

# St. Oliver Plunkett Parish

## Harris park



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### 29 March 2026 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord,  
the King of Israel.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Matthew 21:9

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass  
without my drinking it,  
your will be done.

Matthew 26:42

#### Weekday Mass times

Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 am

#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

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#### OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday & Friday: 10:00 am. - 3:00 pm  
Wednesday: 8:00 am - 12:30pm

#### Sacraments @ St Oliver's

**For Baptism, Reconciliation,  
First Holy Communion,  
Confirmation, Marriage and  
Funerals,** please ring or email the  
parish office for assistance.

#### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Thinking about becoming a Catholic  
or know someone who may be  
interested in exploring the Catholic  
faith? Contact the Parish Office for  
more details on joining the RCIA  
program.

#### Gospel

Matthew 21: 1-11

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When they drew near to Jerusalem and  
came to Bethphage, to the Mount of  
Olives,  
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,  
'Go into the village opposite you, and  
immediately you will find an ass tied,  
and a colt with her; untie them and bring  
them to me.  
If anyone says anything to you, you shall say,  
'The Lord has need of them,' and he will  
send them immediately'.  
This took place to fulfil what was spoken  
by the prophet, saying,  
'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your  
king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on an ass, and on a  
colt, the foal of an ass'.  
The disciples went and did as Jesus had  
directed them;  
they brought the ass and the colt, and put  
their garments on them, and he sat thereon.  
Most of the crowd spread their garments  
on the road, and others cut branches from  
the trees and spread them on the road.  
And the crowds that went before him and  
that followed him shouted,  
'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
And when he entered Jerusalem all the city  
was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?'  
And the crowds said, "This is Jesus the  
prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

#### First reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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

Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

℟ My God, my God, why have you  
abandoned me?

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.' ℟

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. ℟

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! ℟

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.' ℟

#### Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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 Philippians 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

Matthew 26:14-27:66

#### The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Key: N. Narrator. □ Jesus. O. Other single  
speaker. C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.

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reading the  
Gospel on  
the last page  
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the back.)



## Other News and Events



**Palm Sunday**  
28–29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.



**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

**Bishop Vincent presents Archbishop Ryan Jimenez: 21 April**  
Archbishop Ryan Jimenez, Archbishop of Agana in Guam and President of the Episcopal Conference of the Pacific is the first guest speaker for this year's Bishop Vincent Presents series. Join us at 6pm on Tuesday 21 April in Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, for an evening with Archbishop Jimenez as he reflects on the theme "An Immigrant Bishop for an Immigrant Church." To register, please visit [parracatholic.org/jimenez](http://parracatholic.org/jimenez)

## Fr Paul's Corner

*Some sharing from Fr Paul: I would like to put some more educative and reflective articles in our bulletin.*

### FOOTSORE CHRIST

Footsore and weary Christ, you never gave up on your mission to reveal your Father to our world. When we grow tired and dispirited, infuse us with your passion and purpose, that the strength of your Word may become our strength so that the Gospel may continue to be faithfully proclaimed everywhere in our world. In your name we pray. Amen. (Rae Trenergy)

### DILEXI TE

It becomes clear, then, that our faith in Christ, who became poor, and was always close to the poor and the outcast, is the basis of our concern for the integral development of society's most neglected members. I often wonder, even though the teaching of Sacred Scripture is so clear about the poor, why many people continue to think that they can safely disregard the poor." (Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi Te n.23)

### SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH:

In our Parish of St. Oliver's, we aim to promote child safety in what we say and do. The Diocese of Parramatta's Statement of Commitment to Safeguarding outlines our commitment to being a community of safeguarding that actively promotes the dignity and rights of children and of all other persons, particularly those who may be at risk. Clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers are all required to undertake Safeguarding training and to follow the Diocesan Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Policy. Most of our parishes have a Safeguarding Champion who co-ordinates the Safeguarding training of parish volunteers. Our Safeguarding person is Milly and the parish office team.

