

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 19:28-40

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'.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

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

**R./ My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

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 LUKE

(Lk 22:14 – 23:56)

Please refer to handout...



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR C - 12th/13th APRIL, 2025

**Blessed is the King who comes in
the name of the Lord**

Luke 19:36



In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us. We have not been saved through military might, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon? Our Saviour was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. Our Saviour first offered himself for us and continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others. The Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples because we know the end of the story! Jesus' disciples were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, however we know that out of this darkness, light and hope will emerge! *Dianne Bergant CSA*

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGGETT
SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:
Saturday [St Agnes Church] 6:00 pm
Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Tuesday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Tuesday [OLA Church] 6.00 pm
Wednesday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Thursday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Friday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE (except Public Holidays)
Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Wednesday [OLA Church] 9:45 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.30 am

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office: 9583 6161.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD
YEAR C - 12th / 13th APRIL, 2025**

PRAYING FOR:

Josie Hinkley, Crispina Salvarez,
Richard Grant,
and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Bruce Oglethorpe, Donette D'Rozario,
Laurn Clark, Santana Gullo,
Coleen Remedio, Rose Remedio,
Ismael Aureo, Cam Mills, Myrtle Black,
Carlyle D'Souza,

...and all who we remember at this time.

*...additionally, we keep in our prayers all
who are currently unwell.*

**Readings for this liturgical year from Advent
2024 to Christ the King 2025 are taken from
Year C in the Lectionary cycle.**

Should you wish to view the Scripture
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical
Calendar) please visit:
universalis.com/australia.melbourneP/1000/Mass

VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your
WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are
current, that is, have not expired, and copies
made available to the Parish Office.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all
parishioners who continue to generously support our
parish i.e. through their contributions to both our
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections. With the
assistance of the Archdiocese we are currently working
on refining the facility for parishioners to contribute to
Christ Our Light Parish via an online portal.



PROJECT COMPASSION

2025 As Project Compassion draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity. *But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can Unite Against Poverty and help transform lives this Lent. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling: 1800 024 413.



COL CHOIR Come along and sing with us!! The last practice for our Easter Choir at OLA will be this Sunday morning, 13th April, from 10am. All are most welcome.
Enquiries: Tony 0468 453 156
or Helen 0432 866 039.



THE KNITTING GROUP would like to thank everyone who donated wool and supported our stall last Sunday. We have passed on to St Vincent de Paul, (OLA Conference) the wonderful sum of \$900.



HEART OF LIFE - ENNEAGRAM DAY This one-day practical workshop by Dr Lynn Moresi offers a transformational experience where you will gain invaluable insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us. Saturday 10th May 2025, 9am - 4.30pm.
Register at: heartoflife.melbourne



HOLY WEEK 2025 – TIMETABLE

Tuesday – 15th April, 2025

6pm – Mass (with extended Penitential Rite)
- OLA Church.

Holy Thursday 17th April, 2025

7pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper
- St Agnes' Church

Good Friday 18th April, 2025

9am – Way of the Cross - OLA Church

Holy Saturday 19th April, 2025

7pm – Easter Vigil - St Agnes' Church

Easter Sunday 20th April, 2025

Masses: 9am & 11am - OLA Church

*Please Note: As is the Church's liturgical custom
no morning Masses are celebrated on Holy
Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.*

Reconciliation (Individual)

Tues. 15th April 9.30am - St Agnes' Church

Tues. 15th April 6.45pm - OLA Church

Wed. 16th April 9.45am - OLA Church

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES Thank you to all those who volunteered for the various liturgical ministries across Holy Week. Please consult the updated sign-up sheets available on the table in both churches' foyers, to confirm your participation/ministry in the these liturgies.

HOLY THURSDAY: WASHING OF FEET: We are still a few feet short!!!

Please consider adding your name and phone number to the sign up sheet if you would be willing to be part of this **Holy Thursday** ritual: 17th April, 7pm at St Agnes' church.