

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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Second Sunday of Lent
25th February 2018

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MASS TIMES			
Weekends		Weekdays	
Saturday	6.00 pm	Monday	6.00 pm
		Tuesday	9.20 am
Sunday	9.00 am	Thursday	7.00 pm
	10.30 am	Friday	8.30 am

OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday
8.30 am – 12.30 pm (Closed 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm)
1.30 pm – 5.00 pm
Saturday and Sunday
8.30 am – 12.30 pm

COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday 9.30 am

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9.30 am (or any time by appointment)

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PARISH MEETING NIGHT
Our Parish groups meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Church for prayer, prior to meeting.
BAPTISM
Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Prior enrolment and preparation is required.
MARRIAGE
Preparation program for couples is required.
NEW PARISHIONERS
Welcome. Please collect your information package from the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.
PARISH FINANCE
The parish is financially dependent on our Stewardship envelopes. Call the parish office for details or pick up a pledge card from the Welcome Desk.
BULLETIN
A Bulletin is published weekly and on the last weekend of the month, a Big Bulletin is produced. Parishioners are encouraged to write articles for the Big Bulletin, particularly if personal testimony is included. When submitting an article, please make sure you mark it "Weekly" or "Big Bulletin" in the subject heading and send to bulletin.kingspark@cam.org.au
PARISH LIBRARY
The Library is open during office hours

FACEBOOK ENQUIRIES
Questions and suggestions for our Facebook Page should be directed to resparish.ict@gmail.com . Alternatively, you can send a message directly to our Facebook page by clicking the  Message button. Either way, the Comms Team will respond.

Stewardship Prayer

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

QUOTES FROM THE END OF CHAPTER SIX POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL "LAUDATO SI"



It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation. Grace, which tends to manifest itself tangibly, found unsurpassable expression when God himself as food for his creatures. The Lord, in the culmination of the mystery of the Incarnation, chose to reach our intimate depths through a fragment of matter. He comes not from above, but from within, he comes that we might find him in this world of ours. In the Eucharist, fullness is already achieved; it is the living centre of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life. Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole

cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love:

"Yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world". The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.

On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, the "first day" of the new creation, whose first fruits are the Lord's risen humanity, the pledge of the final transfiguration of all created reality. It also proclaims "man's eternal rest in God". In this way, Christian spirituality incorporates the value of relaxation and festivity. We tend to demean contemplative rest as something unproductive and unnecessary, but this is to do away with the very thing which is most important about work: its meaning. We are called to include in our work a dimension of receptivity and gratuity, which is quite different from mere inactivity. Rather, it is another way of working, which forms part of our very essence. It protects human action from becoming empty activism; it also prevents that unfettered greed and sense of isolation which make us seek personal gain to the detriment of all else. The law of weekly rest forbade work on the seventh day, "so that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your maidservant, and the stranger, may be refreshed" (Ex 23:12). Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest, centred on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor.

We pray in thanksgiving for the life of Vivian Muscat, Annie Chetcuti, Beverley Farrugia and all those who have died recently.

We pray for Jessie Alderson, George Cini and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

We pray for Angel De Jesus, Doris Axiak and all the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.



PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless this parish so that we may love you more. Help the parents to be good example to the children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant healthy to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy. May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. Amen

PORT PHILLIP PRISON

Fr Gerard will be at a training session at Port Phillip prison on Tuesday 27th February. There will be a Communion Service instead of the usual Mass at 9.20am on that day.

24 HOURS WITH THE LORD

Pope Francis has asked that every parish celebrate "24 Hours with the Lord" during a weekend in Lent. Resurrection will be celebrating 24 Hours with the Lord from Friday 9th March at 7.30pm and finishing on Saturday 10th March at 7.30pm. A sign up sheet will be available at all Masses so the Lord will not be left "alone" at any time.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND SENIOR PARISHIONERS MASS

A warm invitation is extended to all Senior Parishioners to attend the Mass and morning tea on Tuesday 27th March, commencing with Mass at 9.20am and refreshments at 10.00am. If you wish to attend please place your name on the sign up board in the Narthex for catering purposes. If you're able to help with catering please contact the parish office. Your assistance is welcomed and your support is valued.



SINULOG

The committee is seeking a person or persons to coordinate the Sinulog fundraising and celebration of the Feast of Sto Nino in January 2019.

We thank the parishioners, family and friends and participants who have been very supportive throughout the years and without whom the Sinulog would not have been as successful as it has been. A special thank you goes to Jane Inot who has been taking her annual leave specially to dedicate her time and efforts for the Sinulog. Jane Inot has been coordinating the annual Feast of Sto. Nino for many years and is taking a well deserved break from any Sinulog commitments until we can lure her back perhaps in 2020.

If you're the right person to coordinate this celebration please contact the parish office.

SAYING THE OUR FATHER

Parishioners would realize that at all our weekend Masses a child is called on to lead the congregation in the praying of the Our Father. Any child is welcome to lead; it is simply a matter of signing up at the Welcome Desk. This can happen weeks in advance.



LOST & LITTER

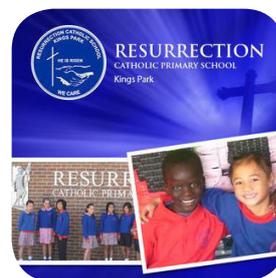
It is amazing how many things are left behind after Mass. There is a lost property cupboard in the narthex near where the Welcome Desk usually resides. Should you have lost anything.

It might be an idea to look in that cupboard. It also might be a good idea to remind parishioners to take responsibility for their mess. Used tissues, food fragments, empty and half empty drink bottles, lolly wrappers are just some of the things that get left behind for someone else to clean up. What about everybody taking responsibility for their own mess?

