



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

Palm Sunday

24 March 2021

Welcome to St John's

*Come in and sit down, relax, don't stress. I welcome you to our beautiful parish & church. Please feel welcome and tell me if you need anything. Keep Smiling, **Francis Tran PP***



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GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it.

If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."

And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it.

And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?'

And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go.

And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it.

And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

Hosanna in the highest!'

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

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

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him 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

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!

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**ACCORDING TO MARK**

Key: N. Narrator. ☒ Jesus. O. Other single speaker. C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.

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,

☒ 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

O. 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:

O. 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,

O. 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 enlisted a passer-by, 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,

☒ Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N. which 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 him to drink, saying:

O. 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 for 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,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.



HOLY THURSDAY

7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

10am Stations of the Cross (outdoors)

3pm - Veneration of the Cross (outdoors)

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL

7.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

7.30am & 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 11am - 12pm

HEALING MASS

Wednesday 27 March 9.30am.

Please Pray For the Repose of the Souls of the Faithful Departed -

Recently Deceased: Joseph Nguyen, Mary Bailey

Anniversaries & Special Intentions:

Massi Dimech, Walter Hiscocks



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Amelia Szakacs, Julian & Adeline Vella

BECOME A VINNIES MEMBER

If you would like to join Vinnies and help the disadvantaged in our local area please contact Denis on 0413 589 896



HOLY LAND COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th. 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. Due to the ongoing war, 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 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$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.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | Welcoming and Information – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

An exciting opportunity exists for a suitably experienced and qualified person to apply for the role of Executive Assistant | Welcoming and Information. Please visit the website dow.org.au/JOBS/ Applications can be emailed to recruitment@dow.org.au

For all enquiries, call Robin Williams on (02) 4222 2402

GOOD FRIDAY - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The 10am service of Stations of the cross on Good Friday will be a pilgrimage-style walk-around to 14 physical stations of the cross around the school/parish grounds (weather permitting) with joined prayer and reflection (*No re-enactment play*). Remember to bring your hat & sunscreen.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Palm Sunday) 23 & 24 March



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.



There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations.*

Please donate to Project Compassion

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



**ST JOHN’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 2025
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**

Enrolment applications are now completed online via the following link <https://enrol.sjddow.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-form/start>

You can also find this link on the school website <https://www.sjddow.catholic.edu.au/enrol/>

The timeline for the Kindergarten 2025 enrolment application process is as follows:

Term 1: 30/1/2024 - 28/4/2024. Online enrolment applications should be submitted by the end of Term 1. You will receive an acknowledgement email and invitation to attend our Open Day.
Term 2: Interviews are held during Term 2 — you will receive an invitation to interview in the second half of Term 1.

Enrolment Offer of Place letters are sent to successful applicants.

Should you have any questions about the Kindergarten application process, please get in touch with the school office.

We would be most grateful if you shared this information with other friends or family who might be interested in applying for a kindergarten place in 2025.

**ST JOHN’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY
2024**

We will be having an Open Day on Saturday 6th April from 1pm - 3.30pm. This gives prospective students and their families an opportunity to be given a tour of our wonderful school and facilities, meet some of the staff and discover more about what makes St John's such a special school.

We do ask that if you would like to attend, to please book a timeslot to help us manage numbers and ensure that we are able to answer all your questions and provide you with the best experience possible. Please use the following link to book a time for your visit <https://enrol.sjddow.catholic.edu.au/2024-open-day>. We look forward to meeting you on 6th April.

**THE JOURNEY, 24 March 2024 – Your Diocesan
Weekly Podcast**

On The Journey This Week: Sr Katherine Stone MGL highlights the two Gospel readings for Palm Sunday. Mother Hilda says when Jesus died, he surrendered himself to you, and no matter what you think of yourself, that is irreversible. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, and reflections for the coming Holy Week. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

A VOCATION VIEW

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion (24/03/24)

We are presented with two options in today’s Mass: do we welcome Christ into Jerusalem or scream out to crucify Him? Our willingness to give testimony to Christ helps determine where we are.

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Due to the Chrism Mass on the 26th of March, there will be no adoration in St John's chapel. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on the following Tuesday at the conclusion of 5pm Mass.

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	Mass	5pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	Mass Benediction	9.30am After 9.30am mass
Friday	Mass	9.30am
Saturday	Reconciliation Rosary Mass - Vigil	11am - 12pm 4.40pm 5pm
Sunday	Mass	7.30am 9.30am 6pm

Welcome to St John's!

Are you new to our Parish? Have you registered at the office that you attend our church?

Please feel free to inform us of your arrival in our Parish as we would love to know that you are here and get to know you.

Please feel free to complete this form and return it to the office or place it in one of the collections at mass.

NAME/S:.....

CHILDREN:.....

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:.....MOBILE:.....

EMAIL:.....

Would you like to join in planned giving to support our Parish? **Yes / Not now**

Please see Fr Francis or contact the office on 4261 1315

Thank you for making a difference to our Parish