



# THE SAVING WORD

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY / A

29 MARCH 2026

- C. Barabbas.
- N. Pilate said to them:
- O. 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. 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 put 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:

- J. 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.

*All kneel and pause a moment.*

- N. 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.

*Longer form, Mt 26:14-27:66*

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### FIRST READING

Isa 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.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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

Phil 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.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 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

Mt 27:11-54

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. 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:
- J. 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:



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**Palm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street**  
**St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street**

**In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS**

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Francis Park OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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**OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS**  
 Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check

**Pastoral and Administrative Support**

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Sat)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

**MORNING TEA & CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
 Fourth Sunday of the month.  
 (except school holidays and long weekends)  
 St Thomas Aquinas – Morning Tea - last Sunday of the month following 9am Mass

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

**ANOINTING / HEALING MASS**

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME**

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

**Liturgical Calendar** for the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March Holy Week		
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March Holy Week	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April Holy Week	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Holy Thursday	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	NO Mass
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April Good Friday	3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	10.00am Stations of the Cross
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Saturday	NO Morning Mass 7.00pm Easter Vigil	

**HOLY WEEK 2026**



**Holy Thursday** – 7pm St Joseph's  
**Good Friday** – Stations of the Cross: St Thomas 10am  
 Liturgy of Passion: St Joseph's 3pm  
**Holy Saturday** – Easter Vigil: St Joseph's 7pm  
**Easter Sunday** - St Thomas 9am  
 St Joseph's 10.30am

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ **RCIA:** Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March 7pm.
- ▶ **Easter Vigil Supper:** Coffee Room.

**AUGUSTINE ON 'THE LORD'S PASSION'**



“The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully

promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves.  
 (Sermon Guelferbytanus 3)

**PALM SUNDAY**

This Sunday, the start of Holy Week, we commemorate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem when the crowds welcomed Him by spreading palms along the road. At the beginning of Mass, the palms are blessed. Please take your blessed branches home.

**EASTER VIGIL SUPPER**

All welcome. Please bring a plate for supper following the 7pm Easter Vigil on Saturday.



**FR TONY BANKS OSA PROVINCIAL**

Congratulations to Fr Tony Banks OSA who has been appointed Augustinian Provincial for Australia for the coming 4 years.

**EASTER ENVELOPES**

Envelopes at church doors for offerings to the clergy at Easter



**THE AUGUSTINIAN MAGAZINE**

Copies of the Easter edition of the Augustinian Magazine featuring an article on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Augustinian priests in South Yarra, are available in the church foyers.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Gaston Gori, Albert Ricardo, Margaret Wallin, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zai, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher, Greg Sutton, Charles, Tom Greene, Anna



**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries**

- \* Brian Burleigh
- \* Luis Aravena
- \* Irene Fernandez
- \* Guillermo Jorquera
- \* Kathleen Taylor
- \* Tin Setiawan
- \* Lidia Morales
- \* Nelson Jorquera
- \* Adele Gori
- \* Gerald Sutton

**COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES**

The annual appeal for the Holy Places of pilgrimage in Jerusalem is conducted this Good Friday at the 10am Stations and 3pm Liturgy of the Passion.



**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AUGUSTINIAN PRIESTS IN SOUTH YARRA**

Thank you to all who attended and assisted with the celebrations last weekend.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SOLEMN PROFESSION OF RELIGIOUS VOWS**

Congratulations to Fathers Brian Buckley & Michael Sullivan who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Solemn Profession on the Feast of the Annunciation, 25<sup>th</sup> March. We thank them for their dedication and service to our parish community and wish them blessings for the coming years.



**COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS**

A coffee morning will be held this Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am at Velvet Bean, 35 Albert Rd.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE**

Planned Giving envelopes for the coming year are now in the churches. New subscribers please contact the office at 9826 9677

**MASS COLLECTIONS 22/03/2026**

**Clergy (Augustinian Community)**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits... \$1302.45  
**Church (Parish Ministries)**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection ..... \$ 524.70  
 Envelopes..... \$ 175.00  
 Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards... \$ 1225.60.  
 Tap Point Terminals..... \$ 620.00  
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