2019 Prep Parent Information Night Tuesday 6th March 2018, at 7.00pm

Come along to find out more about the school and view our facilities

(Prep 2019 children need to turn 5 by April 30th 2019)





Are you thinking of
becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

Becoming a Catholic – You are not alone.

Becoming a Catholic is not just about being part of a church; it is about sharing with the faith community. The team are ready to welcome and accompany you on your journey towards Christ as a member of the Catholic Community. It is the Holy Spirit who has led you this far and will invite you to open your heart and your life to God.

We meet on regularly on Monday nights, and discuss a number of topics. Who is Jesus? The Bible, Sacraments, our faith, share our stories. For example the other night we started a session discussing the Sacraments, they all started with Jesus, and we ended up discussing marriage and the new laws that are about to take place.

It's an incredible journey that you will undertake; it's a life-transforming journey, a journey that begins by contacting our Parish Priest Fr Gerard (gerard.keith@cam.org.au) or our RCIA Coordinator Pauline (pauline.debrincat@cam.org.au).

You are always welcome to come and have a chat and see what it is all about, no strings attached.



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2018

“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24:12)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion”.^[1] Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (24:12).

These words appear in Christ’s preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord’s passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

False prophets

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume.

They can appear as “snake charmers”, who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God’s children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!

False prophets can also be “charlatans”, who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly “virtual” existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most

precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is “a liar and the father of lies” (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

A cold heart

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice,^[2] in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, “the root of all evil” (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments.^[3] All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own “certainties”: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God’s plan, were created to sing his praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.^[4]

What are we to do?

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception,^[5]

and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. 2 Cor 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.[6]

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

Francis



Following Where He Leads



As a child, I looked forward to our church's Sunday evening services. They were exciting. Sunday night often meant we got to hear from missionaries and other guest speakers. Their messages inspired me because of their willingness to leave family and friends—and at times, homes, possessions, and careers—to go off to strange, unfamiliar, and sometimes dangerous places to serve God.

Like those missionaries, Elisha left many things behind to follow God (1 Kings 19:19–21). Before God called him into service through Elijah, we don't know much about Elisha—except that he was a farmer. When the prophet Elijah met him in the field where he was plowing, he threw his cloak over Elisha's shoulders (the symbol of his role as prophet) and called him to follow. With only a request to kiss his mother and father goodbye, Elisha immediately sacrificed his oxen, burned his plowing equipment, said good-bye to his parents—and followed Elijah.

God wants all of us to follow Him.

Though not many of us are called to leave family and friends behind to serve God as fulltime missionaries, God wants all of us to follow Him and to "live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to [us], just as God has called [us]" (1 Corinthians 7:17). As I've often experienced, serving God can be thrilling and challenging no matter where we are—even if we never leave home.

Dear Lord, equip us to be Your missionaries wherever You have placed us—near or far, at home or abroad. God will show us how to serve Him wherever we are.

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Time to Choose

Irene McCormack was an Australian member of the Sisters of St Joseph who taught for over 30 years as a teacher in Western Australia. Irene was a petite woman, and popular teacher and principal, but also known as feisty and demanding. She was an accomplished golfer and tennis player who enjoyed dancing.

After decades teaching in Australian schools, Irene felt called to serve Latin America's poor. She became a Peruvian missionary worker in 1987. For the next few years, Sister Irene worked in a number of communities with the poorest of the poor, often in places where missionaries were warned not to enter because of opposition.

Irene was accused of dispensing "American food" (Caritas provisions) and spreading "American ideas" (by providing school books). Local people insisted that she was Australian, not American, but the guerrillas did not care.

At night, young villagers surrounded Irene in darkness, managing to move her back into the crowd. The guerrillas noticed her absence, returning her to the bench.

On 21 May 1991, Irene, with five other missionaries was executed by members of Sendero Luminoso "Shining Path" a rebel guerrilla organisation. The prisoners were ordered to lie face down on the terrazzo-tiled plaza. Each was shot once in the back of the head. Irene was killed first – about six metres from the church door.

Lent is a time to reflect and make choices. That's why Jesus went into the desert. He went to commit to what his life was going to be about. He needed time away to think and pray. In the end, like Irene McCormack, he chose to stand for God's compassion and justice, even though that got his cousin, John the Baptist, arrested.

We need Lent. We need time away to realise that our lives can make a difference. We need time to face those "demons" that draw us away from using our lives for God to heal the world. Will I be a person who forgives or one who gets even? Will I spend my life seeking power and wealth or in serving others? Will I take risks in order to do the right thing?

Join Jesus in the desert this Lent. Add time to your daily prayer. Make a weekly service commitment. Look honestly at your strengths and weaknesses. Ask Irene McCormack, now with the saints, to pray for you as you look honestly at the choices your face.

How can I add more prayer or service to my life this Lent, as part of my trip to the desert with Jesus?

Richard Leonard SJ

At the end of *The Laws of Our Fathers*, Scott Turow has one of his characters, Seth Weissman, preach at a memorial service. The text for that service is today's first reading and his words capture the challenge before us.

'I always return to the story of Abraham and Isaac ... the founder of the Western faiths ... He was a visionary, a prophet ... But despite this, Abraham's God decided to test him. He asked Abraham to make a sacrifice of his and Sarah's only child, Isaac, their miracle, who was born to them when Sarah was ninety years old and Abraham was one hundred. And ... Abraham complied.'

'He did not ask what was wrong with a God who would demand such a thing, or question whether He was worth worshipping. He did not, so far as the Bible tells us, even beg for Isaac's life, as he had done for the people of Sodom. Abraham simply walked his child up Mount Moriah. I imagine he even made the boy carry the wood for the fire ...'

