

READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY , 14TH APRIL 2019

First Reading **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.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

Second Reading **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

The word of the Lord

Gospel (outside) **Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany,
at the mount that is called Olivet,
he sent two disciples,
saying, 'Go into the village opposite,
where on entering you will find a colt tied,
on which no one has ever yet sat;
untie it and bring it here.
If any one 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 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



Readings for next week Easter Sunday

1st Reading Acts 10:34,37-43 ; Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23 ;
Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12 or Luke 24:13-35



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STUDENT WRITING

ROOM 4 WRITING ABOUT HOLY WEEK

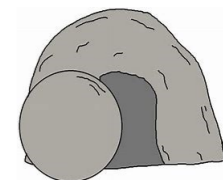
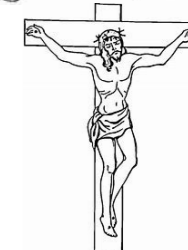
" On Holy Week there is Palm Sunday . Palm Sunday is when Jesus came to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover and the last supper. Jesus came to Jerusalem on a donkey. The people waved palm leaves and laid down their cloaks like they knew he was their king. " **Neve**

" Palm Sunday was celebrated 'cos Jesus came on his donkey to town and people were putting palms down." **Lily - Rose**

" Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday. Jesus rode a donkey to Jerusalem to celebrate the Pass over. When Jesus entered Jerusalem the people waved palms on the ground for Jesus to walk on. He was the King but he did not wear a crown. "

" Back then Jesus rose from the dead." **Ptolemy**

On Holy Week, Jesus died on the cross because people didn't believe in Jesus. That's why they put him on the cross. Three days later he rose." **Oliver**



ROOM 1 WRITING AFTER WATCHING FOOTAGE OF THE WAIHO BRIDGE COLLAPSE:

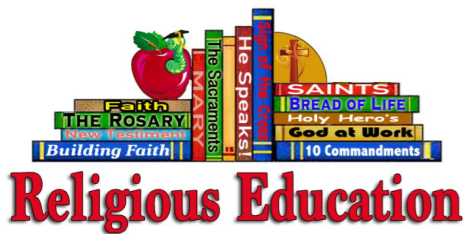
"On Tuesday the 26th of March, the Waiho bridge collapsed in the South Island. It bent like a snake in Australia!" **By Charlotte**

"On Tuesday, the water of the Waiho River was battering the bridge like bulls attacking each other! Parts of the bridge were swaying like a tree in a storm and finally it crashed into the dirty, fast flowing water." **By James**

"One rainy day, the Waiho bridge collapsed from the powerful water. The water was battering the bridge. When it bent it looked like a swing on a playground! It was flushing down the dirty river in the strong and raging water."

By Lewis





Thank you parents for another wonderful term! Thank you to those who have come to Alpha—we hope your faith has been enriched. Thank you to those who came to our whole school Mass and joined us at the pools afterwards. Thank you to those who have supported their children in their RE learning. We pray you have a safe and happy holiday and a very Blessed Easter! Please feel free to join us for the Easter services and celebrations at the church. (After Easter—the Lord has Risen, Alleluia!)

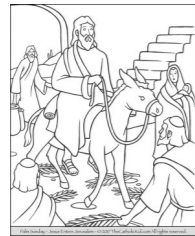
Holy Week is next week. Holy Week is an important week in the Catholic Church as we celebrate and remember the journey Jesus made to save us.

The day

What happened on that day?

How we celebrate now?

Palm Sunday



Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem as King. People laid down their cloaks and palm branches as he rode in on a donkey.

Sunday Mass.
9.30am at St George's.

Each person receives a palm, which is blessed, to take home.

Holy Thursday



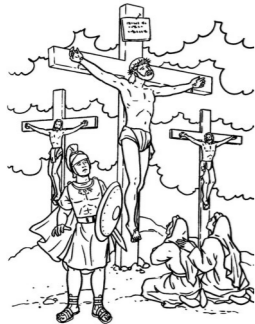
Jesus celebrates the Last Supper/Passover with his disciples. This is when he breaks bread and offers his body and blood.

Jesus prayed to his Father (God) in the garden of Gethsemane before he was betrayed.

Mass on Thursday night. The priest washes people's feet as a sign of the Last Supper where Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.

After Mass, Jesus (in the form of bread) is carried in procession to the 'altar of repose' where people spend time in prayer.

Good Friday



The stations of the cross—Jesus journey from condemnation to death. Jesus is condemned by Pontius Pilate and carries his cross on which he is crucified. There are 14 stations telling of Jesus' journey.

A procession of the cross sometimes takes place through the streets.

