

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 25th / 26th MARCH 2023

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The Tastor's Ten....

As I write to you this afternoon I sit here recovering from my first eye injection received earlier this morning. I was diagnosed with the beginnings of Age Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) a few years ago. There is a family history of this disease. Everything has been stable over this time up until six weeks ago when I noticed decreased vision in my left eye. After visiting my optometrist and some eye photos he urgently referred me to an ophthalmologist on Wickham Terrace.

Two hours of tests with him this morning led to my initial injection, which I think I have tolerated well. Of course, more injections will happen monthly for some time to come in the hope of stopping this disease which afflicts one in every seven Australians over the age of fifty years. I'm grateful that something can be done, which isn't always the case, and I hope and pray that these injections will succeed in saving my sight.

It's somewhat ironic to me that last weekend we listened to the powerful story of the healing of the man born blind, the second great Lenten Gospel from John, about our journey from blindness to sight and to the insight of faith. The weekend before that we heard about the offer to the Samaritan woman of living water, God's Spirit and life welling up inside of us. This weekend, in the third and last of these stories, we hear of the raising of Lazarus of Bethany from the tomb of death. This event led to Jesus' death and subsequent resurrection and it pre-figures our own experience as we live the Pascal Mystery today.

The Jewish leaders of Jesus' time determined to get rid of him, setting their plans in motion to do so after he had raised Lazarus back to this life. Jesus declared that he was both the resurrection and the life, a statement that could only be God's prerogative to utter. This was the last straw for the Chief Priests, a number of the Pharisee group and many of the learned Scribes.

What this means is that by bringing Lazarus back to life in this world Jesus was sacrificing and surrendering his life in this world, in the hope of God saving and raising him to everlasting life. He hoped, he believed, that what had happened to Lazarus would happen to him, but in the fullest possible way of resurrection and eternal life. His selfless pattern in this event lays out the pattern for what we call Holy Week and Easter and is also a model of our own sacrifices, trusting in God to save and raise us up too, with and in Jesus.

All of this reality and meaning will be played out in the liturgies and celebrations of Holy Week, beginning on Palm / Passion Sunday (1st / 2nd April) and culminating at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night 8th April, and into Easter Resurrection Day on 9th April. All of it will be heard, sung, walked with, enacted, commemorated and participated in by us who are reborn in the Baptismal Water of Christ, see now with the eyes of the Spirit of the Lord and live out his own dying and rising daily. Let's be certain to make it a point not to miss any of the greatness and grace of this most central Christian Easter feast.

Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.

# **LENT AND EASTER 2023**

Stations of the Cross ~ every Friday evening of Lent at 7.00pm - St Joseph's

Mass for Forgiveness of Sins ~ 7.00pm Wednesday 29th March - St Joseph's

**PALM SUNDAY** ~ Mass 5.30pm Saturday 1st April - St Joseph's

~ Mass 8.00am Sunday 2nd April - St Joseph's

~ Mass 9.30am Sunday 2nd April - Christ the King

~ Mass 6.00pm Sunday 2nd April - Christ the King

**HOLY THURSDAY** ~ Mass - 7.00pm - Christ the King

GOOD FRIDAY ~ Stations of the Cross - 10.00am - Christ the King

~ Prayer Vigil for those on Death Row -12 noon- Christ the King

~ Good Friday Passion - 3.00pm - St Joseph's

HOLY SATURDAY ~ Easter Vigil - 6.00pm - St Joseph's

**EASTER SUNDAY** ~ Mass - 8.00am - St Joseph's

~ Mass - 9.30am - Christ the King

~ NO Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

# <u>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corinda Graceville Atrium</u> <u>"Come and See" Open House after school 2.50 - 4.00pm Tuesday 28th March</u>

An opportunity for parents and children to come and explore the atrium. Enjoy a self discovery tour that will take you on a hunt through the atrium to find the answers to special clues provided. On the way, discover the many amazing hands on materials that are available for children, interested in spending some quiet reflective time in a peaceful setting, designed to draw all who enter deeper into a relationship with God. The atrium is divided up into three separate environments for different age groups. It is available on a weekly basis during term time for children aged 3-12, but is also the place where the parish offers sacramental preparation, giving children time in a retreat like setting to spend time with God, getting to know Him better, reflecting on the gift of each sacrament. Please come and join us. Several of the team will be available to answer any questions and share with you about the opportunities available for your children.