'... I have regarded for some years now the story of Abraham and Isaac a strange story, a grim tale of how a father would sacrifice his son to his own faith ... What kind of a starting point is this for ... all the Western faiths? ... Why do we re-tell this story? Is it to remind us that every parent since has been better?'

'... One of the thousand morals of the story of Abraham and Isaac is that ... it is also a tale of survival and of mercy. In the end Abraham heard his God instruct him not to set his hand against his son ... Isaac survived ... He became a parent, blind to Jacob's defects, but one who, pointedly, attempted no sacrifices of his own ...'

'So let us think of Isaac ... the first son of the Western faiths – and think about the story that is told again and again. We hear it first as children, and repeat it throughout our lives. We tell it by way of apology. And warning. We tell it with some measure of hope. We tell it because we have all been the child, we have all been Isaac, and we know the part of the story that is never mentioned. For the Bible does not record Isaac's responses. We do not know if he, like Jesus, asked, "Father, why have you forsaken me?" We do not know if he begged the way most of us would, for his life. We know only this: that he obeyed ... That because he knew nothing else, he did as his father required. We know he allowed himself to be bound in rope. We know that he let his father lay him on the altar of pyramided firewood which together they had raised to God. We know he watched his father on the mountaintop raise the gleaming knife above his breastbone. We know ... he was a child, the son of a man with a Big Idea, who in his longing and confusion, even in his final instant, could only look to his father with that eternal if foundering hope for love.'

May this story and our Eucharist give us hope that no matter what altar of sacrifice we feel sometimes laid upon, God does not abandon us in our need, and never wants us to sacrifice ourselves, or anyone else. Lent is about mercy and survival because true obedience to God, even in its demands for a hard love, ALWAYS leads to life.

*Invitation to all
Parishioners*

LENTEN REFLECTION

**MEETING WEEKLY
DURING LENT**

**At 7.00pm
On Monday's
In the Mackillop room**

**Please contact
pauline.debrincat@cam.org.au
or call the parish office to register
your interest in joining our journey.**



RESURRECTION PLAYGROUP

HELD EVERY THURSDAY
DURING THE SCHOOL TERM -
FROM 9.00^{AM} TILL 10.30^{AM}

COST: \$3 PER FAMILY

Lots of great toys, stories, craft sessions,
activities and fun!

Come along for a chat and play.
Bring along a snack for your child.



Everyone Welcome!

Baptisms

We joyfully welcome into Resurrection community children who were baptised in the waters of Baptism. We pray that they will grow to love the Risen Jesus.

January

Audrey Grace Rose Fullarton

Daughter of Stephen & Sarah Fullarton

Alex Gontorwon

Son of Joseph Wonyeah & Akai Borbor

Rylan Ellis Magbanua

Son of Eric & Ma magbanua

Aubrey Rey

Daughter of John & Cheryl Rey

Akock Shan

Son of James Shan & Nyanyok Makoy

Weston Luke Tachee

Son of Ernest & Mardea Tachee

Summer Susan Carmela Zerafa

Daughter of Steven & Hannah Zerafa

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February

Aria Rose Facchi

Daughter of Rogert Connelly - Facchi & Stephanie Attard

Jasmine Jade Falzon

Daughter of Michael & Dorianne Falzon

Sienna Christine Hartnett

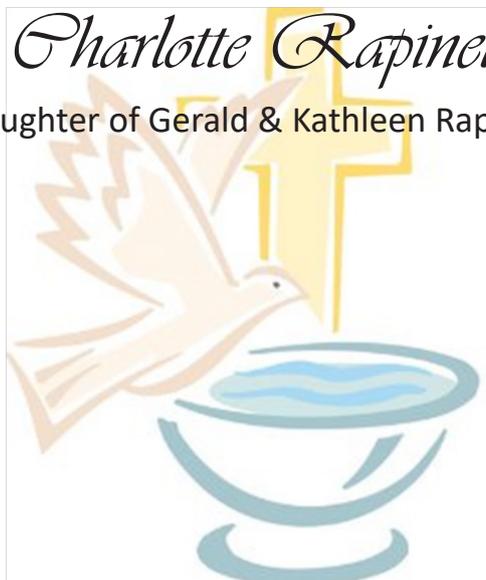
Daughter of Thomas Hartnett & Jaimee Wico

Arthur Geoffrey Potter

Robert & Fiona Potter

Charlotte Rapinett

Daughter of Gerald & Kathleen Rapinett



Funerals

In baptism they received the light of Christ. Let us pray that God will now scatter the darkness and lead them over the waters of death.

Francis Farrugia



Marijana Susec



Beverley Farrugia



Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Author Unknown

May they rest in peace.

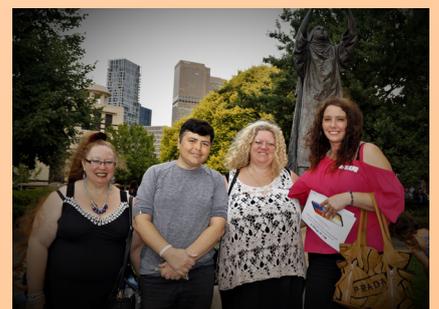
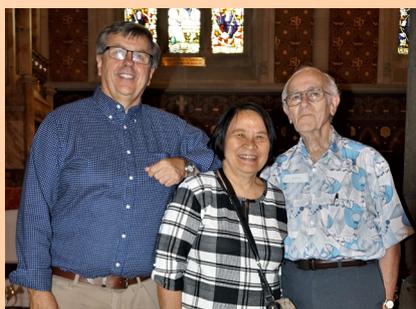


Rite of Election

On the 18th February a number of the RCIA team attended the Rite of Election at St Patrick's Cathedral, where we presented our Catechumens Rachel and Michael and our Candidate Lynette to the Archbishop. All the RCIA Catechumens and Candidates from around the Archdiocese of Melbourne attended it was amazing how many were there. The reason we do this is to confirm that they are ready to be baptised and to be accepted into our faith. Their names will be entered into the Book for the Elect as a permanent record at the Cathedral. They have been preparing for

this day for a number of months, meeting every Monday night for discussions. Where we have discussed a number of topics. At the moment we are concentrating on the Lenten reflections as their preparation towards the Easter Vigil.

