

GOSPEL

Jn 12: 20-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus’. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

17 MARCH 2024

A MATTER OF TIME

In this fifth week of Lent, we approach the crux of our belief. We are drawing near to our journey through Passion Sunday and Holy Week. Jeremiah heralds: “See the days are coming” and Jesus in the Gospel of John proclaims, “Now the hour has come!” These times are both important in their own context yet also mark God’s time.

Jeremiah’s prophetic words announce God’s new covenant with the House of Israel, a covenant which God writes on their hearts that “I will be your God and you will be my people” (Jer 31:33).

As John’s passage opens, it is the time of the Passover and some Greeks want *to see* Jesus. Their seeking of Jesus affirms the words of the Pharisees earlier “the world has gone after him” (John 12:19). The Greeks approach Philip as he has a Greek name, and Philip goes with Andrew, to Jesus. With the Greeks seeking him, Jesus recognises that the gathering has begun, “the world has gone after him,” so he announces, “the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified” (John 12:23). An Amen saying follows: “Very truly (Amen, amen), I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit” (John 12:24). In this image of a grain of wheat is firstly the revelatory sense of Jesus’ fate, destiny and mission. Secondly it is the way to see the disciples and our own lives and mission.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Jer 31: 31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me, / that I may teach transgressors your ways / and sinners may return to you. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 5: 7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12: 26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; / and where I am, my servant will also be. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Empty Cans /Bottle Collection

For Collection please ring
Pat Hodgson 0412 259 321

Sunday Mass Times @ Brighton

6.00 pm	(Saturday Vigil)
8.30am	(Sunday)
10.00 am	(Sunday)

Weekday Masses @ Brighton

Monday	No Mass	-
Tuesday	Mass	12noon
Wednesday	Mass	6.30pm
Thursday	No Mass	-
Friday	Reconciliation	11.30am
	Mass	12noon
Saturday	Reconciliation	9.30am
	Mass	10.00am

RECONCILIATION

Before midday Mass on Fridays – 11.30am

Before 10am Mass on Saturdays – 9.30am

Readings for next Sunday

23rd/24th March, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord, Yr B

Entrance: Mark 11:1-10

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 -15:47

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Feast Days this week

Monday 18th March

St Patrick

Tuesday 19th March

St Joseph

Saturday 23rd March

St Turibius of Mogrovejo

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ANointing of the Sick

First Saturday of each month during 10am Mass

All are welcome.

ROSARY

Join us for **Rosary at 6pm** every
Wednesday followed by **Mass at 6.30pm**



BAPTISMS

Second and Fourth Sundays of each month
at 11.15am by arrangement through the
Parish office & the Baptismal Preparation Team.

WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office

MASSES @ HALLETT COVE this week

Wednesday	12noon
Friday	9.30am

Region 3 Diocesan Assembly Gathering

Sat 4th May from 11am – 3pm at Sacred Heart
College, Champagnat Campus, Walter Street,
Mitchell Park.

Please come along. Your voice is important.

WHAT'S ON IN BRIGHTON PARISH

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 19th March

- Parish Library/Community Centre
9.30am - 12 noon
- Sewing and Knitting Group 9.30 -
12noon
- Men's Fellowship 10.30am
- Easter singing practice 7pm in
church

Thursday 21st March

- Bible study 10.30am

Friday 22nd March

- Lenten Reflection Group
10.30pm
- Men's Fellowship 10.30am
- Mass 12.00noon
+ Stations of the Cross
- Parish Library/Community Centre
9.30am - 12 noon
- Adoration in church from 12.45pm
– Sat 23rd March 9.45am

POPE'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray that those who risk their
lives for the Gospel in various parts
of the world might imbue the Church
with their courage and missionary



We welcome into our community
through Baptism this weekend:
Donald O'Malley-Beenham

SINGING PRACTICE

for **Good Friday** and **Easter Vigil** will be
held in St Joseph's

7.30pm-9pm on TUESDAYS 19th & 26th
March.

Everyone welcome.

Enrolment for Sacrament of Confirmation and First holy Communion

The parish is now accepting enrolment for
celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation
and First Holy Communion. If your child is in
year 5 or above and has received the
sacrament of Reconciliation, please fill out
the form and return to the parish office as
soon as possible.



Children's Liturgy

First Sunday of each month
during the 10am Mass
(5-12 years) are welcome to join us.

Morning teas this Sunday after 8.30am
and 10am Masses in the McAuley Room. All
welcome

Join us for Holy Week

Tuesday 26th March

Reconciliation available before the
midday Mass

Wednesday 27th March

6pm Rosary, 6.30pm Mass

Holy Thursday 28th March

Last Supper Mass 7.30pm

Good Friday 29th March

9.30am Liturgy of the Hours

10am Stations of the Cross followed by
12noon – Outdoor stations of the Cross
at SHC

3pm Liturgy service

Saturday 30th March

7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday – 8.30am & 10am
Masses

Working Bee- setting up for Easter

Come and join us as we gather to set up the
church in preparation for Easter.

