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PASSION SUNDAY IN LENT (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 (Year C)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125 (Year C)

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels

the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

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we are filled with joy.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14 (Year C)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless
in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For
him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on
everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ
and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for
perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes
from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes
through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on
faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his
resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the
pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my
place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have
become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still
running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus
captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from
thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I
forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come;
I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls
us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Joel 2:12-13 (Year C)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 8:1-11 (Year C)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Has no one Condemned you, Woman? No On one Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more

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<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Matthew Jefcott
Sick: Babies Emmett, Noah Glen Christie, Tedi and Santi; Roman, Blake Smith, Trish Leahy, John Snell, Abby Sharp, Peter Munro, Megan, Bernie Jansen, Andrew Sharp, John, Glenn, Lyn Francis, Dorothy Barber, Fiona, Annie Preuss, Michelle Ryan, Damian, John, Alison, Heather, Julie Bates, Garry Dettman, Bradley Jordan, Jeanette Henkel, Richard Galbraith, Debbie Huby, Geoff Lucas, Sandra Donkin, Glen, Fred Coullas, Evie Gleeson, Indy Dawes, Rade Krstic, Megan Williams, Michael Wood, Michael, Margo & Stephen Youngberry, Marie

Hammond, John Mulholland, Rhiannon Days, Val Savitt, Ron Garland, Jaz Nueber, James Cooney, Robert, Mary & Gerard Bariola, Tilly Van der Zee, Lydia, Joyce Slattery, Annie, Bob Ireland, Val & Michael Christie, Ted & Peter Bowling, Natasha, Mia, James, Mitchell Wilson, Veronica Ireland, Lauren, Brooke, Anthony, Laura Baosde Pinto, Michelle, Judy, Annette Fromholtz, John Wray, Lynn Doensen, Elsa Gianforte, Fiona M, Louise Janse,

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE IN MARCH

Sr Nell Russell (03.03.16), Ronald Donchi (05.03.83), H. Weda (12.03.03), Rene Chandler (13.03.96), Helen Srafford, (16.03.08), Frank McDonald (12.03.04), John Doensen (17.03.17), Ziggy Nadolski (18/3/11), Claudio Latin (20.03.13), Mary Snell (22.03.12), Antonio Bariola (24.03.99), John Field (23.03.42), Mary Wood (23.03.03), Eva Jansen (2006), Erica Fries (2005), Mavis McKenzie (2006), Harry van de ven, Susan Sosic (25.03.19)

Gardening around the church and presbytery

If you can help out in any way in keeping our gardens looking neat, please contact the office. Our gardening team needs assistance with big jobs and little, from mowing and whipper snipping to weeding. This need not be a big time commitment, we simply need generous parishioners to be available when they can to join a pool of willing hands to help maintain our large grounds. Thanks!

Thanksgiving St Brigid's Healesville, 13th & 20 March 2022 – NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING

Thanksgiving: \$
Presbytery: \$

Easter Mass Times

14th April- 7:30 pm.
Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Altar of Repose, Individual Prayer and Adoration.

15th April, Good Friday.
3:00 pm Passion of the Lord

16th April, Holy Saturday.
7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

17th April Easter Sunday Mass
10:30 am St. Patrick's, Lilydale
8:30 am St. Brigid's, Healesville



Stations of the Cross
Good Friday 10.00am at
St Aloysius - Yarra Glen

Debbie says 'goodbye'

With a mixture of sadness and some excitement, I will be finishing up as Pastoral Worker at St Pat's and at St Brigid's at the end of April. After 13 years of service, I feel that the time has come for me to begin a new phase in my working life, and will be returning to the funeral industry, where I started my pastoral work. I have absolutely loved my vocation in both Parishes and treasure the friendships and experiences with which I have been blessed over so many years. I won't be going far! I look forward to seeing you 'around'! I move forward, but my prayers remain with each of you, and with the Parishes I am passionate about, forever.

We will have a "farewell" cuppa with Debbie at on the 2nd May after mass. All welcome to come along and have a chat and say goodbye.



Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities

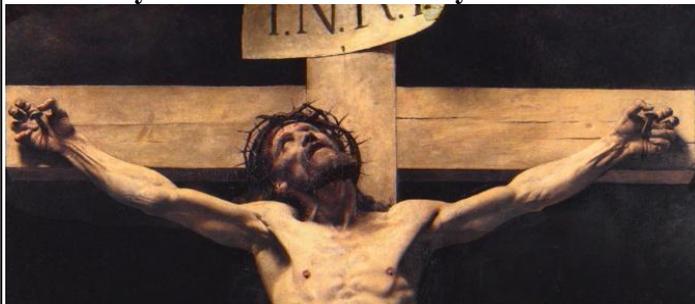
– and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food. With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

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5th Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday



The fifth Sunday of Lent is known traditionally as 'Passion Sunday'. This is the Sunday when we traditionally veil the statues, crucifixes, and other images in the Church with purple coverings. This is designed to sober our senses; our eyes are denied even the consolation of beautiful religious iconography until their great unveiling at the Easter Vigil.