We ask that you remember them in your prayers as they journey towards Easter and their sacraments and also keep them in your prayers after also, to continue to grow in their faith as followers of the Risen Jesus.





RESURRECTION PARISH

Fr Noel's Farwell



Thanking you for your service to our Parish





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PASTORAL LETTER OF ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART LENT 2018

"Repent and believe the good news!"

Dear Friends,

Lent is a time for 'Spring cleaning' in our souls. We move the furniture in our life, take down the curtains, wash the windows and create space by removing what clutters our daily lives. It is not just a matter of getting rid of mess. It is rearranging things, finding ways to create more room, a better space. We see ourselves differently and make more room for God.

During the holy season of Lent we open our hearts and minds to a fresh, deeper, fuller awareness of God within us, around us: a deeper awareness of God's will for us. We are each called to spend extra time in prayer and to confess our sins honestly to Christ in the Sacrament of Penance.

Lent reminds us *forcefully* that we will be judged at our death and must give an account of our life.

Yet death is such a taboo subject in our culture. Some treat it as a 'problem' that can be 'solved' and legislated about. But Lent reminds us we must ponder deeply its stark reality.

During our life on earth we struggle to protect our future with bank accounts, credit cards and investments. We protect the future with health plans, life insurance, social security and retirement plans. There is nothing wrong with that. But the statistic on death has not changed. It is still one per person.

There comes a moment when no amount of cash or plastic or investment protects us. We die. No human support goes with us to the grave. Human companionship stops at the tomb, and we enter alone, except that the Lord goes with us. Because of his dying and rising to new life, the Lord is with us at death, through death, and takes us to the other side to share in the transformed life which God has prepared for us.

This is why we could wear ashes on our forehead for four weeks and say "dust to dust" without being morbid. We were entering into the dying and rising of Christ.

So this Lent please *fast, pray, and give alms*. When we reduce our intake of food we discover what it is like for so many in our world to go hungry all day. We reflect more deeply about life... and death. When we pray more intensely, our mind opens up to wider horizons. When we give things away and support Project Compassion, we create more space in our lives, more room for God, and we realise how much we depend on God ...



And during this Lent of 2018 we have a special duty. At every Mass we pray 'through my fault, through my most grievous fault', and the recent Royal Commission has indeed highlighted the evil and sins that have done so much damage to children, families and all of the Body of Christ.

I urge each of you this Lent and beyond to pray and act for healing for all victims. I commit our Church once again to the sacred vocation of ensuring such terrible evils are never again inflicted on Christ's 'little ones'.

Yes, let us pray for the grace of repentance. Christ's message is demanding, but let us never forget, it is *our* Good News and salvation!

Listen to Christ Jesus as he cries out to each of our hearts, this Lent 2018:

Do not be greedy.
Be lavish in giving your goods to others.
Live the generosity of God.

Do not be violent.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Do not be spiteful.
Be merciful as your heavenly father is merciful.

Do not be frightened.
I am with you all days, even to the end of time.

Come to me all you who find life weary and burdensome,
and I will refresh you.

As we prepare to celebrate the Sacred Triduum - the dying and rising of Christ ... and our dying and rising with him ... let us all: ***"Repent and believe the good news!"***

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+ Denis J Hart
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A MESSAGE TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT THE BEGINNING OF LENT: Days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims – February 14-17, 2018

February 5, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its final report. Like the Australian Government and many other institutions, the Catholic bishops of Australia and leaders of religious institutes are currently studying the final report and its recommendations.

In the long years since the tragedy of child sexual abuse within the Catholic community became known, the Church has committed to policies, procedures and structures to respond better to survivors of abuse and their families, to establish professional standards for all ministers and Church workers, and to safeguard children and vulnerable people. For the Church, as for other institutions, this has involved gradual learning and development, and so it will continue to be.

Through these years, Australia's bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims and survivors, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors' stories and to respond with compassion and justice, and the distress that many still experience.

Our apologies have at time seemed too little – not because they were insincere, but because trust has been broken. We stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust.

With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace this new moment by beginning the penitential season of Lent with four days of fasting and reparation. These are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace.

Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims and survivors of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing and peace in their lives. Through reparation, we make amends for the sin of those in the Church who abused children or failed to listen and act when they should have.

The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims and survivors will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities.

Please take to heart the importance of these days in preparing the Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We cannot undo the past. With God's help, we can make the future better.

Liturgical and other prayer resources can be accessed at
www.catholic.org.au/fastingandreparation

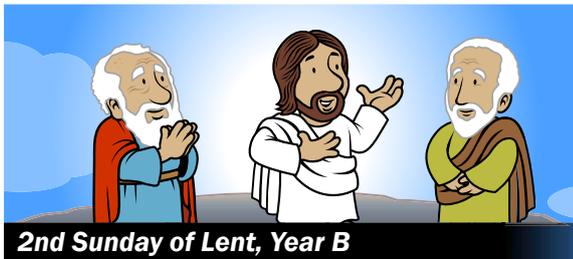
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AGAIN, THIS TIME IN PANAMA CITY,
PANAMA.

