

Readings at Mass  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO  
JERUSALEM

**Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11 (Year A)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"*

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'. The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee'.

**First Reading: Isaiah 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.

**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

*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.

**Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 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!

**SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME** (click below)

Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year A](#)  
([weebly.com](#))

Children: [April 2 - PALM SUNDAY](#)  
([ceenprayingwiththechildren.org](#))

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## Palm Sunday of the Passioof the Lord, Year A

2nd April, 2023

### Worship Timetable—Moonee Ponds

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**  
Tuesday - Friday: **9.15 am**  
Saturday: **8.00 am**  
**8.30 am—Reconciliation**

### Worship Timetable—Strathmore

Saturday Vigil: **6.00 pm**  
Sunday: **9.30 am**  
Tuesday - Friday: **10.00 am**

### Parish Office Hours

**Moonee Ponds Parish Office:**  
Tue - Thu: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

**Strathmore Parish Office:**  
Fri: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm



## Project Compassion: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

**Thank you** for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**



We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

**MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 09 April 2022 — Easter Sunday

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>K Sherwood</b>	<b>M Galioto</b>	<b>R Farfalla</b>	<b>S Letcher</b>
10.30 am	<b>K Martin</b>	<b>J Martin</b>	<b>A Lim</b>	<b>J Trethowan</b>
5.30 pm	<b>No 5.30pm Mass</b>		-	-

**CHURCH LINEN**

April - Maria Ballato

**CHURCH VACCUMING**

**TEAM 1** - Thursday 6th April at 2.00pm

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

Rev Salavatore (Sam) Dimattina PE

**Anniversaries**

Bernadette & Leslie Bronkhurst

**The Sick & Seriously Ill**

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Parish who are sick and suffering serious illness, together with their families and loved ones who care for them.

**Project Compassion Boxes** • The best time to return your Project Compassion Box is during Holy Thursday Mass—there will be an opportunity to bring them forward during the Offertory Procession.

**Annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 7th April. 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, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality (as is the rest of the world) the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2022 Australian Catholics were extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land \$1.4 million [compared to \$1,126,098 (2021) \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

**Timetable for Holy Week**

<b>Sun 2nd Apr</b>	8.30am	Mass
	10.30am	Mass
	5.30pm	Mass
<b>Tue 4th Apr</b>	9.15am	Mass
	9.45am	Reconciliation
	7.30pm	Reconciliation (2nd Rite)
<b>Wed 5th Apr</b>	9.15am	Mass
	9.45am	Reconciliation
<b>Thu 6th Apr</b>	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	9.30pm	Night Prayer
<b>Fri 7th Apr</b>	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	Way of the Cross
	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
<b>Sat 8th Apr</b>	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Easter Vigil
<b>Sun 9th Apr</b>	8.30am	Mass
	10.30am	Mass
	<b>No 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday</b>	

**Young Couples and Family (YCF) Network** • Light lunch/coffee at Symon's centre/Queen's park/local cafe (pending weather) followed by focussed faith discussion. **Who:** New couples and families with children interested in growing faith together in their homes. **Next meeting: Sunday 28th May 11.30am-12.30pm** (after 10.30am mass) in front of St Monica's Church. Enquires/RSVP: Jerome and Kylie by email on [youngcouple.network@gmail.com](mailto:youngcouple.network@gmail.com)

**Parish Contact List** • If you have not already done so, please make sure you subscribe to the new Parish Contact List —simply send an email to [MooneePonds@cam.org.au](mailto:MooneePonds@cam.org.au) with the subject line **Parish Contact List**

**Voice to Parliament** • Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) have released their statement, **Relentlessly Pursuing Reconciliation**, in support of a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament as articulated by the **Uluru Statement from the Heart**. This year's national referendum on the constitution gives an opportunity for Australians to support the Statement from the Heart and to embrace the cries of our First Nations Peoples for a just future, a means of recognition and a way forward for healing and learning together. Read the full statement here <https://css.org.au/publications/relentlessly-pursuing-reconciliation/> or click on the QR Code:



**Moonee Valley Alpha for Young Adults** is launching at St Monica's Church (Symons Centre) on Sunday nights from the 23rd April 2023! So what is Alpha? Alpha is a series of small group conversations and videos, run over several weeks, that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment. It's a place to connect with people over dinner, where you can say anything you

like, or nothing at all. In a nutshell you can expect: delicious dinner + thought provoking videos + good conversation. Please register at <https://bit.ly/42BF1YM>



What do we do to deepen **communion**?

What do we do encourage **participation**?

What do we do to promote **mission**?

**Catholic Theological College: Biblical Lands Study Tour Journey with the Gospel According to Luke in the Holy Land** This tour is focused on the Gospel of Luke engaging the narrative in the contextual landscape:

1. experience being on a boat on the Sea of Galilee
2. walk through the Kidron Valley to the Pool of Siloam and see the steps up to the Temple
3. meditate in the Shepherd's field
4. ponder the site of the Visitation and the Nativity
5. engage the women who followed Jesus among the disciples
6. reflect on Mary Magdalene while staying at Magdala on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Prepare to be captivated and moved to joy or tears and enjoy new food and cultural experiences as we follow Luke in modern Israel and Palestinian Territories. Be immersed in an experience of a lifetime and come home changed. **PLUS:** You can take the opportunity to undertake a study unit through CTC (Catholic Theological College) in conjunction with this tour (conditions and additional cost apply). Journey with me and with Luke in 2023 along with our experienced guide, Gila Yudkin. See the Flyer attached for Itinerary and Costing. For further information or to obtain a booking form contact Dr Rosemary Canavan - [rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au](mailto:rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au)

**Stewardship Corner**

*"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.

Special Collections 2023	
12th February	Pastoral Care Appeal
Lent	Project Compassion
7th April	Good Friday - Holy Places
4th June	Propagation of the Faith
11th June	SVdP Winter Appeal
25th June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
13th August	CatholicCare
3rd September	Priests' Retirement Foundation
22nd October	World Mission Sunday
12th November	Catholic Deaf
10th December	Melbourne Overseas Mission