



Christ the King Church

ST MEL'S PARISH

"BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD..."

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St Mel's Parish is a Child Safe community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Palm (Passion) Sunday - Cycle C

Sunday 10 April 2022

Readings for
this week:



Luke 19:28-40 (Entrance)
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

Readings for
next Sunday:



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



Liturgical Jottings

Pastoral notes on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem may take one of three forms:

1. The procession beginning with the blessing of palms at a second church or another site; it may be held only once at a principal Mass.
2. The solemn entrance beginning with the blessing of palms in front of the church door or in the vestibule; it may be repeated at well-attended Masses.
3. The simple entrance of priest and ministers without the blessing of palms, held when there is no procession or solemn entrance.

The Passion may be read in three parts by deacons, priests or lay people; the priest or deacon takes the part of Christ. It is proclaimed without candles, incense, greeting, signs of the cross or final acclamation. The homily follows. 2022 Ordo p. 62

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Looking at the Readings

The authors of fictional books create main characters for whom the readers have empathy, admiration or inspiration. The Gospel according to Luke poses that challenge for the readers. In the introduction, which we read at the beginning of this year, Luke professes to give us an ordered account of the life and events of Jesus. The Gospel is a ordered teaching in spiritual life that draws us to Jesus and we follow his journey from birth to death and resurrection. The Passion narrative today, more than ever invites, us to have such empathy and inspiration. The other characters in Luke's account are malefactors and deriders with Judas the betrayer and Peter the denier. The apostles depart at this arrest, Mary and John are not named, though his Galilean friends stood at a distance (23:49). Luke invites the listeners to accompany Christ to the cross.

Luke's passion account have some unique instances: the intense agony in the Garden, Jesus questions Judas, Herod questions Jesus, Jesus meets the Daughters of Jerusalem, Jesus forgives his executioners and the promise to the Good Thief that he will be with him in paradise.

The readings that accompany the passion are the same each year. The third song of the suffering servant of Isaiah: a teaching that shocks the hearers but speaks of perseverance and faithfulness. The second reading is another hymn reminiscent of the first reading but very Christological and expresses Christ's humility, humanity, servant-hood, obedience and final victory and sovereignty.

Lent and Sacramental Reconciliation

Lent is a time given to Christian communities and to every believer to readjust their lives, to be converted. Conversion is the centre of the whole liturgy of this season. Participation in the sacrament of reconciliation is part of the dynamics of a movement of conversion. Gradually we become conscious of the necessity to concretise this conversion by acts and give ourselves a sign that expresses it. The scriptures of the Lenten liturgies exhort us to produce worthy fruits of penance. (*The Days of the Lord Vol 2, pp232ff*)

A Prayer for Holy Week

Ever-living God, grant that we may heed Christ, your Son, lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. (*cf the Collect of Passion Sunday*)

On the Lighter Side

Since Light travels faster than Sound, people may appear bright until they speak."



St Mel's Parish Is...

"A welcoming and caring community that helps all people grow stronger in our Catholic Faith."

REFLECTION FROM FR PETER

HOLY WEEK A WEEK OF WEEKS !!! We see this week in our Christian life and living taking us into the final days and hours of Jesus' and his ministry climaxing of his entry into Jerusalem (PALM / PASSION SUNDAY), Jesus' commissioning his disciples of "doing in his memory," with a washing moment, and the institution of the Eucharist, and the watch (HOLY THURSDAY) then the Way of the Cross and the celebration of the Lord's Passion on (GOOD- FRIDAY) then we take a long pause as we anticipate the EASTER VIGIL and EASTER SUNDAY MASS.

There is a degree of solemnity about the Holy Week liturgies more so as these bring a 'high point' of activity calling for our participation and involvement. I fully recognize for many this is a last opportunity of getting a break before the cooler weather arrives. So if you are going to be away take some moments to bring your attention to have some time for reflection especially on Good Friday afternoon at 3pm.

Tuesday evening at 7pm we have our PARISH / COMMUNAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION . In recent years this has become a more comforting rite of prayer to bring oneself into a deeper understanding of forgiveness and peace.

If you haven't experienced this way of the sacrament I encourage you to avail yourself by coming along!!!

I encourage you to see Holy Week as one bringing a truer meaning to our lives and through sharing in the liturgies offered at St. Mel's.

ST ANNE'S COLLEGE OPENING MASS...

On Thursday 24th March, we welcomed the staff and students from St Anne's College to our Parish Church to celebrate the College's Opening Mass. It was a wonderful gathering, incorporating their Harmony Day celebrations. This was the first time many of the students had made the journey to the Church, as the past two years have been hindered by restrictions. We thank you all for your presence and participation and congratulate you on the successful organisation of such a large event. We look forward to having you all back again in the near future.



Administration Officer Position Available

**St Mel's Catholic Church Parish
18 Hamilton Street
Shepparton 3630**

The candidate must be computer literate, good communication skills, with Accounting experience and a knowledge of the Catholic Church, it's Community and of a Faith Background.
Will require a relevant qualification and 2-3 years experience.
Available 4 days a week (Tuesday – Friday)

Email: sheppartonsouth@cdos.org.au

In line with current State COVID-19 requirements.