WYD 2019 PANAMA

World Youth Day
(WYD) is a Catholic
event for youth
celebrated on Palm
Sunday each year at
the diocesan level,
and every few years
at an international
location. It was
founded by St John
Paul II in 1984, and
has since spanned
generations of
pilgrims.

JANUARY 22ND - 27TH 2019



2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B

This is my Son

The Transfiguration

One day, Jesus took Peter, James and John to the top of a high mountain. They then witnessed Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah and heard the voice of God. Draw a picture of the Transfiguration.



God wants us to listen to Jesus. What are some things that Jesus tells us?

Draw a line from each of the following statements to either Moses or Elijah.



Moses

- God's law was revealed to him
- He challenged King Ahab for worshipping a false god
- A great prophet mentioned in the first book of Kings
- He rescued God's people from Egypt
- Elisha became his successor
- He became the leader of the Israelites



Elijah

3rd & 4th March 2018 Third Sunday of Lent

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Judith Makripoulias	Dudi Nicart	Yvonne Utoasega	
HOSPITALITY	Melanie Apap Naveen Andrade Mary Ngoma	Margaret Vella Mario Vella Vilinda Rebutillo Susan Espina	Christine Perram Helen Visperas Nyanrob Mawn	
DATA PROJECTOR	Johann Noronha	Oliver D'Souza	Oliver Zipagan	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Calvin Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS	1 st Jonathan Magtalas Response Gillian Rodrigues 2 nd Cathy Downing Intercessions Connie Attard	Marc Dicconson Choir Nadia Young Teresa The	Maryann Magnaye Tessie Lim Mark Gatt Tony Tuimauga	
Narrator	Marlene Axiak	Rianne Brizuela	Atalina Ulugia – Sa'ena	
Jesus	Fr Gerard	Fr Gerard	Fr Gerard	
Part 1	Sheldon Calaco	Emmanuelle Brizuela	Sacreana Ulugia – Sa'ean	
Part 2	Geraldine Holt	Oliver D'Souza	Jomar Inot	
Emergencies	Naveen Andrade	Colleen Wolfe	Veronica Santiago	
COLLECTORS	Charlie Galea Naveen Andrade George Borg Jacob Magtalas Jimmy Attard John Vassallo Joseph Caruana Joseph Thompson	Frank Gatt Aimeree manabat Louis Manabat Oliver D'Souza Sherlina Vasquez Emmanuel Galea Ian Mc Donald Rosemarie Balfour	Alexander Rayappu Alextephen Alexander Cristina Paulino David Trinh Diana Bellina George Paul Isabella Abrigo Jomar Magnaye	Lorenz Rena Patelesio Valeliano Paul Bossini Queentexan Alexander Rachitha Antony Veronica Balinakandi Euphemia Kollie
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Spira Attard Carmen Falzon Patricia Marek Virginia Snudden Rocky Hughes Olga Hughes Naveen Andrade Marlene Axiak Martess Borg	Fr Gerard Keith Pauline Debrincat Marc Dicconson Rose Gaquit Rosemarie Balfour Vilinda Rebutillo Colleen Wolfe Jerry D'Silva Emalyn Spiteri Eve Balfour	Fr Gerard Keith Akok Kiir Calvin Alderson Cleo Oliveria Dolly Zipagan Enza Fatone Evelina Tuimauga Imeleta Filimoeatu	Josephine Medilo Lilian Libang Atalina Ulugia-Sa'ena Margaret Vilardo Marian Bernardo Marques Navarro Mary Rulla Natalie Anderson
Emergencies:	Phu – Thang Le	Frank Spiteri	Richard Marshall	Susan Moseros
SACRISTY DUTY	Joyce Zahra	Pauline Debrincat	Aurora Asuncion	Dolly Zipagan
COFFEE MAKERS	Louis Camenzuli Marlene Camenzuli	Margaret Gray Bannerman	Daisy Bunag Mario Debono Juliet Garcellano	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Mary Ngoma Fely Baltazar Martine Grech	Betty Rowe Grace Mifsud Anne Tanti	Zeny Vella Emelia Debono Arthur Garcellano	
CHURCH CLEANERS Saturday 3rd March Alexander Rayappu Geraldo D'Silva Jol Magot Leslie Lopez San Aye	Vincenza Cauchi Danilo Wico Marciano De Jesus Winston Fernando Catherine Muscat Nyanrob Mawn Samantha Rosair	FLOWERS: NO FLOWERS DURING LENT ALTAR LINEN: Spira Attard PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Grace Eppingstall		