The use of veils is an interesting cultural phenomenon that is largely lost on us 'Moderns'. From the Biblical standpoint it communicates a sense of the sacred; the idea is that lying behind the veil there is a holy mystery hidden, which we dare not see with our own eyes. Even the cherubim in heaven veil their eyes before God, lest they see his dread majesty (Isaiah 6:2). When God speaks to Moses or appears to Israel he always does so veiled under a numinous cloud. There is the pious intuition here that a direct encounter with God would be too much for us. Indeed, when Moses own face radiates with the glory of God from his own encounter on Mt Sinai, he too covers his face with a veil since the Israelites cannot bring themselves to look upon him (see Ex 34:33-35). For the forty years that the Israelites wandered in the desert, the Ark of the Covenant was always hidden from view, inside the tent of meeting. Later, when the Ark entered the Temple in Jerusalem it was hidden from view behind the temple curtain.

From earliest time the Christians followed this Jewish practice of 'veiling' the sacred. We see it above all in the liturgy – the tabernacle (which incidentally comes from the Latin word meaning tent) is traditionally veiled, since it contains the Holy of Holies, the Eucharist. In the Mass the chalice and paten are cover by a chalice veil; the corporal is hidden inside a burse; the altar is covered by altar cloths; even the priest himself is veiled under layers of liturgical vestments. And within the liturgy itself, a cloud of incense encircles the altar, in preparation for the Mystery of mysteries, almost veiling the sacred ministers from sight! Throughout the Old Testament any encounter with the Divine presence demands a healthy separation. As Uzzah discovered, it's a perilous thing to come into direct contact with the things of God. He was struck dead for merely *touching* the Ark of the Covenant (2 Sam 6:7). Experience teaches that the more direct our encounter with something sacred, the more likely we are to treat it as common. The veil acts as helpful barrier, reminding us that we are dealing with mysteries that far surpass our immediate apprehension.

Jesus Christ in his sacred Humanity was also (in a manner of speaking) 'veiled'. As the popular Christmas carol, *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, goes: "Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!" Christ's divine nature was concealed by his appearing in human form (cf. Phil 2:6-8). Many, indeed, *most* of the people who saw or knew Jesus failed to recognise who he was. Some complained scornfully: "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary?" (Matt 13:55). Others were more menacing: "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God" (John 10:33). The hidden divinity of Christ becomes a stumbling block to

the unbelieving but to those who believe, it is the power of Christ to save (cf. 1Cor 1:23). Everything culminates with the Passion of Christ. Here we see Jesus stripped naked and nailed to a cross. This humiliation was in a double sense an unveiling, a revelation, an ἀποκάλυψις ('apokálypsis'). From the Cross Jesus fully reveals to the world the love of God who endures the Passion for our redemption. This is the great unveiling of Christian Revelation. The Centurion, seeing such a death exclaims in faith. "Truly, this man was the Son of God" (Matt 27:54; Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47).

The veiling which takes place this Sunday is above all a preparation for the ceremonies of the Triduum. On Holy Thursday the Altar is stripped of its coverings. On Good Friday the cross is ceremoniously unveiled for the veneration of the cross. The three-fold unveiling represents the gradual work of God's self-revelation in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ is revealed typologically in the Old Testament (in 'figures and shadows'); he is revealed sacramentally in the Incarnation; and finally, Christ will appear manifest in glory at the Last Judgment for all the world to see. In the meantime, we have the opportunity to contemplate Christ hidden as he is in the Eucharist. Behind the appearance of a thin wafer is Christ Himself, really, truly, substantially present. What better way to prepare for Holy Week than by spending time contemplating the face of Christ veiled yet present before our eyes in the Eucharist? Remember there is adoration at St Patrick's Lilydale every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00-9:00am and following Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday until 10:30am.

Yours in Christ
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Safeguarding children news

We now have a dedicated email address for all enquiries regarding child safeguarding

Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au

Flood Appeal - Society of St. Vincent de Paul The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St. Vincent de Paul Society in Qld and NSW, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: www.vinnies.org.au - Flood appeal - St. Vincent de Paul Society - Good works (vinnies.org.au) or by calling Queensland 07 3010 1000 or New South Wales 02 9568 0262.

Caritas Australia - Ukraine Emergency Appeal

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families. Visit - <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine> or contact 1800 024 413.



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