

- C. Barabbas.**  
**N.** Pilate said to them:  
**O.** What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?  
**N.** They all said:

**C. Let him be crucified!**

- N.** Pilate asked:  
**O.** Why? What harm has he done?  
**N.** But they shouted all the louder,  
**C. Let him be crucified!**  
**N.** 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:

- O.** I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.  
**N.** And the people, to a man, shouted back:  
**C. His blood be on us and on our children!**

- N.** 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:

**C. Hail, king of the Jews!**

- N.** 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. 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:

- C. 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!**

- N.** The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

- C. He saved others; 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'.**

- N.** 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:

- J.** Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?  
**N.** That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

- C. The man is calling on Elijah,**

- N.** 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. The rest of them said:

- C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.**

- N.** But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

*All kneel and pause a moment.*

- N.** 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:

- C. In truth this was a son of God.**

*Longer form, Mt 26:14-27:66*

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# THE SAVING WORD

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD / A

05 APRIL 2020

**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.**

**RESPONSORIAL 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** Mt 27:11-54

**P. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

**(N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)**

**N.** Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this question:

- O.** Are you the king of the Jews?

- N.** Jesus replied:

- J.** It is you who say it.

- N.** But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

- O.** Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

- N.** 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,

- O.** Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

- N.** 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,

- O.** Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

- N.** 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:

- O.** Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

- N.** They said:

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## Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



**Weekend Masses:** Vigil Sat 5:30pm,

Sun 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon (Chinese) & 6:00pm

**Weekday Masses:** Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sat 5:00-5:20pm

**Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena:** Tue 7-7:30pm

**Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity:** Thurs 7:00pm

(Holy Family Chapel)

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2020



**Our Deceased:** John Davidson, Geoff Clarke, Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur, Felix Beins, Cecile Beins, Jan Brayan, Mary Duck, Ces Regan, Roy & Bessie Landon and deceased members of Landon, Pigott, Stewart families, John & Bonnie Bowdern, Leslie & Isobel Johnson, and deceased members of Bowdern, Johnson, Ellsmore & Tolley families, Mehseu Moujalli, Tony & Rose Isaac.

**Our Sick:** Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan and Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy & Nur Gouw and Henry Rheinberger

**Upcoming Feast Day:** Pope Saint Martin I, April 13

#### Parish News:

- **Please visit the parish website for updates, Mass recordings and other resources. Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies, and Easter Sunday Mass will be recorded and uploaded in the parish website.**
- **We also created a Facebook page for parishioners to stay connected. If you have a Facebook account, just search for 'St Kevin's Parish Eastwood.' Thank you.**
- **First Rite of Reconciliation available, please contact Fr Martin directly at 0414 841 928.**
- **If you wish to continue supporting our parish, you can donate by credit card through the parish website, just click on the SUPPORT US button. Thank you.**
- **Thank you to those who have sent their family photos to be displayed in the Church pews for Fr Martin.** In this small way, we will be with him as he prays for us all. If you haven't done so, please email your photos to: [parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au](mailto:parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au)
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**Channel 7 to broadcast Easter Services from St Mary's Cathedral:** We are very pleased to announce that Channel 7 will broadcast the Lord's Passion on Good Friday (10 April) at 3pm and the Easter Sunday Mass (12 April) at 10:30am live from St Mary's Cathedral.

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Mt 27:11-54

Religious processions have been a significant part of mainline religious traditions for many centuries. Within the Islamic faith people process to Mecca and for many people of the ancient Jewish faith there is the feast of *Tabernacles* where people would process to the great Temple in Jerusalem. At a *mini* level within a Christian church people would process with a person to be baptized to the church baptismal font.

This weekend the Christian churches throughout the world acknowledge the procession of Jesus of Nazareth entering Jerusalem on a donkey now known as *Palm Sunday*. Here he is publically acknowledged as "*The son of David- the Messiah*". It is significant that Jesus rode on a donkey as this is an animal traditionally associated with humility and service. If he rode on a horse it would have signified that he was a person of superiority and status.

This coming week is known as *Holy Week* and during this week we hear of a roller coaster series of events where the son of God was enthusiastically affirmed, giving humble service to others then being betrayed, unjustly condemned to death then tortured to death and then rising to new life. I encourage you when and where you can to participate again in this amazing journey. Fr Martin R Maunsell



#### FEAR & the Corona virus!

Without a doubt one of the great literary masterpieces is the story of *Moby Dick*. This book was written by the American Herman Melville (1819-1891) and it was finally published in 1851.

I recall a poignant scene in the book when the tough weathered one legged skipper of the whaling ship *Pequod* Captain Ahab said to his crew; "*If any of you here do not fear this whale and what it can do to you then I don't want you on board, so now decide.*"

The straight shooting Captain Ahab for me put the word *fear* for me into a completely new context. This context can also be applied to a number of other things in life such as a true alcoholic needs to have this fear towards alcohol as if he or she does not have it then it can in time destroy them. We can apply this principle to other life addictions such as people who are addicted to drugs, gambling or online pornography. The danger has to be appreciated and then ways to avoid its destructive path needs to be implemented.

The *Corona virus* is also destructive and it needs to be also feared in the context that I have shared. That is why we need to take seriously the need to physically isolate ourselves as distinct from socially isolate ourselves as well as implement strict personal hygiene habits. The challenge to do so is before us all! Fr Martin R Maunsell