10th & 11th March 2018 Fourth Sunday of Lent

	6 PM	9 AM	10.30 AM	
MASS OVERSEERS	John Borja	Pauline Debrincat	Aurora Asuncion	
HOSPITALITY	Joe Caruana Jane Caruana Charlie Grech	Anna Cassar Andrew Cassar Maryann Psalia	Evelina Tumiauga Dolly Zipagan Paul Bossini	
DATA PROJECTOR	Jacob Galea	Sebastian Brizuela	Leanne Alderson	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Oliver Zipagan	
PROCLAIMERS	1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Teresa The Choir Oliver D'Souza Emmanuelle Brizuela	Cleo Oliveria Choir Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena Atalina Ulugia-Sa'ena	
	Narrator Jesus Part 1 Part 2	Kathy Wale Fr Gerard Colleen Wolfe Brandon Wolfe	Jane Inot Fr Gerard Calvin Alderson Zita Alderson	
Emergencies	Trinh Duong	Dudi Nicart	Evelyn Tuimauga	
COLLECTORS	Ollie Farrugia Charlie Grech Roberto Bracco Rocky Hughes Stephen Thejage Steve Thejage Tyrone Tallent William Hudson Mary Do	Frank Gatt Michael Donnelly Milton Young Raul Dizon Virgilio Romerona Teresita Komarow Tammy Truong	Rebekah Vilardo Alberto Dimo Andrew Morrison Brian Briffa Charlie Grima Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Mario Debono Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena	Richard Marshall Royston Du'Pratt Teddy Bernardo Tilo Mataji Tony Tuimauga Josephine Medilo Marta Molina Oliver Zipagan Marlena Ulugia-Sa'ena
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Henry Dunn Lucia Portelli Lina Sylvester Fely Baltazar Maria Le Maria Lapid Jane Caruana Joe Caruana Joyce Zahra	Fr Gerard Keith Mauri Sendapperuma Vilinda Rebutillo Colleen Wolfe Nadia Young Eve Balfour Marc Dicconson Judy Leckie Karen D'Souza Kathy Wale	Fr Gerard Keith Jane Inot Marissa Medilo Marques Navarro Owen D'Cruze Rachitha Antony Tessie Lim Veronica Santiago	Dolly Zipagan Yvonne Utoasega Zita Alderson Atalina Ulugia-Sa'ena Analiza Pascual Angelita Ramat Catherine Pedralvez Cecilia Navarro
Emergencies:	Martine Grech	Minh – Tam Pham	Christine Perram	Clem Beltran
SACRISTY DUTY	No Coffee	Rianne Brizuela	Marques Navarro Cecilia Navarro	
COFFEE MAKERS	No Coffee	Leon D'Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Mary Rulla Katrina Abagatnan	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Michelle Polidano Mirjana Dutkowsky Joyce Zahra Tony Zahra	Oliver D'Souza Valerie Stockbridge Nazzarena Renda	Zenaida Magtoto	Jane Inot
CHURCH CLEANERS NO CHURCH ROSTER	Batpism Meeting 10th March 10.30am Owen D'Cruze Liz Michaelsen Judith Makripoulias		FLOWERS: No Flowers during Lent ALTAR LINEN: Rahab Chege PARISH OFFICE CLEANING: Daniella Gozun	

17th & 18th March 2018
Fifth Sunday of Lent

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Marlene Axiak	Vilinda Rebutillo	Marissa Medilo	
HOSPITALITY	Rachael Bonavia Amelia Bonavia Grace Eppingstall Anna Wright	Kathy Wale Mary Gatt	Richard Marshall Brenda Shafton Leonard Mathews	
DATA PROJECTOR	Daniella Gozun	Christian Dizon	Jomar Inot	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Leanne Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions Narrator Jesus Part 1 Part 2	Henry Dunn John Borja Cathy Downing Sheldon Calaco Jonathan Magtalas Fr Gerard Malcolm Gonsalves Karen Colaco	Colleen Wolfe Choir Elizabeth Osegueda Kathy Wale Marc Dicconson Fr Gerard Glenda Macapolo Isabela Macapolo	Alicia Joseph Calvin Alderson Paula Prosia Owen D’Cruze Angelita Ramat Fr Gerard Evelina Tuimauga Tony Tuimauga	
Emergencies	Judith Makripoulias	Minh-Tam Pham	Zita Alderson	
COLLECTORS	Anthony Ferraro Isabella Portelli Jacob Galea Lachlan Colaco Mary Ngoma Miguel Gouveia Paul D’Rozario Shanal Perera Geisel Aceiton	Frank Gatt Aimeree manabat Louis Manabat Oliver D’Souza Sherlina Vasquez Emmanuel Galea Ian Mc Donald Rosemarie Balfour	Alexander Rayappu Alextephen Alexander Cristina Paulino David Trinh Diana Bellina George Paul Isabella Abrigo Jomar Magnaye	Lorenz Rena Patelesio Valeliano Paul Bossini Queentexan Alexander Rachitha Antony Veronica Balinakandi Euphemia Kollie
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Adelina Borja Blossom Tallent Carol Tedesco Rocky Hughes Olga Hughes Cathy Downing Dominic Boland Geraldine Holt Spira Attard	Fr Gerard Keith Rosemarie Balfour Frank Spiteri Emalyn Spiteri Pauline Debrincat Rose Gaquit Nadia Young Dudi Nicart Jerry D’Silva Karen D’Souza	Fr Gerard Keith Aurora Asuncion Francisco Inot Akok Kiir Cleo Oliveria Dolly Zipagan Eddie Medilo Natalie Anderson	Enza Fatone Evelina Tuimauga Imeleta Filimoeatu Josephine Medilo Lilian Libang Mary Rulla Margaret Vilardo Marian Bernardo
Emergencies:	Doris Oliver	Colleen Wolfe	Calvin Alderson	Jane Inot
SACRISTY DUTY	Melanie Apap	Dudi Nicart	Dolly Zipagan Marta Molina	
COFFEE MAKERS	John Borja Henry Dunn	Margaret Gray Bannerman	Veronica Santiago Leanne Alderson	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Noelyn Fitzgerald Erato Muscat Thilan Fernando	Betty Rowe Grace Mifsud Anne Tanti	Luisa Fletcher Kyanjes Kajnar	
CHURCH CLEANERS No ROSTER			FLOWERS: NO FLOWERS DURING LENT ALTAR LINEN: Lina Scicluna PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Doris Cauchi	

