



# St Kieran's Parish – Osborne Park

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING:

Numbers 21:4-9

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So, Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 77:1-2,34-38

Response: **Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **R.**

When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. **R.**

But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him. they were not faithful to his covenant. **R.**

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. **R.**

#### SECOND READING:

Philippians 2:6-11

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he 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 the Father.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alléluia, alléluia !

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alléluia !

#### GOSPEL:

John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted as Moses lifted the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH SCHEDULE	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass
7:30pm	Mass (longer liturgy)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
8.00am	Mass
9:00am	Mass
10:15am	Mass (Italian)
11.15am	Mass (Brazilian-every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
7:30am	Adoration
8:00am	Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
<b>BAPTISM</b>	
1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> Sunday	11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment
<b>CONFESSION</b>	
Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/ by appointment	
<b>WEDDINGS &amp; FUNERALS</b>	
By appointment	
<b>PARISH CONTACTS</b>	
Parish Priests	Fr. Wilson Donizzetti Fr. Oscar Aguilera Fr. Gionata Pagani
Parish Co-ordinator	Judith Tresham
Parish Secretary	Margaret Leonard Pat Richards
Safeguarding Officer	Rose Arto
Parish Hall bookings	Judith: 0437908793
<b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b>	
Monday & Wednesday	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday	12.30pm – 4:00pm
Friday	10.00am – 2:30pm
T: 0435 590 495	
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MASS INTENTIONS		
Sat	6:30pm	Cecilia Maria Cavalheiro (1 Yr) Vera Lucia Molinari Lima
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	
	9:00am	Osmund Perera
	10:15am	Alberto Leone & Antonino Agnello Antonino Arfuso
	11:15am	Neuza Ezequiel da Silva
READERS		
Sat	6:30pm	Margot Harness & Carlo Consani
	7:30pm	Neocatechumenal Way
Sun	8:00am	Anne & Greg Diamond
	9:00am	Leanne & Joshua Reid
	10:15am	Italian Mass
	11:15am	Brazilian Mass ( <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month</b> )
SERVERS/ACOLYTE		
Sat	6:30pm	Cassius, Clelia, Tessa, Luke, Joseph and Michaela <i>Brad</i>
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	Joseph, Jonathan & Gebriel
	9:00am	Abigail, Ahinsa, Grace, Luke & Tess <i>Eugene, Pedro &amp; Brendon</i>
	10:15am	<i>Giovanni</i>
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
Sun	9.00am	Anne-Marie & Clare
HOSPITAL		
By appointment		

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Our Plan-giving is an essential part of the parish financial needs. Talk to either Phil, Eugene or Judith Tresham to know more about it and be part of our plan-giving. You can either contribute weekly or monthly through our parish online accounts. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

*Thank you!*

# The exaltation of the Cross

There are few things more astonishing in the Christian faith than this: we celebrate an instrument of torture. The cross, in Rome, was not an ornament but a warning— “This is what happens to rebels.” To imagine men and women one day singing hymns to it would have seemed madness. Yet here we are, exalting the Cross. Why? Because God has reversed its meaning. What once stood for humiliation has become a sign of triumph. The tree of death has become the tree of life. This is the paradox at the center of Christianity: the worst humanity can do has been taken up by God and turned into the very best. But this only makes sense because of the Resurrection. Without Easter, the Cross remains a horror, just another battlefield where death wins. But the empty tomb has changed its meaning. The Cross is no longer defeat, but the place where love proved stronger than death. If the Cross stood alone, it would tell us cruelty has the last word. The Resurrection answers: No! God’s love is deeper than cruelty, louder than death, stronger than violence. That is why the Cross is not simply Christ’s burden, but something we too are invited to carry. Our own sufferings—on their own mere waste—can, joined to Him, become seedbeds of mercy. To exalt the Cross is not to glorify pain, but to glorify love—love that does not remain in theory, but bleeds for us. On the wood we see mercy that enters the pit, and love that endures unto death. The Cross, then, is not the end but the turning point of history: death gives way to life, cruelty to mercy, hatred to forgiveness. Each time you make its sign, you declare this: love wins. So let us not see the Cross as a relic of sorrow, but as the throne of victory—the ladder by which Christ has raised us to heaven.

## PARISH EVENTS

If you are unable to attend mass due to ill health and would like to receive communion at home, please contact **Eugene Tresham on 0420 936 988** to arrange.

### Special Parish Morning Tea

In remembrance of our parishioner Osmund Perera, a special morning tea will be held on Sunday **14th September after the 9am mass**. Parishioners are invited to join this special morning tea to celebrate the life of Osmund.

