

Mt Barker/Strathalbyn Catholic Parish



C/- 7 Mann Street, Mount Barker
South Australia 5251



We are a Community learning to be disciples of Jesus.

Palm Sunday - 14 April 2019

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Our Lady of Mercy
Mt Barker**

**SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00 PM
SUNDAY MORNING 9.00 AM**

**The Good Shepherd
Strathalbyn**

SUNDAY MORNING 10.45 AM

Weekday Masses This Week

Tue 16/04	Holy Week	9.30am	Our Lady of Mercy
Wed 17/04	Holy Week	12 noon	Our Lady of Mercy
Thu 18/04	Mass of the Last Supper	7.30pm	The Good Shepherd
Fri 19/04	Good Friday	3.00pm	Our Lady of Mercy

Christians must not give in to failure

Pope Francis celebrated morning Mass at the Casa Santa Marta commenting on the “spirit of tiredness”. Reflecting on the First Reading of the day, which is taken from the Book of Numbers, he said that at times Christians “prefer failure”, leaving room for complaint and dissatisfaction, a perfect terrain, he said, for the devil in which to sow his seeds.

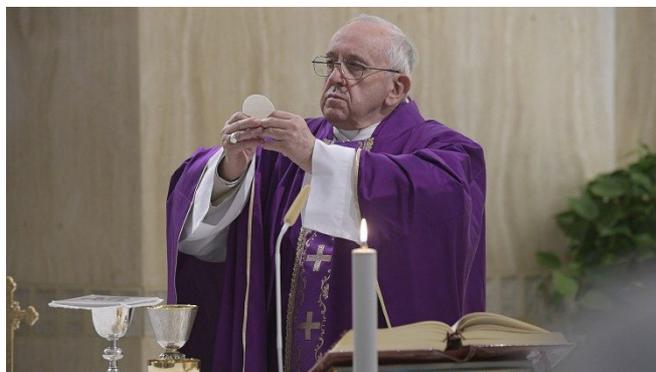
According to the Reading, the people of God, could not bear the journey: their enthusiasm and hope as they escaped slavery in Egypt gradually faded, their patience wore out, and they began muttering and complaining to God: “Why have you brought us from Egypt to die in this desert?” “The spirit of tiredness takes away our hope,” the Pope said, adding that “tiredness is selective: it always causes us to see the negative in the moment we are living, and forget the good things we have received”.

The Pope said some Christians give in to “failure” without realizing that this creates the “perfect terrain for the devil.” They are “afraid of consolation”, “afraid of hope”, “afraid of the Lord’s caress” he said. He lamented the fact that this is the life of many Christians: “They live complaining, they live criticizing, they mutter and are unsatisfied”. *“The people of God could not bear the journey. We Christians often can’t bear the journey. We prefer failure, that is to say desolation.”*

He said it is the desolation of the serpent: the ancient serpent, that of the Garden of Eden. Here it is a symbol of that same serpent that seduced Eve.

Those who spend their lives complaining are those who “prefer failure”, “who bear to hope”, “of those who could not bear the resurrection of Jesus”.

Pope Francis concluded inviting Christians to ask the Lord to free us from this disease. “May the Lord, he said, “always give us hope for the future and the strength to keep going”.



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Please Pray For...

Sick

Win Mott, Ashlee Lloyd, Bill Weir, Helen Meijer, Rose Carr, Patricia Jones, Susie White, Ingrid Szandro, Peter Szandro, Alida van Dijk, Rina Papini, Pauline Hoskin, Noelene Kane, Tanya Jane Vallejo, Geraldine Griffin, Margaret Nykiel, Brian Hockings, Helen Malan, David Neville, Ros Mattner, Kevin Moroney, Maureen Richardson, Kerry Woolston, Lincoln Phillips, Anne Voumard, Sandra Lloyd.

Recently Deceased

Merawyn (Mem) Corin, Leanne Sersli, Alma Marshall, Anne Lee, Clazina Grothauzen.

Anniversaries

Fr. James Quinlan, Fr. Bill Kelly, April Jones, Maria Baraglia, Florencio Linares, Margaret Ring, Gwen McLaren, Leonie Girvan.

Parish Pastoral Council

Neil McGoran (Chair), Fr Richard Morris (Ex Officio), Gavin McLaughlin (Ex Officio), Sandra Lloyd, Mike Galea, Yesamma Hendry, Jo Manalo, Navin DeSilva, Jan Sobotta, Andrew Wajwoda, Catherine Wajwoda, Gerrard Doyle, Joanna Falkland.

