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## KESANJE ALI POGUBLJENJE

Kakšen je bil namen ljudi, ki so Jezusu pripovedovali o dogodkih v Galileji? Mogoče so poskušali v njem vzbuditi ogorčenje in ga spodbuditi, da bi povedel ljudi v upor. Mogoče pa so bili radovedni, kako bo Jezus odgovoril na vprašanja, ki so jih begala. Jezus je odgovoril s protivprašanjem.

Jezus presega običajna razmišljanja. S korenitim zanikanjem poudari, da se pogubljenje ne ozira na družbene razlike. Ne odgovori na vprašanje, zakaj je tiran moril ali zakaj se je podrl stolp. Zanj je pomembno vprašanje: zakaj mi je podarjeno življenje?

Videl je, da judovski narod drvi v prepad. Zavračal je upor, saj bi bil kljub preliti krvi verjetno jalov: nihče ni mogel jamčiti, da bodo voditelji upora ali pa veliki duhovnik Kajfa pravičnejši voditelji kot so Rimljani. Upor tudi ni bil v skladu z narodovim poslanstvom, da oznanja svetu Boga. In to poslanstvo je z Jezusom zopet poudarjeno. Božje kraljestvo je prišlo kot milost in vabilo v Sinu človekovem. Če bo Izrael zaupal odpadnikom, se bo izgubil v mraku brezcilnosti. Dežela bo upostošena in krivični, a vojaško močni Rimljani bodo meč v Gospodovi roki.

Jezus je trdil, da ima Izrael posebno mesto - kot smokvino drevo v vinogradu. Raste na prisojnem pobočju in se dviga visoko nad trto: nebo je popolnoma njegovo. V zgodovini je bil sicer večkrat opustošen, a njegov resnični blagoslov ni v materialni blaginji. Izrael ima zavezo z Bogom in poslanstvo, da oznani Boga vsemu svetu. To je njihovo prvenstvo, njihov sončni vinograd. Prvenstvo pa je povezano z odgovornostjo. Od smokvinega drevesa pričakujemo sadov. Zelenje in senca pod drevesom ne odtehta ta smokev. A Izrael je le zelenel, hrepenel je po bogastvu in moči, s katero bi premagal nasprotnike. To je njegova napaka. TRI LETA so veliko časa in simbolično število poudarja veliko božjo potrpežljivost. Njegovi izbranci so nepokorni, Bog pa je še vedno potrpežljiv. Človek lahko prične znova in v spreobrnjenju črpa moč za življenje po evangeliju.

## PREŠERNOV VEČER 2016 v TORONTU

V soboto, 20. februarja je VSKO - Milan Vinčec, organiziral kulturni večer. Na začetku je moški zbor Majolka iz Hamiltona zapel kanadsko in slovensko himno. Nato je po pozdravu voditeljice vse navzoče pozdravil predsednik VSKO -ja Milan Vinčec in za njim je nekaj besed spregovoril slovenski veleposlanik iz Ottawe dr. Marjan Cencen.

Moški zbor Majolka je nato zapel tri pesmi: Kje je moj mili dom, Hišica draga domača in Slovenec sem. Program je nadaljevala plesna skupina Moladi glas ml.; po vodstvu Nancy Kajin so zaplesali tri plesne na melodije: Na Golici, Moravska dolina in Po zlati poljani.

Dr. Tone Kačičnik je odlično deklamiral Uvod h Krstu pri Savici.

Sledila je točka pianistke Nastasie Žibrat. Zaigrala je odlomke Sergei Prokofieva: Selections from Romeo and Juliet Op. 75 in Ballade No. 1 in g. Minor, Op. 23, Frederica Chopina.

Simon Pribac je nato deklamiral dve pesmi. Prva je bila Pevcu, Franceta Prešerna in druga Kosovelova Opolnoči.

Kulturni program večera je zaključil mladinski zbor župnije Brezmadežne pod vodstvom Milana Vinčeca. Zapeli so: Sonce rumeno (M. Vinčec), Poj, za nami poj (Joe Raposo, M. Vinčec), Siva pot (J. Denver, A. Mežek) in Venček narodnih.

Po zaključku programa so bili vsi povabljeni še na okrepčilo.

Lepo kulturno doživetje večera je obogatilo vse navzoče.



## 2016 - OBČNI ZBOR SUMMARY

49 parishioners attended an informative meeting on February 21st. Each of the committees, societies and groups within the parish presented highlights of their work during the year with many anniversaries and successes being celebrated.

The men's choir, Majolka, the Canadian Slovenian Scholarship Foundation and the Slovenian Summer Day Camp celebrated 50, 20 and 15 - year anniversaries respectively.

