



**Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Parish, Umbilo
Good Friday Stations of the Cross
and Rosary Procession Service
Order of the Service**



(All are invited to gather on the steps of the Hall where the first station of the cross will be observed.
From here we will proceed to the second station which will be on Dan Pienaar Road.)

Opening Hymn: When I survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.



See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Introduction and Welcome by Fr. Zibonele

As we commemorate that day 2000 years ago when Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice, we invite HIM into our presence and we ask HIM to open our hearts and minds to be able to appreciate the pain and suffering that he endured for each and every one of our sins. In the Garden of Gethsemane as Jesus pondered and God revealed to Him what was about to happen during His Trial and Crucifixion, he sweated blood! Jesus was pure and innocent but became thief, murderer, adulterer, liar, a sacrilegious person, blasphemer, slanderer, and rebel so that he could set us free!!! And even though he could have turned back at any point, he did not – he died the most brutal death ... at our hands ... to set us free!!

Celebrant: Let us Glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Response: In whom is salvation, life and resurrection.

Let us pray:

O God, through the passion, death & resurrection of your son, You showed us the path to eternal glory by the way of the cross. As we now follow Him by our prayers to the place of Calvary, may we also share in His victory over sin and death, and be received into His kingdom for all eternity, where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

Hymn:

At the Cross her station keeping
Stood the mournful Mother weeping
Close to Jesus to the last.

In her heart His sorrow sharing.
All His bitter anguish bearing.
Now at length the sword had passed.

The First Station: Jesus is condemned to Death



Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

In the morning the chief priests, elders, scribes, and the whole council, binding Jesus, led him away and took him to Pilate. And they all condemned him, saying: He is guilty of death; we have found this man saying that he is Christ the King. And Pilate, sitting in the place of judgment, handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

Celebrant: God spared not His only Son.

Response: But delivered him up for all of us.

Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, You came down upon earth from the glory of the Father in heaven, and shed Your precious blood for the remission of our sins. We humbly pray that, on the day of Judgment You may find us worthy to be placed at Your right hand, and to hear Your words: Come, you blessed of my Father! This we ask of You now living and reigning forever. Amen.

(Please follow the Cross and proceed to the Next Station – one decade of the Rosary will be recited between each station. If completed before arriving at the station please observe silence in line with the solemnity of the occasion. Please feel free to take a turn with carrying the cross.)

Hymn: Who on Christ's dear Mother gazing,
 Pierced by anguish so amazing,
 Born of woman, would not weep?

Our Father:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name;

Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary: (x10)

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you amongst women and blessed is the Fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory be to the Father

Glory be, to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Second Station: Jesus takes up His Cross

Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.



Carrying His Cross, Jesus went forth to the place called Calvary. Hail, O Christ our King! You alone had pity on the folly of our sins. Obedient to the will of the Father, you are led forth to be crucified, like an innocent Lamb to the slaughter. To you be glory; to you be triumph and victory over sin and death; to you the crown of highest over sin and death; to you the crown of highest honor and acclaim.

Celebrant: The Lord has lain on Him the iniquity of us all.

Response: For the wickedness of his people he has stricken him.

Let us pray: Lord, You once said: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Grant that we may be able so to carry it as to obtain your saving grace. This we ask of you now living and reigning forever. Amen.

Hymn: Who on Christ's dear Mother thinking, Such a cup of sorrow drinking,
Would not share her sorrows deep?

The Third Station: Jesus Falls the First time under the Cross

Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.



Our Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself to the point of death, even to death on the Cross. That is why God exalted him above every creature, and gave him a name that is above all other names. Come, let us adore and bow down in worship before God; let us weep in the presence of the Lord who made us, for he is indeed the Lord our God.

Celebrant: Surely, he has borne our infirmities.

Response: And he has carried our sorrows.

Let us pray: Almighty God and Father, we confess that we are weak and that we often fail in the midst of trials and sufferings. Through the merits of the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ, your only begotten Son, give us new courage and hope. This we ask in Jesus' Name, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Hymn: Gracious Mother, Font of love, Touch my spirit from above,
Make my heart with yours accord?