"LET YOUR MINDS BE REMADE" a book by Paul Hodgkinson. A spiritual journey of living the Mysteries of the Rosary and imitating what they contain. The author declares this is Life changing! God, who is love, took on a human nature in Jesus Christ, to lead us to share eternal life with Him in this life and in the next. Praying the rosary can change our lives.

"You have obviously spent much time in prayer in putting this together" ~ Archbishop Mark Coleridge. \$15 per copy - available from the Parish Office or from the Author on 0402 494 401 or cmhodg44@gmail.com

Holy Spirit Seminary Prayer Calendars: are available at the doors of the churches. The calendars feature the young men in formation so that the seminarians can be prayed for daily by name. The offerings of prayers make a difference in the life of our Seminarians. Last year three men were ordained to the priesthood, Fathers El Louie, Nathan and Brian, as well as the ordinations of Isaac, Minje and Gerard to the Diaconate. In addition, four new Seminarians have been welcomed to Holy Spirit Seminary this year. Please pick up a prayer calendar and support our Seminary community by your prayer.

**Archbishop's Dinner for Men:** provides a space for men who are discerning their vocation, to gather and connect with each other. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his personal journey to the priesthood to help you gain insight and wisdom into your own discernment and the questions you're currently facing. This event is a great opportunity for men to be inspired, ask questions, and continue your discernment journey. When: Thursday 13 April at 6.00pm at the Archbishop's Residence 'Wynberg', New Farm. RSVP: To express interest in attending ,email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

Archbishop Mark has a message for you: Recently I finished as President of the Bishops Conference, which meant I had to go back to the ranks and serve on one of the Bishops Commissions. I ended up on the Bishops Commission for Social Justice with a special concern for Caritas, of which I'm now a Board member. I'd known the headlines of Caritas through the years, but I've been on a steep learning curve since I joined the Board. I didn't realise the extraordinary scope of Caritas' charitable works around the world and the excellence of the people who are part of it. Wherever the need is greatest, that's where you'll find Caritas and its people, which is why the Lenten appeal of Project Compassion is so crucial. It's the major source of funding for all the works which are the Gospel in action. The need at the moment is greater than ever, and almsgiving is one of the ancient disciplines of Lent. So it would be good for us all to dig deep and give as generously as we can to this year's Project Compassion.

Please note that the Parish Office Phone Number is 3362 8777: The old number has now ceased as is no longer functional.

SUMMIT23 is a three day gathering of clergy, religious, educators, catechists, layleaders and communities from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for key note presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer and encounter with Jesus. We are pleased to announce the following speakers (with more to come):

- Sherry Weddell Catherine of Siena Institute, USA. Author of Forming Intentional Disciples.
- ·Fr Frank Brennan Rector of Newman College, Prof of Law
- ·Dr Renee Kohler-Ryan Notre Dame University, Prof of Theology & Philosophy
- ·Thelma Parker Thelma Parker Consultancy
- ·Lana Turvey-Collins Catholic Mission, Director of Mission
- Dr Paul Morrissey Campion College, Principal
- ·Br Ian Cribb SJ Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia, CEO

When: 6pm - 9pm Thursday 18th May, 8am - 9pm Friday 19th May, 9am - 3pm Saturday 20th May Where: Riverlife Centre, 47Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks.