24th & 25th March 2018
Palm Sunday

	6 P M	8.30 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Michelle Mercieca	Pauline Debrincat	Marques Navarro	
HOSPITALITY	Dominic Boland Maryann Krsteski Steve Thejage Stephen Thejage	Rianne Brizuela Rotcer Brizuela Emmanuelle Brizuela Sebastian Brizuela	Daniella Carapellotti Kathy Fatone Mark Gatt Princess Dorbon Delvana Subah	
DATA PROJECTOR	Gabrielle Gozun	Vincent Dizon	Alicia Joseph	
CAMERA OPERATOR	Jonathan Magtalas	Daniel D'Souza	Calvin Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS	1 st Marlene Axiak Response Malcolm Gonsalves 2 nd Rebecca Galea Intercessions Sandra Galea	Elizabeth Michaelsen Isabela Macapolo Remy Libang Glenda Macapolo	Angelita Ramat Aurora Asuncion Isabella Abrigo Paula Prosia	
Outside Narrator	Geraldine Holt Judith Makripoulias	Kathy Wale Dudi Nicart	Atalina Ulugia – Sa'ena Jane Inot	
Jesus Part 1	Fr Gerard Cathy Downing	Fr Gerard Nadia Young	Fr Gerard Marissa Medilo	
Part 2	John Borja	Teresa The	Resy Lim	
Emergencies	Max Michael	Rianne Brizuela	Yvonne Du'Pratt	
COLLECTORS	Charlie Galea Naveen Andrade George Borg Jacob Magtalas Jimmy Attard John Vassallo Joseph Caruana Joseph Thompson	Frank Gatt Michael Donnelly Milton Young Raul Dizon Virgilio Romerona Teresita Komarow Tammy Truong	Rebekah Vilaro Alberto Dimo Andrew Morrison Brian Briffa Charlie Grima Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Mario Debono Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena	Richard Marshall Royston Du'Pratt Teddy Bernardo Tilo Mataji Tony Tuimauga Josephine Medilo Marta Molina Oliver Zipagan Marlena Ulugia-Sa'ena
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Martess Borg Marlene Axiak Naveen Andrade Noel Oliver Doris Oliver Phu Le Gina Snudden Patricia Marek Carmen Falzon	Fr Gerard Keith Judy Leckie Remy Libang Vilinda Rebusillo Eve Balfour Karen D'Souza Kathy Wale Marc Dicconson Mauri Sendapperuma Nadia Young	Fr Gerard Keith Natalie Anderson Owen D'Cruze Richitha Antony Richard Marshall Susan Moseros Teddy Bernardo Teresita Lim	Tessie Villar Veronica Santiago Angelita Ramat Yvonne Du'Pratt Yvonne Utoasega Atalina Ulugia-Sa'ena Marissa Medilo Catherine Pedralvez
Emergencies:	Joyce Zahra	Colleen Wolfe	Zita Alderson	Calvin Alderson
SACRISTY DUTY	Patricia Marek	Remy Libang	Catherine Pedralvez Tessie Villar	
COFFEE MAKERS	No Coffee	No Coffee	No Coffee	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	No Coffee	No Coffee	No Coffee	
CHURCH CLEANERS Saturday 23rd March Alexander Rayappu Geraldo D'Silva Jol Magot Leslie Lopez San Aye Vincenza Cauchi	Danilo Wico Marciano De Jesus Winston Fernando Catherine Muscat Nyanrob Mawn Samantha Rosa		FLOWERS: NO FLOWERS DURING LENT ALTAR LINEN: Helen Muscat PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Grace Eppingstall	

1st April 2018
The Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Sunday

	8.30 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Remy Libang	Yvonne Utoasega	
HOSPITALITY	Margaret Vella Mario Vella Vilinda Rebutillo Susan Espina	Christine Perram Helen Visperas Nyanrob Mawn Nella Rajamanikum	
DATA PROJECTOR	Vincent Dizon	Angelita Ramat	
CAMERA OPERATOR	Christian Dizon	Oliver Zipagan	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Marc Dicconson Minh – Tam Pham Choir Teresa The	Maryann Magnaye Tessie Lim Mark Gatt Marissa Medilo	
Emergencies	Emmanuelle Brizuela	Veronica Santiago	
COLLECTORS	Frank Gatt Aimeree manabat Louis Manabat Oliver D’Souza Sherlina Vasquez Emmanuel Galea Ian Mc Donald Rosemarie Balfour	Alexander Rayappu Alexstephen Alexander Cristina Paulino David Trinh Diana Bellina George Paul Isabella Abrigo Jomar Magnaye	Lorenz Rena Patelesio Valeliano Paul Bossini Queentexan Alexander Rachitha Antony Veronica Balinakandi Euphemia Kollie
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Minh – Tam Pham Marc Dicconson Rose Gaquit Rosemarie Balfour Vilinda Rebutillo Jerry D’Silva Dudi Nicart Emalyn Spiteri Frank Spiteri	Fr Gerard Keith Akok Kiir Calvin Alderson Cleo Oliveria Dolly Zipagan Enza Fatone Evelina Tuimauga Imeleta Filimoeatu	Josephine Medilo Atalina Ulugia-Sa’ena Yvonne Du’Pratt Margaret Vilardo Lilian Libang Marian Bernardo Mary Rulla Natalie Anderson
Emergencies:	Eve Balfour	Richard Marshall	Susan Moseros
SACRISTY DUTY	Rianne Brizuela	Aurora Asuncion	Dolly Zipagan
COFFEE MAKERS	No Coffee	No Coffee	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	No Coffee	No Coffee	
CHURCH CLEANERS No Church Cleaning	FLOWERS: Judith Makripoulis ALTAR LINEN: Joyce Zahra PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Doris Cauchi		