Parish Finance Council

Tom Hardy (Chair), Fr Richard, Michelle Muller (Secretary), Noel Duffield, Jim Mann, John Barton, Hilary Raimondo.

Collections Last Week

1st Collection (supporting our priests)	\$ 897.25
2nd Collection (supporting the parish)	
Envelopes	\$ 1,032.00
Loose plate	\$ 491.30

Parish Meetings this Week

Tue 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council OLOM Foyer

****No Arty Crafty Ladies this week****

On the Noticeboard

- Apr 14 Shared morning tea and cleaning @ OLOM
- Apr 15 Kids Fun Day & Youth Group @ Our Lady of Mercy
- Apr 30 First Spiritual Exercises @ Strathalbyn
- May 1 ACU short course: *Paul and his Communities: Insights for Renewing the Contemporary Church*
- May 2 Youth Group Movie Night @ Mt Barker
- Dec 8 Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth

Holy Week and Easter

You are invited to put your name down for Holy Week and Easter Mass rosters - please check in the foyer.

Ecumenical Prayer at Strathalbyn

Come, join in, and help begin what God wants to do here.

Sunday 14 April at the Catholic Church.



Reflection on the Scripture Readings

Today's liturgy begins with the familiar commemoration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. This year we hear Luke's account. Its majestic tone is an appropriate prelude to the greatest week of the Church's year – emphasising the unique authority of Jesus, and ending with the joyous cry of 'the whole group of disciples': proclaiming that the miracles worked by Jesus are a breaking in of 'heaven' itself. In Luke's account, his preoccupation with the issues of riches and poverty finds expression; it is not palms but 'cloaks' – the proud possessions of the rich – that are spread on the road.

The reading from Isaiah invites us to learn from the example of the Saviour, the trust we should have in our Father in heaven, whatever trials we may face. But it is something else that makes the reading an appropriate one, as we find ourselves on the threshold of Holy Week – with God's true Servant, we must have minds and hearts open to a new meeting with our God in what lies ahead. Like him we should be glad that the Lord 'wakes us to hear, to listen like disciples'.

In the second reading, from the letter to the Philippians – echoing a hymn used in the liturgy of the first generation of the Church – Paul summarises with majestic brevity the drama of the Paschal Mystery we are about to celebrate: how Jesus 'emptied himself', shared our human condition, even to 'accepting death on a cross', and how finally, for our sake, he is 'raised high', one with the Father in the glory of the divine name.

Luke's account of the Lord's passion has been put together with great care, as this faithful disciple of Jesus makes reference in the course of his narrative to many of his favourite themes: the example of Jesus' prayer during his ordeal (on Calvary; for Peter); the good news of a merciful and forgiving God ('Father forgive them'; 'Today you will be with me in paradise'); the attitudes of true discipleship ('The leader must be as one who serves'; the presence of the disciples, men and women, on Calvary – 'at a distance'); the great titles of the Church's confession of faith in the Saviour are skilfully woven into the narrative, often on the lips of those who are rejecting him ('Son of Man', 'Son of God', 'Christ of God', 'King of the Jews', 'Chosen One'; and significantly it is the gentile centurion who is given the final word, 'This was a great and good man'). The liturgies of Holy Week will teach us, not with fine oratory, but by recounting the great events in which the divine Truth found expression in our human history.

John Thornhill SM

Question of the Week

The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times'. (Luke 22: 61)

Adults: When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

Young People: Who in your life responds to pain or persecution with the same love, courage, and faith that Jesus had in his last hours?

Children: When have you let someone down who trusted you? How did you feel?



Holy week and Easter Ceremonies

In addition to our regular Mass times as printed on the front of the bulletin, during Holy Week we will have:

Mon 14/4	Mass of the Chrism	6pm	SFX Cathedral, Adl
Thu 18/4	Mass of the Last Supper	7.30pm	Good Shepherd
Fri 19/4	Way of the Cross	11am	Good Shepherd
Fri 19/4	Way of the Cross	11am	Macclesfield
Fri 19/4	Commemoration of the Passion	3pm	Our Lady of Mercy
Sat 20/4	Easter Vigil	7pm	Our Lady of Mercy

Reconciliation will be available on Good Friday after Stations of the Cross at The Good Shepherd.

