



# ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT



Through our worship and our daily living, we strive to follow faithfully the way of Jesus Christ, tell courageously the truth of Jesus Christ and live joyfully the life of Jesus Christ



## PALM SUNDAY

5 APRIL 2020

### HOLY WEEK

Dear Brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ

It has been some time we aren't able to gather in our parish church because the Covid-19 pandemic. I miss you and miss our gathering as we come for the Mass. But I do my private the daily Mass and remember all of you and pray for you and for your family.

I hope we shall gather soon back in our parish church and worship our Lord and share our joys and sorrows as we used to do. We shall pray that may our good Lord have mercy on us and all the world. I hope you and your family keep safe. I keep well and Fr Thomas as well. Thank you for your phone calls and messages to me see how I am doing and coping with this situation. This is a time for me to pray more, to read and contact others. Thank you for your love and generosity.

I am sure that still we can nourish the sources of our faith, hope and love at home through prayer and doing things together at home. It is through prayer we keep and strengthen our personal relationship with Jesus.

It is important, in times like these, to remain connected to your community. We may not be able to celebrate Mass together, physically, but we can still come together with others by watching a Mass online, praying, reading the Bible and reflecting it. There are few links given where you can find them. Also the [Holy Week prayer resources](#) are attached to help to celebrate the Holy Week at home with your family.

I was struck with a passage in one of the pastoral letters of from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe recently which I would like to offer to you for your own prayerful reflection:

*I also want to reassure you that, in these changed circumstances, the Church will continue to be a living sign of God's fidelity and God's loving presence. But the Church will have to do this in new ways: we will have to do this in new ways, for all of us, the community of disciples, are the Church. We may not be able to gather together in our churches, but we can recreate the Church in our homes. Long before Catholics in Australia were able to build big churches for the celebration of Mass, they gathered together in their families for the rosary around an image of Our Lady. We may not be able to offer each other the sign of peace at Mass but we can offer each other the gift of our sincere prayer. We may not be able to organise morning teas for the elderly in our parish halls but we can ensure that those who are lonely and afraid are not left to themselves, even if all we can do is ring them on the phone or leave a casserole on their front doorstep. As our practical capacity to reach out to others is curtailed our determination to be disciples of Jesus, who gave everything he had and was for us, can lead us to discover new ways to live out our Catholic faith."*

Wish you a blessed Holy Week. Stay safe.

Fr Manoj Mathew

**Celebrating Easter** – Let us Pray. We may not be able to attend our parish Easter Ceremonies, but we can still pray together from our homes. We celebrate the death of Jesus on Good Friday and we celebrate His Resurrection at Easter. Let us be the light of Christ for each other during these difficult times. Go to the Centre for Liturgy website for Prayer Resources.

<http://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/prayer-resources/> Also the [Holy Week prayer resources](#) are attached separately to help to celebrate the Holy Week at home with your family.



If you have Project Compassion boxes, envelopes or cash to hand in so that we can continue to help others during this difficult time, we have instructions on our website about how to send these funds to Caritas Australia. [Visit caritas.org.au for step-by-step instructions](http://Caritas.org.au) on making payments online, sending cheques, banking your cash or making donations over the phone.

You are also welcome to call our friendly Supporter Services Team on 1800 024 413 for further assistance. And, remember, in these unprecedented times it's important to connect with and to [lend a hand to the world's most vulnerable](#). Thank you for your generosity.

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that  
You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

*This is a simple and loving act of Spiritual Communion we are called to make in these times, while we are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist.*

### **Mass online / Television**

1. Palm Sunday, marking the start of Holy Week, will be streamed live this Sunday at 11am, celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB. Mass for Holy Thursday, celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, will be streamed from 7pm, Thursday 9 April and Good Friday service will be streamed at 3pm, Friday 10 April. The Easter Vigil Mass will be streamed on Saturday 11 April from 6.00pm, and the Easter Sunday Mass at 11am. Both services will be celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe.  
Archdiocese of Perth Website – [www.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au)  
Archdiocese of Perth YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/catholicarchdioceseofperth>
2. Mass on demand: for Daily Mass <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyyLsDOryws>
3. 'Mass for you at Home' every Sunday on Channel 10 at 6am.
4. Also see our Parish Website for more details and updates. <http://shentonparkcatholics.org.au>

### **Plenary Council 2020 – Update**

The Council President, our Archbishop Costelloe, has called 256 to the Australian Plenary Council 2020. 167 of these are church officials who Must be Called, including 38 bishops who will have deliberative votes. The other participants will have a consultative vote, which should be respected under Canon law. Exploring the nominations,

- 144 (56%) are ordained clerics – all men
- 30 (12%) are religious lay, (26 women, 4 men)
- 82 (32%) are unvowed lay (51 women, 31 men)
- Overall, 77 (30%) are women and 179 (70%) are men
- The Council President can call additional attendees, and may invite Guests who may speak but not vote

Interestingly, despite being often labelled Delegates, all participants are Called and are not chosen by, nor speak for, any authority who sent them. That is, they will be given formation and training, and will participate individually and vote in accord with their lived experience and conscience under the Holy Spirit.