Applications close on Monday 25th April 2022

REMINDER... The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 12th April... as both Ainsley and Mel will be with me at the Chrism Mass.
Fr Peter



HOLY WEEK ... at St Mel's Christ the King Church 2022

PALM SUNDAY ... 10TH April ... your most welcome to bring your own, palms will still be provided. Gather outside the Church for blessing of palms. **9:30am** and **5pm** Mass.

CHRISM MASS ... Tuesday 12TH April... referred as the blessing of the oils (sick, baptism, and chrism) **11am** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.

PARISH RITE of RECONCILIATION... Tuesday 12TH April at **7pm** in the Church.

HOLY THURSDAY ... 14TH April... Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7pm** with the watch until **9:30pm** which concludes with night prayer of the Church.
All ministers of the Eucharist are invited to come and renew your commitment to this ministry. During the Mass all will be invited to have their hands washed.

GOOD FRIDAY ... 15th April ... 9am Prayer of the Church, followed by the stations of the cross at **9:30am**.
At **3pm** the celebration of the Lord's Passion.

The Cross which will be used for veneration is to be only bowed at the foot of the cross, NOT to be touched or kissed. Thank you.

A collection will be taken as you leave the Church for the Holy place in Jerusalem.

HOLY SATURDAY ... 16TH April ... 9am Prayer of the Church with the EASTER VIGIL commencing at **7pm** with the lighting of the Easter Fire and presentation of the CANDLE outside the church.

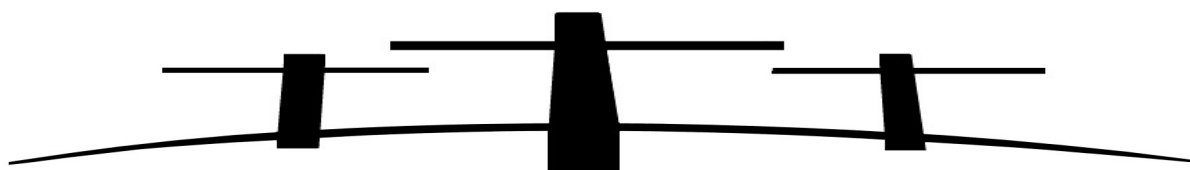
EASTER SUNDAY ... 17TH April ... ONLY ONE MASS AT 9:30am !!! There is NO 5PM Mass this day !!!

FOR HOLY THURSDAY EVENING MASS ... I require about six reasonable size pots of greenery for the evening Mass on Holy Thursday. Could you let me know if you can provided these. The pots will need to be taken away after the Mass. Thankyou.
Fr Peter

HOLY WEEK ROSTER... Thank you to all those who have volunteered for the various roles throughout holy week. An email has been sent to those who put their name down. If you did not receive this, please contact the office.

LENT 2022 PARISH SPEAKERS... We extend our thanks to all who have given their time over the past few weeks to speak on a Thursday evening, Mel Domaschensz, Mick Hanlon, Cathie Barbetti, Xavier Tanner and Dom Poppa.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR THE EASTER CEREMONIES... will be held this Wednesday, 13th of April, at 7pm in St Mel's church. Singers who can participate in any of the ceremonies - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday morning - are welcome.



TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES... The Parish would like to acknowledge the efforts of our two schools within our community, St Mel's Primary and St Anne's College, for navigating through a full school term, the first in two years. Enjoy the school holiday break and we wish you well for the return to school on Tuesday 26th April.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 17th APRIL 2022

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm - This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

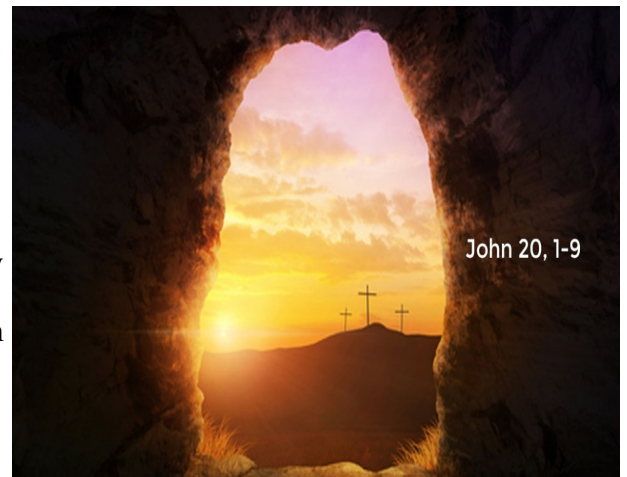
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord



Weekday Masses this coming week

11th April to 17th April 2022

Holy Week

Monday 11th April - No Mass

Tuesday 12th April - Rite of Reconciliation 7pm

Wednesday 13th April - 9:15am

Thursday 14th April - No morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Friday 15th April - 9am Prayer of the Church

9:30am Stations of the Cross

3pm Lord's Pasion

Saturday 16th April - 9am Prayer of the Church

7pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 17th April - 9:30am only

READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER

Sunday 17th April 2022

9:30am - Sev Cortese (Commentator) Nora McCarthy (L1)
Denis Muto (L2)

9:30am - Special Ministers: Gita Kelleher & Sev Cortese

5:00pm - No Mass



Recently Deceased: Anna Cutrali, Isidoro Patane, Trish McCallum, Terry Brasher

Anniversaries: Kevin Benson, Leo Walsh.