

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

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Palm Sunday- Year A

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Parish office hours

Tuesday—1.30pm—4.15pm

Wednesday 1.30pm—4.15pm

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Weekday Mass,

Weekend Mass

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament

Private Devotions

**have been all been
suspended until further
notice due to COVID19.**

**All access codes have been
deactivated until further
notice**

IF YOU SEEK

Mass Intentions

OR

Sacrament of Reconciliation

OR

**Sacrament of Extreme
Anointing of the daying**

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Today we begin the most solemn week in the Church year: *Holy Week*. We have been journeying for almost forty days through the Season of Lent, and the hope is that we have entered into the grace of this Season. The Lenten journey takes us to a shocking halt at the foot of the Cross and then to the stony impasse of the Tomb, where it appears all hope is lost... until Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

As we ponder the Gospel account of Jesus' Passion and Death, we can imagine ourselves alongside the followers of Jesus. We look at their lives and see their weaknesses, and if we are totally honest, we see the same weaknesses in ourselves. All the disciples desert Jesus. Judas betrays him. Peter denies him out of fear for his own life. Jesus' enemies deaden their consciences and reject the truth of his words. Even John, the beloved disciple is nowhere to be found. Only Mary and a small remnant of people are faithful to the end. Through Mary's faithfulness, John finds the courage to return and stand at the Cross with the holy women.

When Jesus dies on the Cross, the veil of the sanctuary is torn in two, there is an earthquake, and the dead rise from their tombs. Seeing all this, the Gentile soldiers issue a stark proclamation: "Truly, this was the Son of God!". He has come to free us from sin. E takes on himself our condemnation, allowing himself to be beaten and finally killed, so that we might share his Divine Life. What an extraordinary display of love! Can we fathom his behaviour and the depth of his love for us? This question is planted in our hearts as we begin Passion Week.

Mary, give me the courage to stand at the foot of the Cross with you.

At the procession with palms - A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11



When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: *Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24.

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

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him." **R.**

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. **R.**

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me. **R.**

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!" **R.**

A Reading from St Paul to the Philippians 2: 6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew - 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "You say so." And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer.

Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?" But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him."

The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!"

But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."

And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha — which means Place of the Skull —, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way. From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

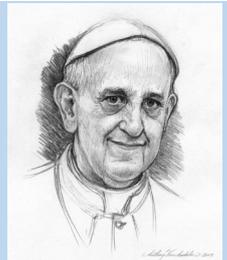
And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

The Gospel of Lord

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of



trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our plea – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger,

O glorious and blessed Virgin

The Pope offered this prayer to the Virgin Mary in a video message to mark the Diocese of Rome's day of prayer and fasting for the coronavirus emergency.

Notices

Your prayers are requested for:

SICK: Giuseppina & Leanne Perugini, Joseph Mohanraj, Maureen Marshall, Bethany Marsh, Luke Nussio, Jesse Frick, Teresa Donnellan,

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Dixon, Fr Tony Papps, Daphne Dedoncrer,

ANNIVERSARIES: Daphne & Kevin Penglase, Ida Dick, Maurice Spiers, Brett Mansell, Rosemary Prosdocimo, Narciso Brion, Mons Horgan, Maurie Kempson, Carlo Santucci, Gerald Van der Jeugd, Rose Barwick, Sante Vinsentin, Barbara Williams, Giovanna Cendak, Eileen Dorling, Relatives and friends of the Burns, Hill, Murphy, McNulty families.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

If you wish the names of your loved ones to be included in the Prayers for the Sick, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries, then please contact the Parish Office. These will be listed for 4 consecutive Sundays in the Parish Newsletter. Names can be re-listed on request from the family to the Parish Office. Names are also placed on the Altar for Mass intentions.

ONLINE MASS OPPORTUNITIES

Following the temporary suspension of Mass services and other major liturgical events in SA to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, below is a list of recommended online prayer and Mass resources.

Liturgical Resources

The Archdiocese will be providing live streamed Mass on Sunday's from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. Access via our website, Facebook page or YouTube channel. The Mass will remain available for one week, until the next Sunday Mass is celebrated. <http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/coronavirus-updates-and-alerts/online-mass-and-prayer-services>

OTHER MASS RESOURCES

READING REFLECTIONS

What	Source	Name	When
Daily Mass	CathNews	Mass on Demand	Accessible anytime online
Sunday Mass	Channel 10	Mass for you at Home	Each Sunday at 6am
Sunday Liturgy for Families	Archdiocese of Adelaide	Family-Parish bases catechesis	http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/family-and-parish-based-catechesis/prayer-services

Name	Source
Pray as you go	App (Google Play or App Store) or Website https://pray-as-you-go.org/ie.php or Podcast
Sacred Space	Website https://www.sacredspace.ie/
Corona of Thorns	Podcast (via Spotify) by Fr Peter Zwaans (Brooklyn Park/Richmond Parish)

Other Suggestions for Prayer

Lighting a candle in the window and praying the Rosary with others around the world, each evening at 9.00pm.

Join with Christians of all denominations by praying the Lord's Prayer each Friday at 8.00am.

Downloading the Laudate App ([Google Play](#) or [App Store](#)) which has access to many prayers and devotions (inc. Liturgy of the Hours and the Stations of the Cross).

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