The Fourth Station: Jesus Meets his Afflicted Mother

Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.



Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

To what shall I compare You? Or to what shall I liken you, virgin daughter of Jerusalem? For great as the sea is your distress. O Mother of mercy, grant that we may always realize in ourselves the death of Jesus and share with him in his saving passion.

Celebrant: A sword of sorrow has pierced your soul.

Response: And has filled your heart with bitter pain.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, at the hour of Your cruel death on the Cross, a sword of sorrow pierced the grieving soul of the Virgin Mary, Your Mother. May she plead for clemency in our behalf, now and at the hour of our death. This we ask of you now living and reigning for ever. Amen.

Hymn: Make me feel as you have felt; Make my soul to glow and melt,
With the love of Christ my Lord.

The Fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene is forced to take Up the Cross



Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

As the soldiers were leading Jesus away on the road to Calvary, they laid hold of a certain Simon of Cyrene, a passerby, who was coming in from the country, and forced him to take up the Cross of Jesus. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Celebrant: Whoever does not carry his cross and come after me.

Response: Cannot be my disciple.

Let us pray: O God of Grace and might, accept our prayers and sacrifices, and be moved to have mercy on us. Strengthen us in our weakness so that our rebellious wills may yield to your divine will in all things. This we ask of you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Bruised, Derided, Cursed, defiled; She beheld her tender child
All with bloody scourges rent.



The Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Lo, we have seen him, and there is no beauty in him, nor comeliness. He is despised and rejected, a man of sorrows, his face full of grief. He is worn out by suffering, like one in whose presence the people hide their faces. He is scorned and disdained. His appearance is that of one tortured beyond human endurance. And yet he is fairer than all the sons of men, and by his wounds we are healed.

Celebrant: Turn not your face away from us.

Response: And withdraw not from your servants in your anger.

Let us pray: O God, renew us according to your own image and likeness by the precious blood of Jesus Christ Your Son. Guide our footsteps in your paths, that we may truly experience the gift of your divine charity. This we ask through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: For the sins of His own nation, He now walks in desolation,
Till His earthly life is spent.

The Seventh Station: Jesus Falls a Second Time



Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

They delivered me into the hands of the impious, they cast me out among the wicked, and they spared not my life. The powerful gathered together against me, and like giants, they stood against me. Afflicting me with cruel wounds, they mocked me.

Celebrant: But I am a worm and no man.

Response: The reproach of men and the outcast of the people.

Let us pray: O Go, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up our fallen world. Grant your faithful people abiding peace and joy. Deliver us from the perils of eternal death, and guide us to eternal happiness in heaven. This we ask through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn:

Holy Mother, Pierce me through.
In my heart each wound renews.
Of my Saviour crucified.

Let me share with you his pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.

The Eighth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem



Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Following Jesus on the road to Calvary was a great multitude of people and of women who bewailed and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said: Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. Remember that the days are coming when they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us," and to the hills, "Cover us." If they do this when the wood is green, that will happen when it is dry?

Celebrant: They who sow in tears.

Response: Shall reap in joy.

Let us pray: O God, you chose rather to have mercy than to be angry with those who put their hope in you. Grant us your grace that we may truly grieve and make amends for the evil we have done, and thus obtain the gift of your heavenly consolation. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Let me join with you in grief. Take away my unbelief.
All the days that I may live.

The Ninth Station: Jesus Falls a Third Time



Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

My people, what have I done to you, or in what have I grieved you? Answer me. I brought you out of the land of Egypt, and you have led me to the gibbet of the Cross. Forty years I fed you with manna in the desert, and you have beaten me with blows and scourges. What more should I have done for you that I have not done?

Celebrant: He was led as a sheep to the slaughter.

Response: He was mute as a lamb before the shearer.