*Fr Paul*



## Parish News & Updates



### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Blessing of the Palms will take place at the very beginning of the mass. Please take your palms before the celebrations begin.

The latest **Catholic Outlook** magazine is out now, keeping you connected

with news and events across the Diocese of Parramatta. Inside this edition, you'll find:

- Bishop Vincent's Easter message
- Celebrating the Special Year of St Francis in our Diocese
- A parish profile featuring the oldest church in mainland Australia
- Looking back at our first 40 years as a Diocese
- Reflections on Lent and the peace Christ teaches us ... and much more. Visit your local parish to pick up a copy or read Catholic Outlook online.



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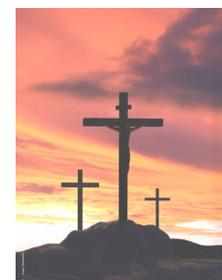
### Holy Week Timetable 2026 – St. Oliver's, Harris Park

- Palm Sunday, 29 Mar  
5.30pm Vigil Mass  
8.00am Sunday  
10.00am Sunday
- Holy Thursday, 2 April  
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday, 3 April  
10.00am Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm Passion of the Lord
- Holy Saturday, 4 April  
10.00am Reflection at the Tomb  
7.00pm Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday, 5 April  
8.00am Mass  
10.00am Mass



### PARISH READING ROSTER: HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Holy Thursday, 2 April	7:00 pm	Patricia Armao / Siji Devasia
Good Friday, 3 April	3:00 pm	Carol Isaac / Victoria Micalizzi / Robert Aquino / Anthony Melham
Easter Vigil, Saturday, 4 April	7:00 pm	Gerard Pinto / Siji Devasia / Kristine Alba / Jim Hanna
Easter Sunday, 5 April	8:00 am	Anne Haddad / Victoria Micalizzi
	10:00 am	Geoff & Monica Officer



# Diocesan Notices

## Be The Witness: Casting, Chorus and September Performances Announced

**Be The Witness** – The Musical, endorsed by Bishop Vincent, is progressing strongly. Acclaimed local theatre director Jon-Claire Lee has been appointed, rehearsals are underway with a 60-member chorus, and performances are confirmed at Riverside Theatres, 10–16 September 2026, including school matinees on 15–16 September. Casting Call for lead roles, Choreographer call and Marketing, Social Media volunteer opportunities are now open.

Email [twisydau@gmail.com](mailto:twisydau@gmail.com) or register @[bethewitness.com.au](http://bethewitness.com.au)

## Annual CYP Good Friday Night Walk: 3 April



You are invited to the Good Friday Night Walk, an annual pilgrimage attended by 1000+ young people from across Western Sydney each year. Beginning late on Good Friday night and continuing into the early hours of Holy Saturday, this overnight pilgrimage invites participants to journey together in prayer, reflection and reverence as we retrace the steps of Christ during the Easter Triduum.

The pilgrimage begins at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, and concludes at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, with an expected arrival at approximately 7:00am. Registration is compulsory. To register or find our more information, visit [parracatholic.org/gfnw](http://parracatholic.org/gfnw). If you are interested in supporting the walk as a volunteer, please contact [sebastian.duhau@parracatholic.org](mailto:sebastian.duhau@parracatholic.org)

## (Gospel Reading continued here)

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,

□ 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.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

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.

N. And many women were there, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

When it was evening, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, called Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate thereupon ordered it to be handed over. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean shroud and put it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a large stone across the entrance of the tomb and went away. Now Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

Next day, that is, when Preparation Day was over, the chief priests and the Pharisees went in a body to Pilate and said to him,

C. Your Excellency, we recall that this impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I shall rise again.' Therefore give the order to have the sepulchre kept secure until the third day, for fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' This last piece of fraud would be worse than what went before.