Cost: Earlybird is \$170pp | \$150 pp for groups of 10+ After early bird is \$200pp | \$170 pp for groups of 10+

Expressions of Interest are to made to the parish office so that group bookings and early bird rates can be shared by all. The parish will subsidise part of the costs. Please contact the parish office this week if you wish to attend.

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023**. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available in the churches, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the continued deep connection and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

**Rite of Enrolment for First Holy Communion:** will be held at all Masses this weekend 25th / 26th March. Welcome to the children and their families as they formally commence their Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion. We pray for all of the children who will celebrate their First Communion in the Parish in June.

Welcome to the Parish Choir: who lead our music ministry at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday night.

**God's blessings:** to Georgia, Lachlan, Arthur, Rupert, Ella and Sofia who will be baptised at Christ the King Church this weekend. We warmly welcome you into our Parish Family and the Family of God.

**Open House at the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** after school 2.50pm- 4.00pm Tuesday 28th March. Please come and join us. Several of the team will be available to answer any questions and share with you about the opportunities available for your children. See full details on page two.

## NO MASS this WEDNESDAY MORNING 29th March

**Mass for Forgiveness of Sins:** 7pm Wednesday 29th March at St Joseph's Church Corinda. Prepare for Easter by celebrating together with your parish community at this special Mass for Forgiveness of Sins. A time to reflect, pray, celebrate and seek forgiveness as we journey through the Season of Lent towards the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord.

Choir Practice for Holy Thursday Mass: will be held at 7pm on Thursday 30th March in Christ the King Church.

**Annual Chrism Mass:** A celebration for the whole Archdiocese. Thursday 30th March at 7pm at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Car park available from 6pm (enter via Charlotte Street).

Youth Group for high school students and young adults: 6.30pm Friday 31st March at St Joseph's Hall Corinda, commencing with a light dinner and finishing at 8.30pm. All young people are most welcome to attend. This will be the final Youth Group for Term 1.

Stations of the Cross: Friday evening 31st March at 7pm in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend this very special and prayerful devotion as we journey through the season of Lent.

Liturgy Team Meeting: on Saturday 1st April at 10am at the Parish Office.

Choir Practice for Good Friday Passion: will be held at 2pm on Sunday 2nd April at St Joseph's Church.

Choir Practice for the Easter Vigil: will be held at 3pm on Sunday 2nd April at St Joseph's Church.

St Vincent de Paul meeting: 8am on Thursday 6th April in the Parish Office at Corinda. Please note change of day!

Children's Liturgy: will recommence for Term 2 at 8am on Sunday 16th April.

**Thank you:** The family of Jack McLaughlin thank most sincerely the Parish community for their prayers, messages of sympathy and attendance at the Mass of celebration of Jack's life. Sincerely and with thanks, Elizabeth and John

Fr Frank Brennan sj has recently published a book titled "An Indigenous Voice to Parliament – Considering a constitutional bridge".\* Fr Brennan will be at St Ignatius Church Toowong at 7pm on Thursday 27 April, to speak on the topic. This a free event—no booking required. All are welcome. Books are available for purchase through St Ignatius Parish at the discounted price of \$20 per copy or at the event—cash only. Enquiries: email <a href="mailto:toowong@bne.catholic.net.au">toowong@bne.catholic.net.au</a> or phone 3870 7818.

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Ron Atkins, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Alan Carr, Bridie Carr, Beryl Clark, June Denham, Maureen Doherty, Margaret Garrone, Nash Giles, Laurie Gillespie, Maureen Gleeson, Gregory Gould, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Clare Hickey, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Annie Little, Fr Frank Lourigan, Gordon McCormack, Margaret Mealey, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Val O'Brien, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Genevieve Parer, Jennifer Parer, Shelly Parer, Glenda Penna, Clive Punter, Dawn Punter, Luke Reed, Megan Riddle, Sr Bernadetta Robinson olsh, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Thao Trinh, Sue Venderley, Paul Vickers, Rebecca Wallace, Nick Willemsen.

We pray for all who are suffering due to conflict, natural disaster and ill health.