7th & 8th April 2018
Second Sunday of Easter

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Judith Makripoulias	Dudi Nicart	Aurora Asuncion	
HOSPITALITY	Melanie Apap Naveen Andrade Mary Ngoma	Margaret Vella Mario Vella Vilinda Rebusillo Susan Espina	Evelina Tumiauga Dolly Zipagan Paul Bossini	
DATA PROJECTOR	Malcolm Gonsalves	Emmanuelle Brizuela	Jomar Inot	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Leanne Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Geraldine Holt Choir Jonathan Magtalas Connie Attard	Kathy Wale Oliver D'Souza Rianne Brizuela Elizabeth Osegueda	Cleo Oliveria Choir Evelyn Tuimauga Yvonne Utoasega	
Emergencies	Maria Lapid	Colleen Wolfe	Paula Prosia	
COLLECTORS	Ollie Farrugia Charlie Grech Roberto Bracco Rocky Hughes Stephen Thejage Steve Thejage Tyrone Tallent William Hudson Mary Do	Frank Gatt Michael Donnelly Milton Young Raul Dizon Virgilio Romerona Teresita Komarow Tammy Truong	Rebekah Vilardo Alberto Dimo Andrew Morrison Brian Briffa Charlie Grima Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Mario Debono Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena	Richard Marshall Royston Du'Pratt Teddy Bernardo Tilo Mataji Tony Tuimauga Josephine Medilo Marta Molina Oliver Zipagan Marlena Ulugia-Sa'ena
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Martine Grech Adelina Borja Blossom Tallent Carol Tedesco Cathy Downing Geraldine Holt Fely Baltazar Henry Dunn Maria Lapid	Fr Gerard Keith Judy Leckie Remy Libang Pauline Debrincat Nadia Young Mauri Sendapperuma Kathy Wale Jerry D'Silva Colleen Wolfe Karen D'Souza	Fr Gerard Keith Marissa Medilo Teresita Lim Tessie Villar Veronica Santiago Yvonne Utoasega Anzliza Pascual Angelita Ramat	Cecilia Navarro Christine Perram Eddy Medilo Francisco Inot Jane Inot Marques Navarro Kate Pedralvez Rachita Antony
Emergencies:	Lina Sylvester	Rose Gaquit	Richard Marshall	Susan Moseros
SACRISTY DUTY	Joyce Zahra	Pauline Debrincat	Marques Navarro Cecilia Navarro	
COFFEE MAKERS	Louis Camenzuli Marlene Camenzuli	Leon D'Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Kate Pedralvez Emilia Rivera	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Mary Ngoma Fely Baltazar Martine Grech	Nazzarena Renda Oliver D'Souza Valerie Stockbridge	Marta Molina Alexander Rayappu	
CHURCH CLEANERS No Church Cleaning			FLOWERS: Maria Dinh ALTAR LINEN: Rahab Chege PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Grace Eppingstall	

March 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Mass 7.00pm RE Level 3 @ 4pm Playgroup 9am -10.30am	2 Mass 8.30am Station of the Cross 9.00am Mass 7.00pm	3 Office Closed Mass 6.00pm	4 3 rd Sunday of Lent Mass 9.00am & 10.30am Baptism Celebration 12.15pm
5 Office Meeting Mass 6.00pm RCIA 7pm Lenten Reflection 7pm	6 Mass 9.20am Lenten Reflection 12pm Prep Parent Info Night 2019 7pm	7 Parish Meeting 7.15pm Communion Service 9.30am	8 Playgroup 9am -10.30am Mass 7.00pm	9 Mass 8.30am Station of the Cross 9.00am RCIC 4.30pm 24 Hours with the Lord Start 7.30pm	10 Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Baptism Meeting 10.30am Conclude 24 Hours with the Lord concludes 7.30pm	11 4 th Sunday of Lent Mass 9.00am & 10.30am
12 Labour Day Public Holiday Mass 6.00pm	13 Mass 9.20am Lenten Reflection 12pm	14 Communion Service 9.30am	15 Playgroup 9am -10.30am RE Level 4 @ 4pm Mass 7.00pm	16 Mass 8.30am Station of the Cross 9.00am	17 St Patrick's Day Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Practice for Palm Sunday Proclaimers 10.00am	18 5 th Sunday of Lent Mass 9.00am & 10.30am Baptism Welcome 10.30am
19 Mass 6.00pm RCIA 7pm Lenten Reflection 7pm BB Deadline	20 Mass 9.20am Lenten Reflection 12pm	21 Communion Service 9.30am 18+ Games night	22 Playgroup 9am -10.30am RE Level 2 @ 4pm Mass 7.00pm	23 Mass 8.30am Station of the Cross 9.00am RCIC 4.30pm	24 Reconciliation 9.30am Practice for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Vigil 10am-12 noon Mass 6.00pm	25 Passion Sunday Mass 8.30am & 10.30am Observance- Youth Sunday 18+ Luna Park event <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">2nd Collection WYD</div>
26 Mass 6.00pm Lenten Reflection 7pm BB Collating	27 Anointing of the Sick Mass 9.20am followed by light refreshments Lenten Reflection 12pm 2 nd Rite of Reconciliation 7pm	28 Communion Service 9.30am	29 Holy Thursday End of Term Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm	30 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am Lord's Passion 3pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">2nd collection</div>	31 Holy Saturday Blessing of the Food 9am Reconciliation 9.30am Easter Vigil 8pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">2nd collection</div>	

Next Week's Readings—4th March 2018
Third Sunday of Lent - Year A



Reading 1

Ex 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?

Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!"

The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink."

This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9.

R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading 2

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel

Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

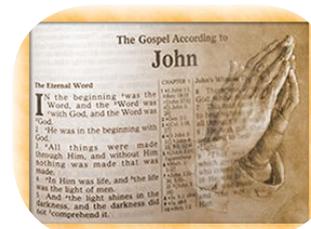
The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

"I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."



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