N. Pilate said to them:

O. You may have your guard. Go and make all as secure as you know how.

N. So they went and made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



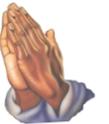
## Our Community

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO WEEKDAY MASSES on 6-10 APRIL, after Easter Sunday. Weekday masses will resume the following week on 14<sup>th</sup> April.**



Mass Intentions Of The Week

*Please pray for those who are sick, recently deceased, have an anniversary at this time and all those for whom you have a special intention.*



**Recently Deceased:** Morfeo Sumiran | Timothy Brown | All those who died recently, especially those who used to be part of this parish community as parishioners or relations of our parishioners

**Deceased:** John & Triponie Pasangha, Reggie & May Perumal, Felix and Rosita Fernando, Quintus Fernando, Clement Fernando, Rita Fernando, Cyril Fernando, Kule & Irene Nagalingam | Joe & Clare Boulous, Isaac & Ruby Moses | Namtallah & Patrick Malkoun, Frank & Ray Malkoun, Romanos Malkoun & Samiha Frome | Queenie & Nicholas Nicholas, Namtullah & Christine Coorey, Rizcullah & Patricia Coorey, Jeanette & Veronica Coorey, Jabour & Doura Nicholas & family, Saidie & Joseph Coorey & family, Najia & Toufic Samyia, Vincent Budwee, John Doumit, All deceased members of the Nicholas, Coorey, Budwee & Norman families | Artemio, Abraham, Augustus, Rebecca & Tranquilina Patacsil; Yolanda & Donald Muir; Rachael Sumagui, Melissa, Petronillo & Rebecca Llanillo | David (Dib) & Theresia Romanos | Romanos Family | Pamela Romanos | Evelyn Betros | Tony, Kevin & Samira Abood & their Family | Fred Betros Family | Constanton Family | All Holy Souls in Purgatory especially for those who have no one praying for them

**Anniversary:** Joan Wright | Cyriaco Pinto | Peter Duong | For all those souls whose anniversaries occur about this time

**Sick:** John Joaquin Patacsil, Virginia, Agnes, Napoleon, Manuel & Jorge Patacsil & his families, Elizabeth, Michael & Maryrose Perez, Naty & Maria Aurora Degamo, Erwin Ayuste, Ellen Patacsil | All the Sick especially those who are sick in our parish community

**Special Intentions:** Sidney Lavyo Imbun | Cristina Yara Pipi | Melhem Family | John Joaquin, Agnes, Napoleon, Manuel, Virginia & Jorge Patacsil & his families; Elizabeth, Michael & Maryrose Perez; Erwin Ayuste | Wap-Hill, Sidney, Kimberley, Richard | For all our special intentions and for those who have asked us for prayers

**Thanksgiving:** For all our blessings and prayers for thanksgiving

*To our parishioners who would like to request for a home or hospital visit for the sick, please call the parish office on (02) 8863 8801 or email [harrisparke@parracatholic.org](mailto:harrisparke@parracatholic.org). For mass offerings or special intentions, you may use the envelopes provided at the church foyer.*

