



23/24 March 2019-Year C Third Sunday of Lent



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)

Sunday - 7.30am

Sunday - 9am (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9am

Wednesday - 9am

Thursday - 9am

Friday - 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.30 - 5.15pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months - check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation with Funeral Directors.

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!** Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent

1. Heavenly Vision; More Human World

While we were still without hope, God took us out of our emptiness and brought us into a new land, making with us a covenant of liberation.

But we remain "set upon the things of this world," burdened with "the original darkness that shadows our vision." Today's liturgy is about restoring our sight so that we can "see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living."

The disciples saw "the bounty of the Lord" on the mountaintop. They witnessed the dazzling glory of Jesus shining in the company of Moses and Elijah, the glory of the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

Abraham had also stood in the presence of the Lord, and he had been overwhelmed by a terrifying darkness pierced by the bright light of a smoking brazier and a flaming torch.

The road from Abraham's encounter with God to the disciples' encounter with God was a long one.

Lent is an acting out of the long road from the covenant to its fulfillment. It is our public proclamation that we are a people who "eagerly await the coming of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

We recognize that "we have our citizenship in heaven," but in the meantime we exercise our citizenship on earth for the coming of the kingdom of God.

We purge ourselves of our self-reliance, our thirst for power, and our preoccupation with self-interest, sacrificing and praying that God might "deliver Israel from all her distress."

Christians, on pilgrimage toward the heavenly city, should seek and think of those things which are above. This duty in no way decreases, rather it increases, the importance of their obligation to work with everyone in the building of a more human world

2. Season of Lent

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and self-denial as we prepare for the passion, suffering and death of Our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Days of Penance:



1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, **must** be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing **any one** of the following:
 - (a) Prayer-for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) Self-denial - for example, not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) Helping others-for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

Days of Penance

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (6 March) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper ((19 April). On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed. Paschal Precept

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 6 March, and Trinity Sunday, 16 June 2019 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

3. Stations of the Cross

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will follow the Friday 9am Mass.

Parishioners are invited to attend Mass and Stations of the Cross as a worthy penance to perform during this season of Lent.



4. Easter Ceremonies

There are sign up sheets for the Easter Ceremonies on the table at the back of the Church, please sign up for what you can.

5. St Anthony of Padua Catholic College News

Throughout Lent staff, students, families and parishioners of St Anthony's are invited to take part in the initiative, Snapshots: Discovering God in our Day. This initiative will provide many opportunities at home, at school and in the parish community to become more aware of God's presence in our daily lives. Each day God blesses us with many gifts. In the busyness of life, sometimes these gifts can be missed. Living in the moment makes us better people. It allows us to enjoy and appreciate what we have, and even more importantly, be thankful to our God for it. Becoming more aware of the wonderful gifts from God fills us with hope and encourages us to share that hope through project compassion. Each Family can collect a Snap Shots Lenten Pack which is in a small calico bag when they collect their project Compassion box.



6. Archbishop Valerian Maduka Okeke visits Australia



I hope you will join me in welcoming my home Archbishop on his first visit to Australia. Archbishop Val hails from Umudioka – Dunukofia (my hometown as well) in Anambra State of Nigeria and was ordained a priest on July 11 1981. He was ordained an Archbishop on February 9 2002 and has been the Archbishop of Onitsha Nigeria since September 1 2003.

Archbishop Val will arrive Australia through Sydney airport on Thursday 28th March and will visit Lismore diocese before coming down to Sydney on Saturday 30th March. Arrangements are being made to see if he could celebrate the vigil Mass for us on that day (I will confirm this later). Thank you.

May God Bless you.

Fr Kene



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

25-30 March

L Pecotich, A Mamone,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries



1-6 April

D Giubega, L Vitale,
M Garzaniti, R Khattar

READERS ROSTER

23/24 March

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Volunteer: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Mica Mastroeni

Readers:

Mica Mastroeni: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

30/31 March (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 1st Reading

Rita Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: James Gill

Readers:

James Gill: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

23/24 March

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

30/31 March

Saturday Vigil

Julie Dimech & Catherine Florio

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Faye Palamara

ACOLYTES ROSTER

23/24 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

30/31 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

23 March

Suzanne Sanchez & R Micallef

30 March

Daniela Romeo



9am Sunday

Nicole Hext

NURSING HOME ROSTER

24 March

Sister Rosa & Jayann

29 March

Mass



Dear Parishioners,

Since I came from St Paul's Bay a parish dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows it is natural for me to be devoted to Our Lady under this title. The good Lady Anna Bugeja who built the church in St Pauls Bay was an opera singer and in the opera house where she sang they had a chapel behind the stage and in that chapel there was a shrine to Our Lady of Sorrows, and before every performance the actors would go there to pray before the statue of Our Lady of Sorrows. So, when she built the church she didn't dedicate it to St Paul, whose ship ran aground in that place, nor was it to St Frances whose priests took care of the parish since day one, but she trusted the church and the parish to Our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows. But then every other parish in Malta have a statue of Our Lady of Sorrows and the Friday before Good Friday is a day dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

Between 1981-1989 Our Lady appeared to three young college students in Kibeho, Rwanda and amongst other things Our Lady asked for a chapel to be built in that place and she asked the children to recite the Rosary of the seven sorrows, now forgotten by many Christians. "I wish it would be recited in the whole church". Our Lady said to them! Our Lady also appeared to St Bridget of Sweden and made seven promises to her the last one, she promised that those who say this Rosary and encourage others to do so would not go through Purgatory when they die. That might seem too good to be true, but saying this Rosary daily will change you! And if we want to go to Heaven we need to change!

Lent is a good time to start a new devotion and this is a very good devotion, you don't need to be from St Paul's Bay either and Our Holy Mother is the Mother of us all, she loves us as much as she loved her Son Jesus, we should be one of her joys not one of her sorrows. At the back of the Church there is the Rosary beads of the seven sorrows of Our Lady and the leaflets which explains the mysteries, do take one and use it. And pray for those who do not pray.

Joe Cilia

PROJECT COMPASSION

Sixteen-year-old Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously students would have to walk kilometers each day in search of clean water. This was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability.

Peter's mother left the family when he was little and has since passed away. His father decided to move from northern Malaita to Honiara, to better provide for his family.

Her arranged for Peter to stay with his aunt, then attend Aligegeo Secondary School. Groundwater sources at the school had dried up and rainfall is unpredictable.

Caritas Australia teamed up with Caritas Solomon Islands and provided a 90 kilo-litre water tank, electric pump and technical advice.

The school now has a safe, reliable water system, servicing around 1,000 people. "Now we can stay at school to wash and not interrupt our official class time", Peter says.

Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with a brighter future.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Isidoro Bianchi, Domenica Costa, Sam Marino

Also for:

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Paul Farnsworth, David Angeles, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Chris Smith, Paul Galea, Herb Herman, Michael Jasenko