[This week's eRecord](#) features two WA lay participants, Angela McCarthy and Marco Ceccarelli. The other two WA lay members are Emily Hardbottle, Applecross Parish Youth Coordinator, and Damien Walsh, director of The Shopfront. Please keep everyone involved in your prayers.



**Weekly Collections.** By Gerald Stack, Chair of the Parish Finance Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to a side effect of the ban on parish gatherings, namely the absence of the weekly collections and income for the ongoing expenses of the parish as well as the continuing need to support our priests. The restriction on masses may persist for six or nine months. Prudence indicates that we should make arrangements to continue weekly contributions where we can, as a large catch-up when we can come together again would be a great imposition. One method would be by Automatic Bank Deductions, and the forms for this can be sent out if you contact Father or the Parish Office. Another method is Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) direct to the parish bank account, and the details are, *BSB : 086 006, Account: 6919 06978, Account Name: St Aloysius Parish, Reference: Your family name, Initial.* For any assistance, contact me, Gerald Stack, on 0410 699 174 or [gstackwa@bipond.net.au](mailto:gstackwa@bipond.net.au), or contact Father Manoj or the Parish Office at the details below.

**Happy Birthday - Roma Wilson**

We offer our heartfelt best wishes to our much loved Roma Wilson who celebrates her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday this Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. We give thanks to her faithful support of our parish. May the Lord bless her and keep her safe and well.'

**Children's Liturgy:** [Sermons4kids](#) is a wonderful resource for parents to download. There are puzzles, word mazes, a variety of colouring pages and small group activities that children can enjoy whilst they cannot attend Children's Liturgy in our parish at this difficult time. As Easter approaches, we can spend time telling children the true story of Easter and our faith and trust in God in this time of crisis. Thank you. Children's Liturgy Team



**Palm Sunday:** "So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" (Jn 12:13-15).

Today we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance.

Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... *Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.* But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to gain us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.

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# Readings at Mass for the Palm Sunday

## Palm Sunday 5 April 2020

Gospel. Matthew 21:1-11

*Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!*

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

‘Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me.

If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, “The Lord has need of them, “and he will send them immediately.’

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ‘*Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.*’ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!’ And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, ‘Who is this?’ And the crowds said, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.’

### 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.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

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

*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.’

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

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.

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

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!

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

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.



*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.

The word of the Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

### **Philippians 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 Matthew 26:14-27:66**

### **The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

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

**N.** One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

**O.** What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?

**N.** They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,

**C.** Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the passover?

**N.** He replied:

**✠** Go to so-and-so in the city and say to him, 'The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples.'

**N.** The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said:

**✠** I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.

**N.** They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,

**C.** Not I, Lord, surely?

**N.** He answered,

**✠** Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!

**N.** Judas, who was to betray him, asked in his turn,

**O.** Not I, Rabbi, surely?

**N.** Jesus answered:

**✠** They are your own words.



N. Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

✠ Take it and eat; this is my body.

N. Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, saying:

✠ Drink, all of you, from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.

N. After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

✠ You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: *I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered*, but after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.

N. At this, Peter said,

O. Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.

N. Jesus answered him,

✠ I tell you solemnly, this very night, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.

N. Peter said to him,

O. Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

N. And all the disciples said the same.

Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

✠ Stay here while I go over there to pray.

N. He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And sadness came over him, and great distress. Then he said to them,

✠ My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.

N. And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed:

✠ My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.

N. He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter:

✠ So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

N. Again, a second time, he went away and prayed:

✠ My Father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!

N. And he came back again and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy. Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,

✠ You can sleep on now and take your rest. Now the hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is already close at hand.

N. He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him a large number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He had said,

O. 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge.'

N. So he went straight up to Jesus and said,

O. Greetings, Rabbi.

N. and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

✠ My friend, do what you are here for.

N. Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said,

✠ Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?



N. It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds,

✘ Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.

N. Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture. Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.

The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter followed him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be.

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward. Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,

O. This man said: 'I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up.'

N. The high priest then stood up and said to him,

O. Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?

N. But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him,

O. I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

N. Jesus answered:

✘ The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

N. At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said,

O. He has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?

N. They answered,

C. He deserves to die.

N. Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him,

C. Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?

N. Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said,

O. You too were with Jesus the Galilean.

N. But he denied it in front of them all, saying:

O. I do not know what you are talking about.

N. When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there,

O. This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.

N. And again, with an oath, he denied it:

O. I do not know the man.

N. A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

C. You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.

Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing:

O. I do not know the man.

N. At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led him away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor.

When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty silver pieces back to the chief priests and elders, saying:

O. I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.

N. They replied:

C. What is that to us? That is your concern.



N. And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said,

C. It is against the Law to put this into the treasury: it is blood-money.

N. So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: *And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me.*

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,

✘ 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,

C. Barabbas.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. But in that case, 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 mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused 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 puts 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,

✠ **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.

*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*

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.

**N.** And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee

and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

**C.** Your Excellency, we recall that this impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again.' Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

**N.** Pilate said to them:

**O.** You may have your guard. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

**N.** So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.