On Saturday 30th March @ 9am

Your time and generosity is much
appreciated!



Flowers for the Easter Cross

We will also be decorating the Cross on
Saturday 30th March during the Working Bee
and are looking for flowers, preferably long-
lasting varieties such as chrysanthemums,
carnations, daisies, orchids, etc... Any
donations to go towards flowers can be placed
in the donation box in the foyer.

Thank you for your support.

Western Beaches Catholic Women's League

The next meeting of the group will be held this
Tuesday 19th March 2024 commencing at
6pm with dinner for those who are able to join
us and then meeting at 7pm. The group meets
at Glenelg Football Club – Brighton Rd,
Glenelg - upstairs in the Presidents Room.
New members are always welcome.

Contact westernbeaches22@gmail.com
should you require more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Western Beaches Catholic Women's League
Quiz Night - Saturday 4th May 2024 starting at
7pm in St John the Baptist Hall, Plympton. \$10
per person.

More details to follow.

SUNDAY 8.30 MASS SLIDE CHANGER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Additional PowerPoint slide changing
volunteers are needed at the Sunday 8.30 am
Mass. The Litepro system is quite easy to
operate.

Training and follow-up mentoring will be
provided, please consider supporting this
ministry.

For further information, please see either
Monica Conway or John O'Grady,
immediately after the 8.30 am Mass.

5th Sunday of Lent 16th/17th March

Theme: *Glory Awaits*

Reflection: Jesus followed the will of the
Father and was made victorious.
Can we trust in God through tears and joys
with the confidence that the same glory
awaits us?

- Each time we face a difficult situation
simply say 'Jesus I trust in you' and endure
the situation with joy
- Share a meal with someone less fortunate
- Help a friend in need
- Spend time with God – extended
exposition at Brighton Friday 22nd March

This week:

Collect your recipe for making Hot Cross
Buns or use your own family recipe. Share
the Hot Cross Buns with family and friends.



Exposition and Adoration

Come Spend some time with Jesus.

After 12noon Mass at St Joseph's, on Friday
22nd March, The Blessed Sacrament will
remain exposed until 10am Mass on
Saturday 23rd March.

Jesus must never be left alone. We invite you
to spend an hour with Jesus, sometime
during these 20 hours.

For safety reasons we need at least 2 people
with Jesus at any time.

Please write your name and a contact
number on the sheet in the foyer to nominate
a time.



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donation boxes and envelopes available from
your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion
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Knights of the Southern Cross

Invite you to the

Monastery Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 19th March at 10am,
Conducted by Fr Leon Czechowicz (State
Chaplain), followed by Morning tea in the
Gathering Room.

Donation of \$5 per person. Registration
required by 11th March to Gary Amott on
0413 629 425 or email:
carmelandgary494@gmail.com



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED

Terry Critchley, Barry Martin,
Carita Pyne, Paul Durens

DECEASED

Leonie Hiesley, Br Peter Faulkner
Leonie Elliott, Mons Ray Pope (Pt Pirie)

ANNIVERSARIES

Archbishop James Gleeson,
Bishop Philip Kennedy, Phil Tummel,
Gladys D'Crus, Giuseppina Mignone

SICK

Helen Hehir, Brian Isaacs, Jane Lucas,
Lorraine McCarthy, Alan Shiell,
Charlie Hamblen, Metha Storer,
Raymond Giblett, John Cowling,
Br Vincent Connors, Norm Cleveland,
Denise Davis, Shirley Martin,
David Middleton, Glenn Mead,
David Smith, Jenny Hutton,
Chris Wilton, Neelam Suryagandh,
Antonio, Steve Baker, Chris Harwood,
Pauline & Tim Parkinson,
Robert Morrell, Mary Reynolds,
Sheila Donoghue (Ireland),
Isabel Turner (Sydney), Sr Marietta,
Mike Pulley, Kevin Pardon,
John Wallace, Aoibhinn Delaney

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray
for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to
privacy laws, names will not be published on the sick list
in the bulletin without prior permission of the person
involved.

Acknowledgment

We would like to acknowledge the Kaurna
people as the custodians of the lands and
waters of the Adelaide region, on which we
meet. We pay respect to elders both past
and present. We acknowledge and respect the
Kaurna peoples' cultural, spiritual, physical,
and emotional connection with their land,
waters, and community.

MASS OF THE OILS

We welcome all to celebrate Mass of the Oils on
Monday March 25 in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral
at 6pm.

Please note NO onsite car parking will be available.
If you would like more information regarding this
event, please contact the Events Office on 8210
8220

Teach us to Pray

The Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation has
made some useful resources available to help
people to better understand and rediscover the
value of prayer. These are aimed at inviting the
faithful to "intensify prayer as a personal dialogue
with God" and to reflect on our faith and the
"absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the
life of the Church and of the world." The new
guidebook, entitled Teach Us to Pray
is available from our parish website.
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