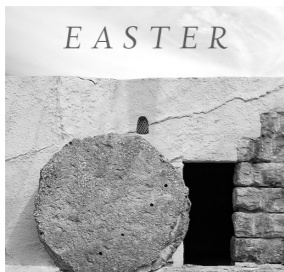
A special service (No Mass) takes place in the church at 3pm to remember Jesus' death. Catholics venerate the cross (kiss or touch).

Easter Vigil (Saturday night)

After dark it is the beginning of the third day and Jesus rises from the dead.

We light a fire, we light candles and listen to readings from the Old testament telling us the history before Jesus' coming. Then we listen to the New testament.

Easter Sunday



After 3 days,
JESUS RISES FROM THE DEAD!

We celebrate with Sunday Mass. We sing Alleluia! The Church is beautifully decorated with flowers and the colour changes from purple to white/gold.

FROM THE PSG ...

Family Night Market

What a great night this was! The food was delicious, the games were a hit and the entertainment impressed us all. We are blessed to be part of such a supportive community and would like to thank you for all your support.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO.....

Our stall helpers: Sharon Mason, Mary Scobie, Helen McWilliams, Hillary Walker, Gemma Phillips, Cheryl Randle, Pip Kirkland, Nicola Van Groenedaal, Clare Morgan, Sharon Avery, David Gray, Bernie Murphy, Michael Grainger, Brett Kirkland, Gerald Kay, Jon Leineweber, Kelly Neustroski, Tina Hitchen, Jasmin Camitan, Ardana Duncan, Bobbie Kearins, Sarah Riley, Racquel Fuentes, Kim Dunlop, Marama Shearer, Taate Tongai, Jess, Suzanne and Andrew Downey Sharon Mason, Mel O'Hearn, Rosie Waghorn, Rebecca McKinlay

Our students : Zara Leineweber and Sammie, Jake, Matthew Josh,

Our teachers: Pam, Katrin, Kirsten, Sharon, Pip, Monique, Kelly

Our PSG: Kylie Leineweber, Belinda Cammock, Monique Needham, Nicola VG, Shaina Downey, Pip Kirkland, Cheryl Randle,

Our Cooks: Kelly Neustroski, Nicola VG, Rajesh Bahuguna, Shaina Downey, Elvis and Jennifer, Mrs Burton, Jasmin Camitan, Racquel Fuentes, Pip Kirkland

Christelle Penny for the use of your Bouncy Castle, you made many kids night. **THANK YOU**

Thank you to our senior students who helped to set up during the day and during the evening.

Thank you for all your yummy baking donations

Acknowledgement also need to go to the PSG team who worked tirelessly to pull off another fabulous night for our Community, It was great to see us all come together as a school and enjoy the evening

Duck Race: This year we raised **\$3000** from tickets sales. Thank you to those families who so promptly sold tickets and returned Money to the PSG. No Lost tickets this year... makes for a seamless event .

Raffles: We have now sold our Easter raffles thanks to everybody who pitched in and help sell these tickets. Making the PSG approx \$1000 , another step closer to meeting our \$10,000 target for the year. Raffles for the firewood, Grocery Trolley and Easter baskets will be drawn under Police Supervision in the next week. Keep an eye out on St Joseph's Facebook page for results. **We still have tickets left for the SKIDS after school care raffle. 1 weeks free before or after school care! WOW thank you Tash Kimber for your generous donation!**

FROM FATHER MATT...

This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday. It marks the beginning of Holy Week and at Mass we read the entire Passion narrative. This we also do on Good Friday. There are a number of key lessons for us in this. There are lessons about what we should do and what we shouldn't do. Some key things to think about and ponder are:
*Do we want to be like Pontius Pilate who despite the outward power he had, inwardly was weak and morally compromised? And in his weakness, he does something evil: he sentences an innocent man to death.

Do we want to be fickle like the people? After tremendous public miracles and long periods of teaching, Jesus is greeted with tremendous enthusiasm on Palm Sunday. Yet shortly afterwards they turned against him and he was killed so that Barabbas could go free. Where was their constancy?

Do we want to be like St. John and the Blessed Mother who stood by the Lord in his hour of need? Judas betrayed Jesus. This betrayal of those closest to him has not stopped over 2,000 years. Most of the disciples left the scene. Peter denied him. But Mary, John and the women did not leave. It had a happy ending. The disciples turned their life around. Peter became our first and greatest Pope. But they certainly did not pass that particular test.

Do we love the Lord? Love does not mean nice feelings and happy emotions. It does not mean fostering merely social relationships that do not bear spiritual fruit. Love is a way of life. It involves doing things. It requires commitment and can be taxing. But it's worth it. His great act of love calls us to respond in kind. He was brutally murdered so that we can have access to heaven. Salvation is not automatic. It requires genuine love.

Blessings, Fr. Matt