Good Friday - Holy Places Appeal

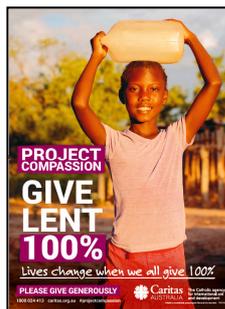
The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centers throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus, visited by millions of Catholics every year.

Donate to Project Compassion

Nguyet is a teenager living with a disability in a small town in Vietnam. Living with a disability was challenging, her early years were subdued and solitary. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Connected to the world in new ways, Nguyet has become independent, an important member

of her community and has great hope for her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community.



The Southern Cross - free this month

The Southern Cross is free this month in the Sunday Mail, and can also be picked up from the church free of charge. Enjoy!

The Word Among Us

The Word Among Us is a great magazine which encourages us to pray and reflect on the daily Mass readings. If 10 of us subscribe, it costs \$40 each for the whole year. There are some samples available through Michelle or Sue Eckert. Please order via Sue 0408 362 258 or on the sheet in the foyer / back table or at Maccy by Easter Sunday April 21st. so they can be ordered from the USA in time for the next edition.

Kids Fun Day on Monday!!

Attention all kids! What are you doing these school holidays? Join us tomorrow - Monday 15th April - for a Kids Fun Day and Youth Group. We will be exploring the *Way of the Cross* and



making short animated movies with the help of Cameron Edser from GooRoo Animation!! There's amazing props & costumes and Cameron is bringing

all the electronic equipment needed. It will be a great day!! Kids 5-10 years and youth group 11-17 are invited to join in. Info: Monday 15th April, 9.45am - 4.00pm, Our Lady of Mercy Church, 7 Mann St, Mount Barker, Cost: \$10 (\$5 for third and subsequent children per family). Price includes lunch and snacks. Michelle Muller 0413 800 995 / Anne Bagshaw 0427 560 070.

There are LIMITED places still available!!



Shared Morning Tea & Cleaning

This Sunday 14th April after 9am Mass in Our Lady of Mercy there will be a shared morning tea and shared cleaning of the church, both inside and out, in readiness for Holy Week. Bring a plate to share and some cleaning gear or perhaps some gardening implements. A long handled cobweb broom might also be useful. We would love to see those who aren't on the regular cleaning roster. Many hands make light work. Delia.

ACU Short Course

Australian Catholic University's Adelaide Campus will offer a four week short course: *Paul and his Communities: Insights for Renewing the Contemporary Church*. Looking at and reflecting on Paul's letters to five of the earliest communities (households) of Jesus' disciples: Thessalonians, Philippians, Corinthians, Galatians and Romans. Presenter: Rev Dr Michael Trainor. Starts Wednesday May 1 (but not including May 22), at the ACU Adelaide Campus, 116 George St, Thebarton. Register at www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses (Select: Adelaide) group bookings contact Cris P: 8234 7462 or E: adelaide.theology@acu.edu.au

The Way of the Cross

An Ecumenical Community service commemorating Jesus' Way of the Cross and relating his journey to the world's suffering today is to be held on

Good Friday 11.00am at Davenport Square, Macclesfield followed by a hot cross bun morning tea.

All district denominations are invited to participate.

Non-church attenders can also find this service meaningful.

The Legion of Mary - New Day & Time

Starting from today, the Legion of Mary will be meeting at Our Lady's Rosary Garden, 2 Fidler Lane (corner Wellington Road), Mount Barker, each Sunday at 11am.

The Legion of Mary glorifies God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in the Church's work. Each unit holds a weekly meeting, where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussion.

Please, we invite you to join us for lunch, prayer & discussion.

GOSPEL LUKE 19:28-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet,

he sent two of the disciples,

saying, 'Go into the village opposite,

whereon entering you will find a colt tied,

on which no one has ever yet sat;

untie it and bring it here.

If anyone asks you,

"Why are you untying it?" you shall say this,

"The Lord has need of it".

So those who were sent went away

and found it as he had told them.

And as they were untying the colt,

its owners said to them,

'Why are you untying the colt?'

And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'.

And they brought it to Jesus,

and throwing their garments on the colt

they set Jesus upon it.

And as he rode along,

they spread their garments on the road.

As he was now drawing near,

at the descent of the Mount of Olives,

the whole multitude of the disciples

began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice

for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him,

'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'.

He answered,

'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

Sung Antiphon

Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him high

and gave him a name above all other names.

Sung Antiphon



April 21st, Easter Sunday, Year C

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12