Heidy Novak, parish council president, provided updates on new initiatives in 2015. She mentioned the success of the joint New Year's Eve 2015/16 event, planned in conjunction with Club Bled and the increased number of parishioners volunteering for events. She was also pleased to report that, with input from Tony Horvat, the C.A.A. contract has been successfully renewed for a period of 5 years. She also outlined major upgrades completed in 2015 - the hall air conditioning refit and the new flooring in the rectory hallways. Plans for 2016 included ideas for extra fund raising efforts – to offset the cost of a much needed new flat roof on the rectory and church, a major on site clean up scheduled for March and the anticipated publication of the parish history book.

This year, two new members were acclaimed to the council - Mary Ann Demšar and Joe Pust. Their ideas and enthusiasm will be welcomed.

Throughout the meeting many parishioners shared ideas, suggestions and positive comments - all of which were appreciated by council members.

The final words were, of course, reserved for Father Drago, who provided an overview of both the spiritual and practical components of parish life. He concluded the meeting with a prayer and invited everyone present to share in the refreshments organized by Nancy Dundek, Jožica Vegelj, Gizela Hauzar and Dragica Ferencak.



Slovenska šola je v nedeljo po mašah pripravila krofe, kavo, čaj in sok. Kar lepa udeležba! Hvala učiteljicam in otrokom.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Response: The Lord is merciful and gracious.

### **First Reading** Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

The Lord not only reveals the name by which he wants to be known; he declares that he has heard his people's cry in their distress. God acts on their behalf.

### **Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

In a brief history lesson, Paul reminds the Corinthians of the deeds of God on behalf of God's people in the past. Their infidelity should be a warning to greater effort in the present.

### **Gospel** Luke 13:1-9

Jesus makes it clear that sudden death is never to be seen as a punishment for sin. A more important issue is that people take to heart the call to embrace the arrival of God's kingdom.

*“Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered... were greater sinners than any other Galileans?”*

### **Illustration**

On 17 June 1940, the greatest British maritime disaster in history took place. A British troopship, the former Cunard liner *Lancastria*, was lying off the French coast near Saint-Nazaire, waiting to evacuate troops and civilians including women and children. No one knows how many people were actually on board. It's certain that there were more than six thousand, but some think there could have been as many as nine thousand. The ship was bombed by German aircraft and sank rapidly. Only about two thousand were rescued.

The sinking of the *Lancastria* and the great loss of human life combined two types of suffering that

cause us most horror, because they entail the suffering of innocent people. The many deaths were caused by the combination of the sea and the bombing – in other words, by natural forces and human atrocity. Both types of tragedy are the subject matter of today's Gospel passage.

### **Gospel Teaching**

In the Gospel, only here, in Luke, is the thorny subject of the suffering of innocent people tackled. There is a conversation between Jesus and people who told him about Pontius Pilate's latest atrocity: he had killed some Galileans who were offering sacrifices. This is an atrocity on different levels. First, Pilate had innocent people slaughtered: according to Jesus these were no greater sinners than other Galileans, and therefore their deaths were not punishment for sins. Second, Pilate violated their religious practice by mixing human blood he had caused to be shed with the blood of sacrificial animals, adding desecration to murder.

No documentary evidence for this example of Pilate's brutality exists apart from this passage in Luke, but such impetuous and disproportionate action was in keeping with his customary behaviour. We need only remember his actions during Jesus' trial, when he chose to condemn a patently innocent man to death in order to save his own reputation with the Roman emperor. In today's Gospel, Jesus adds his own tragic story, about a collapsed tower at Siloam (near the Temple) that killed eighteen people. Again, we have a story that is not found anywhere else in contemporary literature, although archaeological discoveries in the area may possibly point to just such a structure. Again, Jesus states that the tragic deaths of the poor victims are no indication of their guilt.

Jesus stresses that all people need to repent, otherwise they too will perish – a strange state-

ment, until we realise that in the New Testament the word that in English becomes “repent” literally means a change of mind, rather than penitential activity. In Matthew and Mark, Jesus issues a call to repent when he announces the Good News that the kingdom of God is at hand. This repentance means a change of mind, which embraces the idea of the kingdom of God among us. Now Jesus implies that failing to make that change of mind, repentance, carries even greater danger than the threat of unexpected death.

### Application

The Gospel leaves some major questions unanswered. How can God allow innocent people to suffer and die? It would almost be easier to understand (though harder to accept) a God who instantly punishes sins, but Jesus clearly distances himself (and his Father) from any such conclusion. Of course, this is what causes people to ask, “How can God allow innocent people to suffer?” Glib answers are not helpful. There is, however, some helpful biblical background to this issue in today’s first reading: the conversation between Moses and God via the burning bush. Moses is given a remarkable insight into the plans of God. Briefly, what God says to Moses is, “I have heard the cry of my people in their distress... I mean to respond to their need.” This applies to the distress of God’s people who are slaves in Egypt. God pledges to free them, but there is also the revelation of the name

by which God chooses to be known: “I Am”, meaning “the one who always is”.

