

**First Reading Is 50:4-7**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**

**Second Reading Phil 2:6-11**

**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.

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**Gospel Mt 27:11-54**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the 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?' 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 around him.

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A**



**Gospel Mt 27:11-54 Continuing**

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 put 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 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.'

## **DEAR FRIENDS,**

Today, on Palm Sunday, we commence Holy Week, the most important week in the Church's liturgical year. It seems strange that everyone will be participating in the principle feast of the year watching the ceremonies on TV or on the internet.



Holy Week starts with the entry into Jerusalem of Jesus of Nazareth. The crowds welcome Him with the words: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!" But, not everyone shares this enthusiasm. Some of the religious leaders want to put Jesus to death. Nevertheless, what is absolutely clear as we participate in the reading of the Passion story is Jesus' innocence.

The story of Jesus death is also a story about us. Do we accept Jesus as our Lord and God? Are we sorry for the sins we have committed? Fortunately, for believers, and people



of good will, Jesus' death on the cross reconciles those who put their trust in Him to God the Father. Through His death on the cross Jesus not only becomes the Redeemer of the world but also the Resurrection and the source of life for those who put their trust in Him.

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, present at the foot of the cross when Jesus died for all humanity, pray to Jesus for all Her children. *Fr. Guy*

## **A Special Prayer to Mary**

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites all people of goodwill to pray to God for those who are sick and suffering especially for those affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic. A special prayer to Mary is the Sub Tuum (Sub Tuum praesidium prayer). This short prayer to our Lady has been prayed by Christians in troubled times since the third century.

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our hour of need, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin Mary. Amen."



## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

There were some Thanksgiving Envelopes handed in (21/22 March & 28/29 March) because there are no public Masses celebrated at this time. Without weekly contributions, it would be impossible to meet our parish expenses. Together we could help keep our parish running smoothly. Parishioners are requested to donate \$10 or \$15 per family each month if they can afford it. The money may be placed in an envelope marked "parish upkeep" and placed in the letterbox at the Parish Office. It would be appreciated if this could be done by the 10th of each month. This arrangement will only continue as long as the Churches are closed. Or you may wish to pay your weekly offering via Electronic Funds Transfer or Direct Debit (contact the Parish Office on 62726363 for details). Thank you for your ongoing financial support in these challenging times for all. *Fr. Guy*



### **New Parish Email Address**

Please note that [Jbaptist56@bigpond.com.au](mailto:Jbaptist56@bigpond.com.au) email address will be no longer valid due to technical difficulties. Please update our email address to [Glenorchy@aohtas.org.au](mailto:Glenorchy@aohtas.org.au) to contact the parish office. Thank you!

### **FREE ONLINE RESOURCES**

#### **Parish Newsletter and other news:**

<http://cdtas.org.au/glenorchy/Home.aspx>

**Catholic Standard:** <https://en.calameo.com/read/002628780b6209afbbe2a>

#### **Archdiocese of Hobart | Sunday Masses live Streamed at St. Mary's Cathedral 10.30am each week or catch up online:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBzten6uVS-Ymf-7KVUEpQ>

**Healing Rosary:** Against covid19 live on Facebook Page of **Bridge-water- Brighton Catholic Parish**. We will pray for the souls of our dearly departed, the sick & dying, depressed & without hope, unemployed, alone & no one to help them, our church and government leaders, safety & good health of us all, esp. our parents & frontliners. Please join every night at 9.00pm.

**Pray at Home:** <https://www.catholic.org.au/prayathome>

**"Mass for you at Home" :** [Channel Ten \(TenPlay\)](#)

**Shalom World TV | God's Own Channel:** Download free App on your device to watch live daily holy masses, or all other programs. Website: <https://shalomworld.org/>

**Holy Mass (Daily):** <https://shalomworld.org/specialevent/daily-mass>  
**How to download, visit:**  
<https://shalomworld.org/watchon/connectedtv>

**Formed Catholic:** <https://formed.org/>  
(Sign in with your email address to access all the programs)

**Australian Catholic:** <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/>

**Cradio | Catholic Podcasts & Online Radio:** <https://cradio.org.au/>

**Ascension Press | Articles, Videos & Podcasts:**  
<https://ascensionpress.com/>

**Universalis | Mass Readings, Prayers:** <https://universalis.com/>

**St. Paul Center:** <https://stpaulcenter.com/>

**Word on Fire | Homilies, videos, articles etc:**  
<https://www.wordonfire.org/>

**FRG Ministries | Youth:** <https://www.frgministry.com/>

**Real Life Catholic | Videos, Audios, Blogs:**  
<https://reallifecatholic.com/>

**Need phone assistance? Call parish office on 62726363  
Theresa K.Dona**

### **EASTER CEREMONIES LIVE STREAMED** **ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL HOBART**

Tuesday of Holy Week, Chrism Mass	7.00pm
Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.00pm
Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord	3.00pm
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil	7.00pm
Easter Sunday, Mass of the Resurrections	10.30am



### **Parish Volunteers**

To meet legal requirements as a result of the Royal Commission on sexual abuse, all parishes must ensure all staff and applicable volunteers have required compliance checks in place, namely a current Police Check as well as Working with Vulnerable People Registration. We are compiling a list of the status of all these checks and you may find that we contact you to arrange to have these checks in place if you do not already have them. Please contact Sr. Pamela Davis at the parish office as soon as possible. *Fr. Guy*

### **Parish Priest Contact**

You may contact Fr. Guy directly via email [guy.riolo@aohtas.org.au](mailto:guy.riolo@aohtas.org.au) or on mobile phone 0408 953 094 between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm daily.

### **Parish Easter Raffle has been postponed**

The Easter Raffle was to be drawn on Palm Sunday. Due to Coronavirus, we have sadly postponed the Easter Raffle Draw to a later date. For any enquiries, please contact Kay Grainger on 0438 081 651. Thank you!

### **Weekly Collection (21/22 March & 28/29 March)**

Envelopes: \$445.00 | Loose Plate: \$ 0 | Direct Deposit: \$775.00  
TOTAL: \$1220.00 | Budget for two weeks: \$5000.00 | Difference: -\$3780.00

### **OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:**

Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Anne Hansch, Tom Carty, Judy Pigden, Ian Irvine, Robert Campbell and Mary Dowd.

### **Prayers for the Deceased**

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially Patrick Dowd, Silvana Paternoster, Peter Drake, Raelene Di Martino, Ken Young and Frank Hesman. Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.