

PARISH NEWS

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

23 March: Saturday Vigil Mass (anticipated Palm Sunday Mass), @ 6 pm
24 March: Palm Sunday - Palm Sunday Mass, @ 8 am
28 March: Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7 pm
29 March: Good Friday - Stations of the Cross @ 10 am (parish grounds); Celebration of the Passion @ 3 pm
30 March: Black Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass @ 7 pm
31 March: Easter Sunday - Easter Sunday Mass @ 8 am & 10 am
[Ecumenical Easter Morning Service at Dunsborough Jetty - @ 6 am of Easter Sunday]

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will have our final **Friday Stations of the Cross** on 22 March. After the Stations, we will have a Soup Dinner. Please join us.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

Our parish community is the host for this year's World Day of Prayer. The paraliturgy will be held at our church on the 22nd of March, Friday, from 11 am to 12 pm. We will be joined by the members of the other Christian Churches in Dunsborough. This year's prayer intention is to pray for the women of Palestine.

CHRISM MASS

This year's Chrism Mass will be on 21 March, Thursday, 11 am at the Bunbury Cathedral. All are welcome.

INVITATION FROM KIRUP SPIRITUALITY HUB

"We have combined our Lenten Lamentation with our Tuesday Quiet Day next Tuesday 19th March from 10am to 12pm. At 1-2.30pm we will have the last of the Kirup Synod Consultations. You can join us in person or on Zoom for both or one of these events. Contact Deborah for Zoom link. We have three events in May - 7th Ignatian Spirituality; 21st Celebrating the life of Irene McCormack; & 24th an ARRCC event, engaging with our forests. Flyers will be available shortly. deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com 0419939864."

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: Project Compassion



Fifth Sunday of Lent 16 & 17 March



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.

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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

17th MARCH 2024

First Reading

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5: 7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the course of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Reding

John 12: 20-30

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Gospel Reflection

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself. (Jn 12:32)

After Jesus was nailed to a cross, he was physically lifted up. But John's repeated use of the phrase, "lifted up" goes beyond its literal sense. Jesus' crucifixion, as horrible and painful as it was, was also an exaltation. That's because through his cross and resurrection, Jesus saved the world. It was a victory over sin, Satan, and death.

This is the paradox of the cross. It was through Jesus' suffering and death that he was glorified - and brought glory to his Father's name (Jn 12:28). It was by becoming that grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies that Jesus was able to produce "much fruit" (12:24). That "fruit" - our salvation - is why we reverence the cross. It is also why Jesus could talk of his impending death as a lifting up. It was truly a triumph of love over death.

Jesus also promised to "draw everyone" to himself. This, too, was the fruit of his sacrifice. The cross removed the barrier of sin that blocked our relationship with the Father. Now, forgiven and made blameless through Jesus' blood, we have become sons and daughters of God. Drawn into the heart of the Trinity, we can enjoy eternal life with God, both now and forever.

-The Word Among Us

Nineteen (19) students from OLC and two (2) from Dunsborough Primary School will receive their First Holy Communion at our 8:30 am Sunday Mass on the 17th of March. We keep them and their families in our prayers.

Please mark your calendar with the following regular liturgical and devotional celebrations:

1st Friday of each month : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (5 April, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm)

We will place a sign-up sheet in the Foyer on the 30th & 31st of March.

Please sign up for the roster to spend One Hour of Your Time.

1st Tuesday of each month : Healing Mass . All are welcome.

Group Meditation : Every Tuesday after the 9:00 am Mass

Group Prayer Session : Every Wednesday after the 9:30 am Mass

Rosary : Every Wednesday before the 9:30 am Mass

2nd Friday of each month : Catholic Men Fellowship @ 9:30 am. All men are welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent can be a good time to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each one is highly encouraged to go to Confession before Easter Sunday. Father Archie is always at the Confessional Room at 5 pm on Saturdays. The whole day of Good Friday is also a good time to go to Confession.

