



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Palm/Passion Sunday, Year C

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## Today's Scripture Readings

*(Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Phil 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56)*

In this suffering servant song Isaiah expresses the dependency of an exiled people apparently deserted by their God. But it is they who have fallen away. God has not gone back on his promise to them, and he will come to their help. But they must turn back to him and put all their trust in him, in spite of their sufferings. Christians applied this song to Jesus remaining faithful to his Father throughout his passion.

Paul pleaded for unity among the Philippians, who were divided by rivalry and personal vanity. Paul urged them to “do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather humbly regard others as more important than yourselves”. This hymn rejoices that, unlike Adam, Jesus did not try to be equal to God. Instead his crucifixion gives us the supreme example of faith and unselfish love. Therefore he was raised to new life, as those who follow his example will be also.

It is worth listening carefully for some of the differences in Luke's description of Jesus' passion. At the Last Supper Jesus shares the cup with his disciples twice, speaking of “the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you”. Luke inserts here the argument among his disciples about who is the greatest, for Jesus to insist that the greatest is “the one who serves”.

*- Brought to you by Chris Oliver*

## Psalm Response:

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**



**Hymns:** Entry: 161      **Mass:** 652  
**Offertory:** 189      **Exit:** 618

*Music played by: Anatoli*

## Palm Sunday

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### ➤ WHAT IS PALM SUNDAY?

It is a Christian moveable feast that marks the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

### ➤ WHEN DOES IT OCCUR?

It always falls on the Sunday before Easter.

### ➤ WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey (*which is an animal of peace, versus the horse, which is the animal of war*), and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. The people also sang part of Psalm 118: 25-26:



« *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord...* »

## Saint Patrick's Day [17<sup>th</sup> March 2016]

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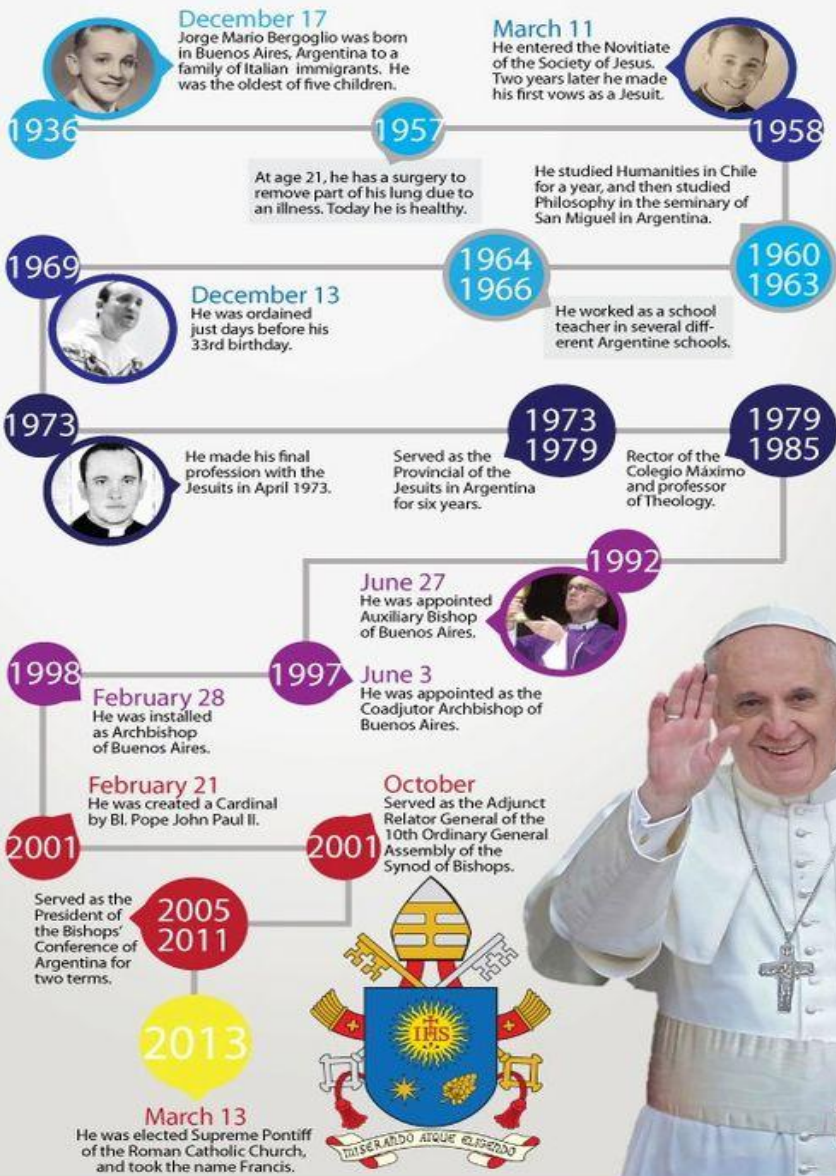
### 6 FACTS about *St. Patrick* and *St. Patrick's Day*



- 1. In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is both a Holy Day and a National Holiday.**
- 2. St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland, as he was the one who brought Christianity to the Irish.**
- 3. St. Patrick wasn't born in Ireland. He was rather born in Roman Britain in 387 AD.**
- 4. He used the shamrock (three leaved clover) to explain the Holy Trinity, and entire kingdoms were converted to Christianity after hearing his message.**
- 5. Another legend is that he drove all of the snakes out of Ireland, although many people dispute how true this is.**
- 6. He was captured by Irish pirates as a young teen and enslaved by pagans and Druids, leading him to turn to God in captivity.**

❖ March 13<sup>th</sup> marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the election of Pope Francis.

# The Life of Pope Francis



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## People Helping People (PHP)

A small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França to help those in need. Our Bishop D. António once said, "One must find new ways of helping the poor". A very small group of people attending the English Mass decided to do just that! In a short period of time we have created partnerships with restaurants and supermarket chains, we have paid dozens of medical prescriptions, we have spent gallons and gallons of petrol riding across the island giving lifts, we have prevented families to lose their homes, get their electricity cut off, run out of gas. We **now help about 35 families**. We have tried to keep them warm, keep them hopeful, keep them dreaming....

### **DONATIONS** - please help:

**Moynihans Bar, on the corner up the road from the Chapel, accepts Donations of food, toiletries or clothes for PHP.**

### **PHP Banif Bank Account:**

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How does PHP work ?



### **Special Request**

We will be needing flowers to decorate the Chapel for Easter. The favourite flowers for Easter, in Madeira, are orchids. If you would like to donate flowers for next week Sunday, please contact Fr. Bernardino on 916192783.

**Tea and Coffee  
After Mass in the  
meeting room across  
the garden - please  
join us.**



### **Tall?**

**Please beware low  
door lintels when  
leaving the  
Sanctuary!**