: [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413

There is a man who was sent to earth by his father, was raised in humble circumstances and since he was not of this world dwelt among men an outsider.... But his was a special destiny.... By dedicating his unique gifts to the service of truth and justice he stood for the oppressed, the meek, the afflicted, the powerless.... for all of humanity....  
This is not Him.

