

FIRST READING *Isaiah 50:4-7*

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Mio Dio, mio Dio, perche' mi hai abbandonato?

SECOND READING *Philippians 2:6-11*

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

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.

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CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'!

Se uno mi vuol seuire, mi segua, dice il Signore, e dove sono io, la' sara anche il mio servitore.

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'!

GOSPEL *Matthew 26:14-27:66*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1032.40
	- Loose Money.....	\$251.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$296.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 05/04/09

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Catena
 10.30am (SUN) – T Fitzsimmons & G Silvio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti
 U Strangis, M Sernia & J Broadbent

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 12/04/09

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan & B Nadenbousch
 9.00am (SUN) – C Monforte & A DiRico
 10.30am (SUN) - J Iaria & J Vincitorio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
 P Sparano, R Pino & P Leggiero
 M Mizzi, Sr Doreen & G Silvio

CHURCH CLEANERS

11/04/09 L Catena, A Sirianni & F Agugiaris

MONEY COUNTERS

06/04/09 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio, & J Galea
 13/04/09 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett, C McMahon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Susanne SPITERI (MIFSUD), Antonio MASCARO, Lina CALVITTO, Ricardo BARTOLANI

ANNIVERSARIES

Gina DI DONATO, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA
 Gina & Giovanni FRA, Claudio VALMORBIDA, Gennaro, Teresa & Francesco FALVO, Teresa PIRAINA
 Rocco FERRARO, Nicola GIAMPIETRO, Salvatore, Rosanna, Angelina & Maria GRANDE
 Felice, Antonio & Maria CARUSO, Severio NICOLAZZO, Michelina PIETRANTONIO,
 Carmela & Santo RENNA, Damiano IAPOZZUTO, Francesco PINTIMALLI, Anthony RAJGAR. Cont...

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Sat 6.00pm - English
 Sun. 9.00am - Italian
 Sun. 10.30am - English

Fr Emmanuel Bonello–Parish Priest

Sr Doreen Bentley-Pastoral Associate
 Mr Peter Chowne -School Principal
 Mrs Liz Pistoni – Parish Secretary

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon. 9.10am Comm. Service
 Tue. 10.00am Italian
 Wed. 9.10am - English
 Thur. 9.10am - English
 Fri. 9.10am - English
 Sat. 8.30am - English

Maltese Mass

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

Passion (Palm) Sunday, Year B

5 April, 2009

One with us

Christians gather in Holy Week to hear the story of the suffering and death of Christ, the living symbol of all victims of human history. True, next Sunday we celebrate his victory over death in the resurrection. Yet, for the next seven days, our gaze is on the suffering and crucified One, the truly innocent victim.

Jesus is neither the first nor last victim of human cruelty. In reality, our world is one in which gulags, death camps, terrorism and other forms of wanton violence destroy people's lives. It often seems we live under the 'reign of evil' rather than the 'reign of God'. This is precisely why the Church asks us to look evil in the eye by focusing on the violence and death of the sinless One.

The story of Jesus' passion is foreshadowed in the abused figures of the 'suffering servant' (Isaiah) and the 'righteous sufferer' (Psalm). As a faithful Jew, Jesus was aware of this tradition. He chooses the first words of today's psalm – "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" -to be the final, terrible words he utters from the cross. This tragic scenario of victimhood is voiced by Gloucester in Shakespeare's *King Lear*: "As flies to wanton boys are we to the gods; they kill us for their sport".

At first sight, this may appear to be the message of today's readings: even the Son of God is defeated by evil forces. There are three parts in Mark's passion story. In the first, Jesus continues the initiative of his public ministry by preparing his disciples for what is to come; commending the woman who anoints him; warning of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denials; and declaring his blood will be "poured out for many". The second part begins with Jesus' struggle in the garden of Gethsemane. Like the 'suffering servant' he is almost silent in the face of his false accusers. Seeking comfort from the disciples, he finds them asleep. Then, following Pilate's lack of nerve, Jesus is cynically exchanged for Barabbas and sent to death reserved for rebels and slaves.