Let us pray: Guard us O God on High, by your ever-present mercy and goodness. Without your help, we cannot overcome the evil that beckons us, because of our weak human nature. Without you we shall surely fall. Help us to avoid all that is sinful, and guide our steps in the way of all that is profitable for our salvation. This we ask of you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: At the cross with you we stay. There with you to weep and pray.
This we ask of you to give.

The Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.



They came to the place that is called Golgotha, or Calvary, the Place of the Skull. There they gave Him wine to drink, mingled with gaul. He tasted it, but would not drink. They divided his garments among themselves by drawing lots, and thus was fulfilled what the prophet had said: They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.

Celebrant: They gave me gall for my food.

Response: He And in my thirst, they gave me vinegar to drink.

Let us pray: Strip us, Lord Jesus, or our former self, with its evil deeds and ways. And clothe us with that newness of nature which you have created in justice, holiness, and truth. This we ask of you now living and reigning for ever. Amen.

Hymn: Virgin of all virgins blest. Listen to my fond request.
Let me share your grief and pain.

The Eleventh Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross



Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Having arrived at the place called Calvary, they crucified him there, and with him two thieves one on the right, the other on the left, and Jesus in the midst. My people, what have I done to you? I exalted you with great power, and you have hanged me on the gibbet of the Cross.

Celebrant: They have pierced by hands and feet.

Response: They have numbered all my bones.

Let us pray: O God, by the sacred passion of your only begotten Son, and by the five wounds from which his blood has poured, you repaired the evil wrought by sin in our human nature. As we on earth revere the wounds which he received, we pray that in heaven we may experience the fruit of his most precious blood. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Let me to my latest breath. **In My body bear the death.**
Of Your Risen Son, once slain.

The Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.



Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

When Jesus saw his Mother at the foot of the Cross and, standing near her, the disciple whom he loved, he said to his Mother: Woman, behold your son. After that he said to the disciple: Behold your mother. Having tasted the vinegar, Jesus said: It is finished. Then, crying in a loud voice, he said: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. And, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

Celebrant: Christ for our sake became obedient unto death.

Response: Even to death on the Cross.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, at the sixth hour you mounted the gibbet of the Cross for the redemption of the world, and shed your precious blood for the remission of our sins. We humbly beg that, after our death, we may enter with joy the gates of paradise. This we ask of you now living and reigning for ever. Amen.

Hymn: Let His stripes and scourging smite me, At His Holy Cross requite me;,
Let His Blood refresh me there.



The Thirteenth Station: The Body of Jesus is placed in the Arms of His Mother

Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

All who pass by the way, look, and see if there be any sorrow like my sorrow. My eyes are spent with weeping, my whole being is troubled, and my strength is poured out upon the earth, as I behold the cruel death of my Son, for the enemy has prevailed against him. Call me not Naomi (that is, beautiful), but call me Mara (that is, bitter), for the Almighty has afflicted me and has dealt quite bitterly with me.

Celebrant: Tears are on her cheeks.

Response: And there are none to comfort her.

Let us pray: At Your Passion, Lord Jesus, as Simeon had foretold, a sword of sorrow pierced the sweet soul of Mary, Your glorious Virgin Mother. As we now reverently recall her bitter anguish and suffering, grant that we may obtain the blessed fruits of your redemption. This we ask of you now living and reigning for ever. Amen.

Hymn: When the flames of Hell would end me. At the Judgment day, defend me.
Gentle Virgin with your prayer.

The Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb



Celebrant: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Response: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Joseph of Arimathea, who was also a disciple of Jesus, went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and Pilate ordered it to be given to him. Having taken the body down from the Cross, Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in a rock. And he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

Celebrant: You will not leave my soul in the netherworld.

Response: Nor will you let your holy one see corruption.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you left us a record of your passion in the holy shroud wherein Joseph wrapped your sacred body when it was taken down from the Cross. In Your mercy, grant that through Your death and burial we may experience the glory of your resurrection. This we ask of you now living and reigning for ever. Amen.