### Parish Fundraising Cake Stall

Our parish fundraising Cake stall is on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st, after weekend masses. (next weekend). Your support and contribution are much appreciated.

### Jubilee In Rome

Fr. Wilson will be going to the Jubilee in Rome, and he will be back in 2 weeks. Fr. Oscar and Gionata will be at the parish. If you need anything don’t hesitate to contact them, the parish office or Eugene. Keep Father Wilson on your prayers.

### Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the parish, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of you for your incredible generosity, kindness, and effort in organising the beautiful morning tea following the celebration of the blessing of St Joseph’s Chapel.

Your thoughtful contributions, warm hospitality, and the spirit of community you brought to the occasion made it a truly memorable and joyful celebration. A special thank you as well for your generosity and support towards Fr. Oscar — your kindness was deeply appreciated and a true reflection of the love and unity within our parish family.

May St Joseph continue to guide and bless our parish as we grow together in faith and service.

With gratitude and blessings,

**Fr. Wilson Donizzetti**

Osborne Park Parish

## LITURGIA DELLA PAROLA

### PRIMA LETTURA

Nm 21,4-9

In quei giorni, il popolo non sopportò il viaggio. Il popolo disse contro Dio e contro Mosè: «Perché ci avete fatto salire dall'Egitto per farci morire in questo deserto? Perché qui non c'è né pane né acqua e siamo nauseati di questo cibo così leggero». Allora il Signore mandò fra il popolo serpenti brucianti i quali mordevano la gente, e un gran numero d'Israeliti morì. Il popolo venne da Mosè e disse: «Abbiamo peccato, perché abbiamo parlato contro il Signore e contro di te; supplica il Signore che allontani da noi questi serpenti». Mosè pregò per il popolo. Il Signore disse a Mosè: «Fatti un serpente e mettilo sopra un'asta; chiunque sarà stato morso e lo guarderà, resterà in vita». Mosè allora fece un serpente di bronzo e lo mise sopra l'asta; quando un serpente aveva morso qualcuno, se questi guardava il serpente di bronzo, restava in vita.

Parola di Dio

**A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

### SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Sal 77

***Non dimenticate le opere del Signore!***

Ascolta, popolo mio, la mia legge, porgi l'orecchio alle parole della mia bocca. Aprirò la mia bocca con una parabola, rievocherò gli enigmi dei tempi antichi. **R.**

Quando li uccideva, lo cercavano e tornavano a rivolgersi a lui, ricordavano che Dio è la loro roccia e Dio, l'Altissimo, il loro redentore. **R.**

Lo lusingavano con la loro bocca, ma gli mentivano con la lingua: il loro cuore non era costante verso di lui e non erano fedeli alla sua alleanza. **R.**

Ma lui, misericordioso, perdonava la colpa, invece di distruggere. Molte volte trattenne la sua ira e non scatenò il suo furore. **R.**

### SECONDA LETTURA

Fil 2,6-11

Cristo Gesù, pur essendo nella condizione di Dio, non ritenne un privilegio l'essere come Dio, ma svuotò se stesso assumendo una condizione di servo, diventando simile agli uomini. Dall'aspetto riconosciuto come uomo, umiliò se stesso facendosi obbediente fino alla morte e a una morte di croce. Per questo Dio lo esaltò e gli donò il nome che è al di sopra di ogni nome, perché nel nome di Gesù ogni ginocchio si pieghi nei cieli, sulla terra e sotto terra, e ogni lingua proclami: «Gesù Cristo è Signore!», a gloria di Dio Padre.

Parola di Dio

**A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

### CANTO AL VANGELO

***Alleluia, Alleluia***

*Noi ti adoriamo, o Cristo, e ti benediciamo, perché con la tua croce hai redento il mondo..*

***Alleluia!***

### VANGELO

Gv 3,13-17

In quel tempo, Gesù disse a Nicodèmo: «Nessuno è mai salito al cielo, se non colui che è disceso dal cielo, il Figlio dell'uomo. E come Mosè innalzò il serpente nel deserto, così bisogna che sia innalzato il Figlio dell'uomo, perché chiunque crede in lui abbia la vita eterna. Dio infatti ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito, perché chiunque crede in lui non vada perduto, ma abbia la vita eterna. Dio, infatti, non ha mandato il Figlio nel mondo per condannare il mondo, ma perché il mondo sia salvato per mezzo di lui».

Parola del Signore

**A: Lode a Te, o Cristo.**