In the third part, Jesus' victory over his enemies comes to light with the tearing of the temple veil and the pagan centurion's declaration of Jesus as "Son of God". This was anticipated by the 'suffering servant' who trusted the Lord would come to his help. Clearly, Jesus' passion story is not yet finished. St Irenaeus says "only what is assumed is redeemed". Without God being one with us in Christ Jesus, we could not hope to become one with God. Paul in his letter to the Philippians shows the depths of Christ's identification with humanity through his humble acceptance of suffering and violent death. But God raised him on high. God alone is the answer to human suffering and victimhood. Christ's disciples come to know this by laying their own lives on the line, knowing death itself cannot defeat us.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Jack Perta** child of Dino and Michelle, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome him into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on Monday 6 April at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral for Riccardo Bartolani will be celebrated on Tuesday 7 April 2009 at 1.30pm.

The Rosary will be recited on Monday 6 April at 7.00pm.

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 7 Aprile ore 9.00am Confessioni individuali.

Ore 10.00am Santa Messa.

Ore 11.00am Pranzo con i simboli della Pasqua.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Tuesday 7 April 7.30pm – Corrado Latino (1yr)

Wednesday 8 April 7.30pm – Salvatore Pennisi (1 yr)

CHRISM MASS

Tuesday 7 April, Chrism Mass (Mass of the Holy Oils) at St. Patrick's Cathedral, celebrated by the Archbishop and the priests of Melbourne. Everyone is welcome to attend.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely very much on assistance from the Good Friday collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

EASTER DAWN

This year's Easter celebration on 12 April 2009, will be an **EASTER DAWN** starting at **5.30am**

This means that on **HOLY SATURDAY** evening 11 April 2009. **There will be NO MASS celebrated.**

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please return Project Compassion boxes to the parish as soon as possible. Remember to fill-in-your details on the flap in order to receive a tax deductible receipt.

THANKSGIVING

A sincere thank you, to all those parishioners who kindly distributed the Thanksgiving envelopes last week.

ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS

An invitation to parishioners of St Joseph the Worker, to participate in the Ecumenical Way of the Cross on Good Friday through the streets of Reservoir Central.

The Way of the Cross starts outside St Gabriel's Church at 11.00am and concludes outside St George's Anglican Church at approx. 12.15pm

Since 1982, Members of the Reservoir Christian Churches have walked the Way of the Cross together on Good Friday.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

TODAY SUNDAY 5th APRIL PALM SUNDAY

Blessing of Palms or other branches during each Mass

THURSDAY 9th APRIL HOLY THURSDAY

7.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY 10th APRIL GOOD FRIDAY

3.00pm - Good Friday Ceremonies - Celebrator of the Lord's Passion

7.30pm - Via Crucis (Station of the Cross) in Italian

SUNDAY 12th APRIL EASTER SUNDAY

5.30am Easter Dawn Celebration of Mass

9.00am Mass in Italian

10.30am Mass in English

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS/CONFESSIONI INDIVIDUALI

Saturday 4th April – 10.30am,

Tuesday 7th April – 9.00am,

Wednesday 8th April – 10.00am

Thursday 9th April – 10.00am & 6.30pm

Friday 10th April – 10.00am & 2.00pm

Saturday 11th April 10.00am

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday 19 April at St. Francis of Assisi Church 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park.

Programme:

1.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Confessions, Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction

3.00pm Holy Mass including healing prayer and blessing of the Divine Mercy Image.

Main celebrant, Fr. Brendan Lane.

Anniversaries Cont...

Joseph BONELLO, Giorgio BENETTI, Maria & Antonia DASILVIA, Josefina MOREIRA, Manuela MARIO, Franco, Maria-Michela, Nicola & Antonio SOCCIO, Angela DICARLA, Lucia PARADISO, Vincenzo & Francesca ALAMPI, Pasqua PORCU' Paolo NASELLI, Domenico FERRARO, Salvatore & Giovanna FERRARO, Salvatore GIARUSSO, Mario, Tonino, Alessandro & Carmela PANNUNZIO, Rocco, Francesco & Filomena LONGO, Antonio CICHELO, Sabatino RIDOLFI, FARRUGIA GAY FAMILY, Emmanuel, Polly, John, Tony FARRUGIA GAY, Stephen, Carmel & Lucy BORG, Pasquale TIMPANO, Maria-Grazia MURDICA, Francesco SANTOPIETRO, Domenico MAMMONE, Pasquale CAMPISI, Giuseppina TIMPANO