

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Isaiah 50: 4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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.

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.

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.

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.

SECOND READING – Philippians 2: 6-11

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

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.

■ The word of the Lord

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 27: 11-54

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At about that time, Jesus, then was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it'. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him'.

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said, 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?

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ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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4th & 5th April 2020

PARISH CENTRE
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TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS
from 30th March to 10th April 2020
Monday - closed
Tuesday to Friday (10.30am – 3:00pm)

PARISH PRIEST : Rev. Fr. Desmond Moloney
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Parish Website

<https://stkevins.org.au/>

‘Support us’ page
<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

YouTube Channel

<https://youtu.be/k-gBOvfy-I0>
(st kevins parish hampton park)

The Stations of the Cross (also on YouTube)

You can now follow us on Facebook too!



NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

Effective from the 19th of March 2020, public Masses cannot be celebrated, until further notice. Please keep updated via the Parish website: <https://stkevins.org.au/>

What is a spiritual communion and how do I make one?

Catholics have long been encouraged to partake in the practice of making a “spiritual communion” if they are unable to receive the Eucharist for a particular reason (for instance - being homebound). Simply put, it is coming before God in prayer – expressing our deep desire to be united to Him despite the fact that we are unable to be united to Him in receiving Eucharist.

This spiritual communion can be made in various ways. One common way of doing so involves spending a dedicated time of prayer and reflection on the Mass readings.

The daily Mass readings can be viewed online (<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Daily-Readings>).

Another popular way is reciting the prayer written by St. Alphonsus Liguori below.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Contact details

Please send us your email address to:

HamptonPark@cam.org.au in order for us to be able to send you any important messages. Thank you to those who have already done so.

There is no need to travel to Rome or Jerusalem to search for Him: but turn your thoughts into your own soul where He is hidden, and seek Him there.

Walter Hilton: *The Ladder of Perfection*

ALL ROSTERS SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

LAST WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Direct debits are welcome

Please refer to the website
<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

For the sick:

Jean White (4)

Michael Guinan

Rosemary Rayner-Laver

*For those whose anniversaries
occur at this time:*

Florence Fernando

Catharine Pereira

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Privacy legislation requires the **written permission of an authorized person** before any name can be printed. Any list of the sick in the parish bulletin will undergo renewal according to a four week cycle. After four weeks a person's name on the sick list will be removed. However, once again, on the basis of written permission of an authorized person the name can be re-added to the list.

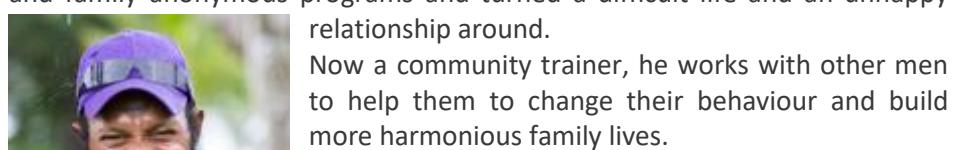
Prayer

Lord Jesus, you came into the world to heal our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. You went about healing all and bringing comfort to those in pain and need. Before you now in this time of illness, fear and anxiety, we ask that you may be the source of our strength in body, courage in spirit and patience.



PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

Dominic, 47 is a father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with Caritas Australia's partner, Centre of Hope, who runs safe house and family anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an unhappy relationship around.



Now a community trainer, he works with other men to help them to change their behaviour and build more harmonious family lives.

Domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse and limited employment opportunities mean that many in PNG struggle to meet their basic family needs. Forty percent of its population lives below the poverty line.

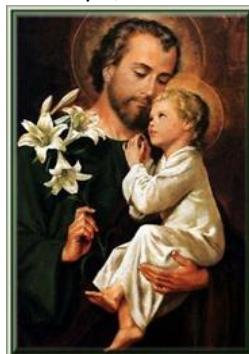
In 2016, Caritas Australia and its PNG partner, Centre of Hope, invited Dominic to join its Safe House program. It provides Gender-Based-Violence prevention training, counselling services and safe accommodation for women and children survivors of violence. It also provides support for income-generating projects and life skills for young people.

"After entering the Caritas program, I have actually changed some of my bad attitudes. It has really opened my mind and heart to see where my weaknesses are and I'm trying to improve," Dominic says.

Please help support the Safe House project and help bring greater harmony to families in Papua New Guinea. A brighter future for men, women and their families can start today. Let's Go Further, Together.

A Prayer to St Joseph, the Great Protector

St Joseph, You were receptive to God working in your life.



Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

*You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:
may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to
those in need.*

*You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers:
help us to follow his example of love.*

*You were part of God's plan for all humanity:
assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.*

*You spent your life in service:
may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly
and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.*

*You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation:
help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, Thy will be done. Amen.*

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne is available daily. The 1 pm Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) and is then available as a recording on-demand until one hour prior to the next Mass. Sunday Mass is available with the 11 am Mass live streamed and it is also available as a recording on-demand.

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Pope Francis' daily Mass

Pope Francis' daily Masses are now available online through the Vatican's website and YouTube channel. They are expected to continue to be available throughout the upcoming weeks. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html>

Mass for You at Home

Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day. <http://www.mfyah.com/video.html> or <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

Let's reflect...

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." (Matthew 27:32)

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Prayer for employment

You govern your creation, o God, and bring it to perfection by the work of our hands. Hear the prayers of your people who ask for work that will enhance their dignity and promote the upbuilding of your kingdom. Enable them to provide for those confided to their care either by family ties or charity we owe to one another for the betterment of human life. We ask this blessing in the name of Jesus who laboured with his own hands while he live on earth. Amen.



St. Kevin's Parish Catechism Program

All classes will be cancelled from Wednesday March 25 until further notice. If you have not already done so could you please send your email address to: mary.doherty@optusnet.com.au

Thank you. *Mary Doherty*

(Gospel continued)

But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He puts his trust in God; now let God rescue him, if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God".' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah', and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'