



# THE SAVING WORD

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / B

24 MARCH 2024

## FIRST READING

Isa 50: 4-7

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

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

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.

## RESP 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.**

## SECOND READING

Phil 2: 6-11

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

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

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

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

Mk 15: 1-39

(N. Narrator J. Jesus

O. Other single speaker

C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and 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,

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

J. It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. 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,

- Q. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?
- N. 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. Then Pilate spoke again,
- Q. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?
- N. They shouted back,
- C. **Crucify him!**
- N. Pilate asked them,
- Q. Why? What harm has he done?
- N. But they shouted all the louder,
- C. **Crucify him!**
- N. 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 up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,
- C. **Hail, king of the Jews!**
- N. 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 passerby, 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,

- C. **Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!**
- N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,
- C. **He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of**

**Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.**

- N. 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,

- I. Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?
- N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,
- C. **Listen, he is calling on Elijah.**
- N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying,
- Q. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.
- N. 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,

- Q. In truth this man was a son of God.

*The longer form of this passion narrative may be read:*

*Mk 14:1-15:47*

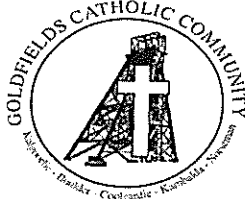
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24 March 2024



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## Mass Times

### Regular Weekday Masses

(Please see opposite page for any changes)

Monday 9:30am (Southern Cross Nursing Home)  
Tuesday 6:45am  
Wednesday 6:45am  
Thursday 6:45am  
Friday 6:45am  
Saturday 9:30am

### Weekend Masses

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|----------------------------|---------|------------|
| Saturday                   | 4.00pm  | Coolgardie |
| Saturday                   | 6:30pm  | Kalgoorlie |
| Sunday                     | 8:00am  | Boulder    |
| Sunday                     | 9.00am  | Kambalda   |
| Sunday                     | 10:00am | Kalgoorlie |
| Sunday                     | 5:30pm  | Boulder    |
| 2nd & Last Sunday of Month | 12:30pm | Norseman   |

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays 5:30pm Holy Hour including Rosary, Adoration and Benediction

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays during the Novena and on Saturdays 11.30 to 12 noon. Also, upon request.

### Choir Practice

Tuesdays at **5pm** at St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie. **New Members Welcome**

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## **Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord—Darkness at Noon**

Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the Cross, where He dies as "King of the Jews." Notice how many times He is called "king" in today's Gospel—mostly in scorn and mockery. As we hear the long accounts of His Passion, at every turn we must remind ourselves—He suffered this cruel and unusual violence for us.

He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today's First Reading. He re-enacts the agony described in today's Psalm, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips. Listen carefully for the echoes of this Psalm throughout the Gospel—as Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced; as His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God's love, His faith that God will deliver Him.

He was God and yet humbled Himself to come among us, we're reminded in today's Second Reading. His enemies never understood: His kingship isn't of this world. He wants to write His law, His rule of life on our hearts and minds. As we enter Holy Week, let's once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives, take up our cross—and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength that truly He is the Son of God.

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## **EASTER MASS TIMES 2024**

### **Holy Thursday 28th March 6pm Mass**

St Mary's, Kalgoorlie

St John Vianney, Kambalda

All Night Adoration available at Kalgoorlie

### **Good Friday 29th March**

#### **Stations of the Cross 10am**

St Mary's, Kalgoorlie

St John Vianney, Kambalda

#### **Solemn Commemoration 3pm**

St Mary's, Kalgoorlie

St John Vianney, Kambalda

St Mary's, Coolgardie

### **Saturday 30th March Easter Vigil Mass**

St Mary's, Kalgoorlie 6.30pm

St John Vianney, 6pm (No Easter Sunday Mass)

### **Easter Sunday Mass 31st March**

St Mary's, Kalgoorlie 10.00am

All Hallow's, Boulder 8.00am & 5.30pm

St Mary's, Coolgardie 9.00am

St Joseph's, Norseman 12.30pm

## **HOLY SATURDAY MATINS AND LAUDS**

**SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 9:30AM**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, KALGOORLIE**

On Holy Saturday morning, there will be the opportunity to pray the ancient Office of Tenebrae: a beautiful and moving candlelight service of psalms and readings during which candles are extinguished gradually reminding of the darkness of the Passion, while awaiting the light of Easter.

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

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

## **GOOD FRIDAY FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

Fasting (having no more than one main meal and two smaller meals) is observed on Good Friday by Catholics who have completed their eighteenth year until the beginning of their sixtieth year.

Abstinence (not eating any meat, except seafood) is also observed on Good Friday by those who have completed their fourteenth year.

## **GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL APPEAL** **FOR THE HOLY LAND**

Every year on Good Friday, there is a special collection taken up in Catholic Churches all around the world to help the Church in the Holy Land for the upkeep of over 70 churches and shrines connected with the life of Jesus in Israel and Palestine and also parishes and welfare services in those areas.

During the Good Friday Service, there will be only one collection and it goes towards this appeal. Please be as generous as you can.

## **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND FEASTDAY**

**GOOD FRIDAY TO SATURDAY 6TH APRIL**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, KALGOORLIE**

In the lead up to the Feast Day, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena Prayers will be said following the Good Friday Solemn Commemoration, Easter Vigil Mass and every morning Mass until Saturday 6th April.

**FEASTDAY HOLY HOUR—SUN 7 APRIL 2.30PM**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, KALGOORLIE**

The Feast Day of Divine Mercy is the Sunday after Easter Sunday and there will be a special Holy Hour on **Sunday 7th April 2:30—3:30pm** which includes Adoration, Benediction, Divine Mercy prayers and Confessions.