Purpose of the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- to repent and ask for God's forgiveness and that grace can be restored and to resist sin;
- the sin itself (or sins) is forgiven; sins disappear from the soul with the coming of the sanctifying grace;
- when received without any mortal sin in the soul, the Sacrament of Reconciliation imparts to the soul an increase in sanctifying grace; this means that there is a deepening and strengthening of that divine-life-shared by which the soul is united to God;
- and always, any venial sins which the penitent may have committed and for which he is truly sorry are forgiven; these are the lesser and more common sins which do not cut us off from God but still hinder, like clouds across the sun, the full view of His grace to the soul.

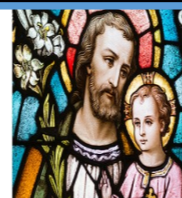


The quality of our prayer life will always go back to the disposition of our heart and whether we are open to the movements of the Holy Spirit.



19 March

Feast of St. Joseph



FREE CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES INCLUDE:

- free pregnancy tests
- emotional support: before, during and after pregnancy
- material assistance: maternity clothing, baby clothing, baby items (nappies & toiletries, prams, cots etc.)
- pre-natal and post-natal information
- assistance with access to other resources/services

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE BUNBURY

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pregnant@westnet.com.au

151 Spencer Street, South Bunbury

Hours: 11am-5pm Tuesdays & Thursdays or by appointment



OLOTSC Parish supports Pregnancy Assistance Bunbury. Please share the information above and donate any items for babies. God bless!

MASSES & DEVOTIONS (18 March - 24 March)

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| Monday | 9:00 AM | Mass of the Day |
| Tuesday | 9:00 AM | Mass of the Day |
| Wednesday | 9:00 AM 9:30 AM | Rosary Mass of the Day |
| Thursday | 9:00 AM | Liturgy of the Word |
| Friday | 9:00 AM 6:00 PM | Mass of the Day Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday | 5:00 PM 6:00 PM | Confession Sunday Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 8:30 AM | Mass |

LITURGICAL ROSTER

| | 23rd March | 24th March |
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| Greeter | Kath Rooney | Joan Embry |
| Commentator | Amie Meyer | Fran La Motte |
| Reader | Judy Malcolm | Mark Embry |

PARISH CONTACT NUMBERS

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WE OFFER PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR HEALING, THE REPOSE OF SOULS, AND OTHER INTENTIONS DURING ALL OF OUR MASSES.

For healing:

Saba Rose Button
Tracy Trew
John Hogan
Liz Grandison
Ayla Turpin
Joy Keel
Morgan Peacock
George Wootton
Theresa Lawrence
Eddie, Oscar & Milla Gair
Ray, Rosemary & Karla Lovell
Maureen Taylor
Olga Soter
Niceta Carampatan
Icele Villanueva
Stuey Beacroft

Rest In Peace

(+) Mariafe Soto Galati
(+) Doris Ritter
(+) Emma Gair
(+) David Clift
(+) Luke Hopkins
(+) Buckley Spicer
(+) Zenaida Ramirez
(+) Thelma Moore
(+) Gwenda Willcock
(+) Mark Krasenstein
(+) Moira McMullen
(+) Alan Button
(+) Desmond O'Connor
(+) Anthony Egging
(+) Thomas Henderson
(+) Leda Battaglini
(+) Dennis Sully

VOLUNTEER



Our Parish is keen to invite everyone to take part in our different Ministries. We are in need of:

*Acolytes *Altar Servers *Safeguarding Officers *Singers
*Greeters *Readers *Commentators and *Cleaners

Please sign up on the Roster provided in the foyer of the Church or ring the office on: 08 9755 3944 or 0480458076

Thank you for your help.

If you have any intentions to pray for at Mass, write them on the Intention Form at the foyer and give them to Fr Archie before Mass. Thank you!

CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

9-10 March 2024

First Collection: \$ 508.55
Second Collection: \$ 415.90
Planned Giving \$ 35; \$50

If you wish to make a DONATION to our Parish, you may deposit it directly to our Parish Bank Account:

BSB: 086-006 ACC: 848054647