# Mass Readings

N. One of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,  
O. What are you prepared to give me if I hand him over to you?  
N. They paid him thirty silver pieces, and from that moment he looked for an opportunity to betray him.  
Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus to say,  
C. Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the passover?  
N. He replied:  
□ Go to so-and-so in the city and say to him, 'The Master says: My time is near. It is at your house that I am keeping Passover with my disciples.'  
N. The disciples did what Jesus told them and prepared the Passover.  
When evening came he was at table with the twelve disciples. And while they were eating he said:  
□ I tell you solemnly, one of you is about to betray me.  
N. They were greatly distressed and started asking him in turn,  
C. Not I, Lord, surely?  
N. He answered,  
□ Someone who has dipped his hand into the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man is going to his fate, as the scriptures say he will, but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! Better for that man if he had never been born!  
N. Judas, who was to betray him, asked in his turn,  
O. Not I, Rabbi, surely?  
N. Jesus answered:  
□ They are your own words.  
N. Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:  
□ Take it and eat; this is my body.  
N. Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, saying:  
□ Drink, all of you, from this, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. From now on, I tell you, I shall not drink wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in the kingdom of my Father.  
N. After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,  
□ You will all lose faith in me this night, for the scripture says: I shall strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered, but after my resurrection I shall go before you to Galilee.  
N. At this, Peter said,  
O. Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith.  
N. Jesus answered him,  
□ I tell you solemnly, this very night, before the cock crows, you will have disowned me three times.  
N. Peter said to him,  
O. Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.  
N. And all the disciples said the same.  
Then Jesus came with them to a small estate called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,  
□ Stay here while I go over there to pray.  
N. He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. And sadness came over him, and great distress. Then he said to them,  
□ My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.  
N. And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed:  
□ My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.  
N. He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter:  
□ So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.  
N. Again, a second time, he went away and prayed:  
□ My Father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!  
N. And he came back again and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy.  
Leaving them there, he went away again and prayed for the third time, repeating the same words. Then he came back to the disciples and said to them,  
□ You can sleep on now and take your rest. Now the hour has come when the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is already close at hand.  
N. He was still speaking when Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared, and with him a large number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the traitor had arranged a sign with them. He had said,  
O. 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge.'  
N. So he went straight up to Jesus and said,  
O. Greetings, Rabbi.  
N. and kissed him. Jesus said to him,  
□ My friend, do what you are here for.  
N. Then they came forward, seized Jesus and took him in charge. At that, one of the followers of Jesus grasped his sword and drew it; he struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus then said,  
□ Put your sword back, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father who would promptly send more than twelve legions of angels to my defence? But then, how would the scriptures be fulfilled that say this is the way it must be?  
N. It was at this time that Jesus said to the crowds,  
□ Am I a brigand, that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I sat teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me.  
N. Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture. Then all the disciples deserted him and ran away.  
The men who had arrested Jesus led him off to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter followed him at a distance, and when he reached the high priest's palace, he went in and sat down with the attendants to see what the end would be.  
The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus, however false, on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any, though several lying witnesses came forward. Eventually two stepped forward and made a statement,  
O. This man said: 'I have power to destroy the Temple of God and in three days build it up.'  
N. The high priest then stood up and said to him,  
O. Have you no answer to that? What is this evidence these men are bringing against you?  
N. But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him,  
O. I put you on oath by the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.  
N. Jesus answered:  
□ The words are your own. Moreover, I tell you that from this time onward you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.  
N. At this, the high priest tore his clothes and said,

O. He has blasphemed. What need of witnesses have we now? There! You have just heard the blasphemy. What is your opinion?  
N. They answered,  
C. He deserves to die.  
N. Then they spat in his face and hit him with their fists; others said as they struck him,  
C. Play the prophet, Christ! Who hit you then?  
N. Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came up to him and said,  
O. You too were with Jesus the Galilean.  
N. But he denied it in front of them all, saying:  
O. I do not know what you are talking about.  
N. When he went out to the gateway another servant-girl saw him and said to the people there,  
O. This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.  
N. And again, with an oath, he denied it:  
O. I do not know the man.  
N. A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter,  
C. You are one of them for sure! Why, your accent gives you away.  
Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing:  
O. I do not know the man.  
N. At that moment the cock crew, and Peter remembered what Jesus had said, 'Before the cock crows you will have disowned me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly.  
When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound, and led him away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor.  
When he found that Jesus had been condemned, Judas his betrayer was filled with remorse and took the thirty silver pieces back to the chief priests and elders, saying:  
O. I have sinned. I have betrayed innocent blood.  
N. They replied:  
C. What is that to us? That is your concern.  
N. And flinging down the silver pieces in the sanctuary he made off and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the silver pieces and said,  
C. It is against the Law to put this into the treasury: it is blood-money.  
N. So they discussed the matter and bought the potter's field with it as a graveyard for foreigners, and this is why the field is called the Field of Blood today. The words of the prophet Jeremiah were then fulfilled: And they took the thirty silver pieces, the sum at which the precious One was priced by children of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord directed me.  
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,  
□ 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,  
C. Barabbas.  
N. Pilate said to them:  
O. But in that case, 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 mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused 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 puts his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God.'

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