At the Cross her station keeping
Stood the mournful Mother weeping
Close to Jesus to the last.

In her heart His sorrow sharing.
All His bitter anguish bearing.
Now at length the sword had passed.

Concluding Prayer:

O God, you willed that your only begotten Son should suffer and die on the Cross for us, in order to rescue us from the power of the enemy. As we now glory in honoring that same holy Cross, grant that we may everywhere rejoice in your loving care and obtain the grace of rising with him. This we ask of You through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

*Using your Rosary Beads, Begin with the Sign of the Cross,
Say 1 Our Father, Say 1 Hail Mary and Say The Apostles Creed.*

Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

Conclude with (three times):

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

HYMNS

1

Refrain: Whatsoever you do
To the least of my brothers,
That you do unto me.
Whatsoever you do
To the least of my sisters,
That you do unto me.

When I was hungry you gave me to
eat.
When I was thirsty you gave me to
drink.
Now enter into the home of my
Father.

When I was homeless you opened
your door.
When I was naked you gave me your
coat.
Now enter into the home of my
Father.

When I was weary you helped me find
rest.

When I was anxious you calmed all
my fears.
Now enter into the home of my
Father.

When in prison you came to my cell.
When on a sick bed you cared for my
needs.
Now enter into the home of my
Father.

Hurt in a battle you bound up my
wounds.
Searching for kindness you held out
your hands.
Now enter into the home of my
Father.

When I was Black, or Chinese or
White,
Mocked and insulted, you carried my
cross.
Now enter into the home of my
Father.

2

When I needed a neighbor, where you
there
Were you there?
When I needed a neighbor, where you
there?
And the creed and the colour and the
name won't matter
Were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, where you
there
Were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, where you
there?
And the creed and the colour and the
name won't matter

Were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, where you
there
Were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, where you
there?
And the creed and the colour and the
name won't matter
Were you there?

When I needed a shelter, ,,,

When I needed a healer, ...

Wherever you travel, ...

3 God of mercy and compassion,
Look with pity upon me;
Father, let me call thee Father,
'Tis Thy child returns to thee.

Refrain: Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy;
Let me not implore in vain.
All my sins I now despise them,
Never will I sin again

By my sins I have deserved
Death and endless misery,
Hell, with all its pain and torments,
And for all eternity.

By my sins I have abandon'd
Right and claim to Heaven above,
Where the saints rejoice for ever,
In a boundless sea of love.

See our Saviour, bleeding, dying,
On the Cross of Calvary;
To that cross my sins have nail'd him,
Yet he bleeds and dies for me.

4

On a Hill Far Away
Stood an Old Rugged Cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross
Where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross
'till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it someday for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross,
So despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me:
For the dear Lamb of God
Left His glory above

To bear it to dark Calvary.

In that old rugged cross,
Stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see.
For 'twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

To the old rugged cross
I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then he'll call me some day
To my home far away
There His glory for ever I'll share.

5

There is a green hill far away,
Beyond a city wall,
Where Christ our Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell
What pain He had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
of Heaven to let us in.

How dearly, dearly He has loved,
And we must love Him too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.

6
The Lord throughout the forty days
For us did fast and pray,
That we might change our course of
life, All human cries He hears.

He in the days of feeble flesh
Poured out His cries and tears.
Now, as the source of our new life,

All human cries He hears.

As thirst and hunger, you endured,
So, teach us, loving Lord,
To die to self and daily live
By Your life-giving Word.

7
Forty days and forty nights,
thou was fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted still, yet un-beguiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day,
chilly dew-drops nightly shed,
prowling beasts about thy way,
stones thy pillow earth thy bed.

Let us thy endurance share
and form earthly greed abstain
with the watching unto prayer,
with thee strong to suffer pain.

Then if evil on us press,
flesh or spirit assail,
victor in the wilderness,
help us not to swerve or fail!

So shall peace divine be ours;
holier gladness ours shall be,
come to us angelic powers,
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O Keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side,
that with Thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.