We can conclude, then, that God always hears the cry of God’s people in their distress, and always responds. The Good News that Jesus reveals is that he is God’s response to our need. In Jesus, God does not take away human suffering; God shares in it. Every parent knows the impossibility of taking away a child’s pain; like every parent, God our Father shares the suffering of all his children. The death of Jesus guarantees this, and his resurrection points to the total destruction of all suffering, all pain, all sorrow.



### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of a worldwide initiative called “**24 Hours for the Lord.**”

Confessors will be available at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.** with Father Bill Trusz (Missionary of Mercy) preaching at 7:00 p.m.

On **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** we will begin with a Mass for Reconciliation and Peace at 8:30 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica.

Confessions will resume after Mass until 4:30 p.m.

# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PEVSKE VAJE

Mešani pevski zbor bo imel v četrtek zvečer po maši pevske vaje.

## DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ♦ 28. februar: **CWL-KŽŽ: BAZAAR**, Društvo sv. Jožefa: general meeting. **Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- ♦ 6. marec: **London**: maša v dvorani Triglav ob 1:45 p.m.; **Bled**: Dan žena-Women's Day
- ♦ 13. marec: **Društvo sv. Jožefa** - Banket; **London-Triglav**: Annual Membership Meeting; **Sava**: Membership General Meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- ♦ 17-18. marec: **St. Gregory** - Duhovna obnova
- ♦ 20. marec: **Palm Sunday** - Mass starts at **9:15** in the hall. **Sava**: Mass at 12:00, **London** -St. John the Divine, Mass at 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ 20. marec: **Lipa park** - Predstavitev novega ambasadorja leta 2016 - začetek ob 1:00 p.m. - igra: »Europa« (Steve Cafuta)
- ♦ 25. marec: **St. Gregory** - Good Friday celebration at 3:00 p.m. - **FISH FRY** at 4:30 p.m.
- ♦ 26. marec: **Blessing of the Easter Food**: **London**: 10:00 a.m., **Sava**: 12:00, **St. Gregory the Great** at 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 p.m.; **Easter Vigil** at 8:00 p.m.
- ♦ 2. april: **St. Gregory the Great** - Slovenska noč - VSKO is organizing
- ♦ 10. april: **St. Gregory the Great** - Spomladanski banket; **Mass at 10:00 a.m.**

## PRINAŠANJE DAROV: GIFT BEARERS

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.: Vera Gonza & Sidonia Poppa

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.: Gizela Hauzar & Emilia Mertuk

## CWL-KŽŽ

**CWL Annual Parish Bazaar** - today!! Our parish family and friends are invited ! Doors open at 11am.



**Lunch Tickets** are \$17 for adults. Children 10 and under are \$5. Children 3 and under are free. - **Hope to see you there!**

## DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA

**Slovenian Society/Villa Slovenia Annual Meeting** - Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>: Meeting will be held following the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Villa Slovenia.

**St. Joseph Society/Društvo** membership is now due. Please see Frank Erzar for payment of your 2016 membership card.

**The Annual St. Joseph Society Banquet** will be held on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased by contacting Frank Erzar @ 905-643-0285. Entertainment and door prizes. Reserve your table now. Admission: Adults: \$25, Students 20, Children: \$7.

A Call for **Youth Talent**: At the annual St. Joseph Society Banquet we will be featuring "**Nageljčki Dancers**" from Toronto & our own youth who will share their artistic talents. Performances may include: dance, vocal, instrumental, gymnastics or other stage performances. - For interest and confirmation contact: **Peter Novak** @ 905-560-4201, Jerry Ponikvar @ 905-333-5813.

## PRVI PETEK

Ta teden je prvi petek v mesecu. Obiskovali bomo bolnike. Zvečer ob 5:30 bo priložnost za zakrament sprave - sveto spoved. Ob pol sedmih bomo začeli s pobožnostjo križevega pota. Vabljeni!

# St. Gregory the Great CWL Annual Parish Bazaar



## Donations:

to the Penny Sale Table of new or crafted items will be graciously received Saturday Morning February 27th

Baked Goods will be accepted early on the morning of the Bazaar!



Children's Centre



## LUNCH

served promptly at 12:30pm  
Paid Reservations \$15/adult  
(at the door \$17)  
Child 4-10 yrs \$5  
3 and under free

Pecivo  
Noodles  
Strudel  
Krofe

Raffle  
Penny Sale  
Lottery  
50/50

Please Join us for an Afternoon of fun with Family and Friends!  
We look Forward to your support!