We remember and pray for all our parishioners living in aged care.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Alan Druery, Alannah Buddery, Pat Winnett, Jack McLaughlin, Annie O'Connor, Joan Rooney, Fr John Boyd-Boland

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Colin McMullen, Sandra Scantlebury, Bob Roberts, David Radford, Andrew McCarthy, Brian Kelly, Conrad Maesepp, Kit Melaney, Carolin Fogarty, Philip Lynch, Carmelina Pietrobon, Beryl Bright, Guiseppi Danieli, Peter Scott, Jo Parsons, Veronica Howard, Anthony Brady, Norma McNamara







# **WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

Wednesday 7.00pm St Joseph's-Mass for Forgiveness of Sins

Thursday 9.00 am St Joseph's - Mass 9.30 am Friday Christ the King - Mass

**SUNDAY MASSES** 

5.30 pm Saturday St Joseph's Sunday 8.00 am St Joseph's 9.30 am Christ the King 6.00 pm Christ the King

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** 

4.30 pm - 5.00 pm St Joseph's Saturday

Other times by appointment. **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** 

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sundays of the month

2nd Sunday 11.00 am St Joseph's 4th Sunday 11.00 am Christ the King

All enquiries to the Parish Office

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may pray daily the Liturgical Prayer of the Church)

# **FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

5th SUNDAY of LENT SUN, 26 MAR

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

MON, 27 MAR Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11

TUE, 28 MAR Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

WED, 29 MAR Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42

THU, 30 MAR Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59 FRI, 31 MAR Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42 SAT, 1 APR Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

**HOLY WEEK** 

SUN, 2 APR PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD Entrance: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 - 27:66

#### HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

# **GATHERING:** "BEYOND THE DAYS"

Refrain: Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry

we see a light of faith renewed,

and in our longing we thirst for guidance

to walk with you day by day.

- 1. Forty days and nights, you guide the steps of our journey. May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice.
- 4. On our Lenten path we see the dawn of a new day. Be our vision of hope; be the promise of our lives.

# PENITENTIAL ACT: "THE CONFITEOR"

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

[And, striking their breast, they say:] through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

[Then they continue:]

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 130: WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY"



and full-ness of re-demp-tion. With the Lord there is mer-cy

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Saturday 5.30pm:

'WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY"

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

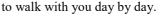
#### PREPARATION OF GIFTS:

"FROM ASHES TO THE LIVING FONT"

- 1. From ashes to the living font your Church must journey, Lord, Baptised in grace, in grace renewed by your most holy word.
- Through fasting, prayer and charity your voice speaks deep within,
  - Returning us to ways of truth and turning us from sin.
- Our graves split open, bring us back, your promise to proclaim; to darkened tombs call out "Arise!" and glorify your name.
- From ashes to the living font, your Church must journey still, Through cross and tomb to Easter joy, in Spirit fire fulfilled.

#### **COMMUNION: Saturday 5.30pm:** "BEYOND THE DAYS"

Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry we see a light of faith renewed, and in our longing we thirst for guidance



- 1. Forty days and nights, you guide the steps of our journey. May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice.
- 2. Not on bread alone are we to walk on this journey. Speak the words that give life to the yearnings of our hearts.
- 3. In your hands, O God, we feel the touch of your guidance. Keep us safe in your care: may your gentleness be there.
- 4. On our Lenten path we see the dawn of a new day. Be our vision of hope; be the promise of our lives.

## **HYMN AFTER COMMUNION: Saturday 5.30pm:** "WORTHY IS THE LAMB"

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain To receive honour and glory. Worthy are the ones who believe To receive the goodness of God.

- 1. Worthy are you, O Paschal Lamb. Wisdom and strength belong now to you. You laid down your life, and died upon the cross: We've become a people of hope.
- 2. Worthy are you, O Bread of Life. Salvation and joy belong now to us. By conquering death and rising to new life, We've become a people of praise.

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