



Gospel Jn 8:1-11

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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The accusers of this woman make her 'stand there in full view of everybody.' She is surrounded by the hostile glare of eyes filled with blood lust.

It is only when the accusers have left in embarrassment that Jesus, who has been bent to the ground, looks up at her. He adopts the posture of a slave, seeing her as she could be if she gives up her current pattern of behaviour.

Up till now, *no-one* has spoken to this woman. Now Jesus treats her as a human being worth speaking to. And what does she hear? That he does not condemn her but points her to a new sort of life in the future.

We could pause for a moment to allow Jesus the time to look at us, talk to us, in that way. Do you have the courage to 'lock eyes' with Jesus and live out the consequences?

'The eyes have it.'

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The Living Word

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

3 April 2022

First Reading Is 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

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.

will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. 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. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 3:8-14

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.

Gospel Acclamation JI 2:12-13

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

**With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.**

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king of endless glory!**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

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

1. 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.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears



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SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm.
Spanish Speaking Mass 12:30pm; Filipino Mass monthly 4th Sunday at 12:15pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday Communion Service 8:30am, Tuesday 7pm,
Wednesday - Saturday 8:30am **Public Holidays 8:30am**

Reconciliation: Saturday after morning Mass or by appointment.

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Next week Palm Sunday of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14 – 23:56.

Fr Stan writes ...

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

Next Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday and so the start of Holy Week, the most solemn week in the Church's liturgical year. You are invited to bring palms from your own gardens to have blessed at next weekend's Palm Sunday Masses so that you can take them home for the coming year.

With the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine growing, and a flood of refugees now in Poland, our Michaelite parishes have opened up their churches and monasteries to house displaced Ukrainian families. This weekend there will be a Leaving Collection after all Masses to raise funds to support these displaced refugees. All the funds will be sent to the Congregation's Curia in Poland to be dispersed across our parishes supporting those fleeing the war. Please give generously if you can.



We welcome into our Christian community through the
Sacrament of Baptism
Matilda Therese Grech and congratulate her family.

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School Enrolling Now

Our parish primary school is an authentically Catholic school where students receive a high quality education in a nurturing, faith-filled environment. The school's students consistently achieve strong academic results and are fortunate to learn and play in a modern environment with outstanding playground spaces. Enrolment applications are now being accepted for positions in Kindergarten 2023. This year all parents are asked to enrol via an online form which is available on our school website: <https://www.hsnryde.catholic.edu.au/>.



To ensure that your child does not miss out, parents are encouraged to submit the application ASAP. If you have friends or relatives thinking about our school for next year, please encourage them to check out the school website or to call the school office. After clicking the "enrol now" button, there are videos and step-by-step guides to complete the application. If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to call the school office: 9878 2848.



PLEASE NOTE!! Palm Sunday – next weekend.

Please be aware that the parish **will not accept donations of palms. This means NO PALMS WILL BE PROVIDED for Palm Sunday. Please be sure to bring along your own palm or other green branch as they will be blessed in the usual way at the beginning of Mass.**



Tuesday 12 April

Reconciliation from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

(Please note that Mass will be in the morning at 8:30am)

Holy Thursday 14 April

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 15 April

**10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

Holy Saturday 16 April

**10:00am Blessing of Easter Food
7:00pm Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday 17 April

Mass Times 8:30am; 10:00am; 5:00pm

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: Miguela Aguirre, Minerva Santos, Vincent Mascolo, Tony Valvis, Alan Granger, Margaret Cuneo recently deceased.

Also, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, the Escalante & Venal families, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Carmela, Angelo, Paul Scicluna, Ignazio (Jim) Torrisi, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Mary & Sam Bietola, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale Papandrea, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Rosina, Giuseppe, Salvatore & Bruno Panetta, Luigi, Rosina, Pasquale & Santa Genova, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Antonino & Tindara Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Angelina & Antonino Rando, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Emmanuela Delia, Josephine Keen, Robert (Bob) Jones, Bob Brown, Marianna Cincotta, Nunziata Pirina, Janina & Anzelm Maciejczyk, Zofia & Mieczyslaw Machnio, Max Doohan, Anna Pelosi, John & Mary Moody, Hannah Moody, Bill Moody, Sadie Moody, Danny Moody, Renee O'Connor, Pedro Almelor, Jose Reario and the deceased members of the Moody, Di Tano, Smith, Shewan, Holland families.