## Sunday, February 28, Doors Open 11am

## FISH FRY

Vas obveščamo, da bomo na **Veliki petek, 25. marca po obredih**, učiteljice in otroci slovenske šole nudili **pohane ribe** in **krompirček** v zgornji dvorani. Vljudno Vas prosimo in vas vabimo, da pridete in se pogostite. S tem boste pomagali našim učencem zbirati potrebna finančna sredstva za šolo.

The teachers and students of Slovenian School will be selling fish and chips in the upper hall after the **Good Friday Service on March 25<sup>th</sup>**. Doors will open at **4:30pm** and everyone is welcome. There will only be limited tickets available at the door so please get your tickets as soon as possible! With this you will be helping our school children raise funds for their school.

Tickets will be available for sale after each Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. You can also reserve ticket/orders by contacting Sandy Ferletic by email at

**sferletic@gmail.com** or by phone at (905) 977-8464. Tickets are **\$15** and **include one drink**.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and cooperation. We hope to see you soon on **Good Friday!**



**SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES:** Ponedeljek/Monday – Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:00 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian 5:30 P.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - Nedelja/Sunday: 9:30 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - 11:00 A.M. – angleška / in English **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** Po dogovoru, prijava 1 mesec prej. - For an app't, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** Prijava eno leto prej. / For an app't, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** Vsak prvi petek ob 6:00 P.M. / First Friday of the month 6-7:00 P.M. (or by appointment) **BOLNIKI** - Sporočite, če je kdo bolan ali v bolnišnici, da ga obiščemo. You are welcome to call for a personal conversation (person counselling) with your priest – please call during business hours for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

DON BOSCO

Od 28. 2. 2016  
Do 6. 3. 2016

# SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

## 3. POSTNA NEDELJA

28. FEBRUAR

*Ožbolt, škof*

za žive in rajne župljane

† Anton Vogrinc

† Vinko Kovič

† Marija Grebenc

**BAZAAR - CWL - KŽZ**

**MASS  
ONLY AT  
10:00 A.M.**

**12:00**

Hčekre  
Stojanka Zečevič  
Lojze in Peter Grebenc  
Parish Hall

## PONEDELJEK - MONDAY

29. FEBRUAR

*Prestopni dan*

† Adela Žekš

7:00 P.M. Gerda Žekš

## TOREK - TUESDAY

1. MAREC

*A, lbin, škof*

†† Alojz, Franc, Jože Kornhauzer

8:00 A.M. Gizela Hauzar

## SREDA - WEDNESDAY

2. MAREC

*Neža Praška, dev.*

† Eileen McKenzie

†† Marija in Jože Zelko

† Stanko Demšar

7:00 P.M. CWL - KŽZ  
Hči z družino  
Demšar-Scarcelli

## ČETRTEK - THURSDAY

3. MAREC

*Kunigunda, ces.*

† Ivan Juršič

†† Pokojni iz družine Kološa

† Vid Kastelic

7:00 P.M. Anica Saje  
Majda Salajko  
Župnijski zbor

## PRVI PETEK

### FIRST FRIDAY

4. MAREC

*Kazimir, kralj*

### KRIŽEV POT

† Ivan Ferenčak

Za verne duše v vicah

† Štefan Gonza

† Rudi Zafred, obl.

† Duh. Alojz Tomc, obl.

6:30 P.M.  
7:00 P.M. Frank in Ana Ferenčak  
Tone in Marija Bukvič  
Tone in Marija Bukvič  
Family Klepec  
Pavel in Jožica Novak

## SOBOTA - SATURDAY

5. MAREC

*Olivija, mučenka*

*Hadrijan, mučenec*

†† Eufemija in Jožef Tompa

† Štefan Gonza, obl.

†† Franc in Verona Korošec

†† Štefan in Barbara Kovač

† Ida Ftičar

† Sofija Virant, obl.

8:00 A.M. Agata Sarjaš in družina  
5:30 P.M. Vera Gonza in hči Sandy  
Ignac in Marija Korošec  
Marija in Ignac Korošec  
Mož Joe Ftičar  
Romana Novak

## 4. POSTNA NEDELJA

6. MAREC

*Fridolin, opat*

Za žive in rajne župljane

†† Ida in Jožef Ftičar

†† Jernej in Lucija Ponikvar

† Anton Hočevar

†† Pokojni člani društva London

9:30 A.M.  
11:00 A.M. Ana in Zoltan Gergyek  
Družina Ponikvar  
Tom in Mary Miklavčič  
1:45 P.M. London-dvorana Triglav