



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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1st Sunday of Lent

Year A

29th February/1st March, 2020

Archbishops Lenten Program

As we come to Ash Wednesday we think of the ocean of ashes in which we have drowned as the fires have engulfed the land. Ours is a land of fire. Fire is part of the ecology of Australia, and it has been for thousands of years. But this was something different, with a touch of the apocalyptic about it. It was not only the number of fires, but our sheer powerlessness to stop them. The efforts of the fire-fighters were heroic, but they too must have felt powerless before the blazes they faced. Flora and fauna were devastated; communities, families and individuals had their lives shattered. It will take a long time to recover and rebuild, and the Church has to accompany all these people in every way possible as they seek to recover and rebuild.

Then came the floods, which seemed to sweep away whatever was left after the fires. We had prayed for rain, and God knows we needed it. But in some places the rains seemed almost too much, and the floods again faced us into our powerlessness before the force of nature.

On top of all this came the threat of the coronavirus, which may be receding but is certainly not behind us. It may have begun in China but the data shows that it has spread far and wide as these pandemics do; and Australia hasn't been spared. Medical science is scrambling to respond, and that's good. But this virus seemed to come out of the blue and left us initially feeling bewildered and powerless, even to understand the virus, let alone cure it.

So as we begin the journey of Lent, events have confronted us with a sense of powerlessness and fragility. Illusions of omnipotence or invulnerability have been shown for what they are: a lie. The truth is that we are often powerless and always fragile. But the greater truth to which Lent looks is that there is a God who comes to meet us precisely where we are most powerless and fragile. That's what the Cross of Jesus means. When he dies on Calvary, Jesus goes to the very heart of all human powerlessness and fragility. He becomes so powerless that he lies finally a corpse on the ground. He becomes so fragile that He's crushed by the brutalities of a violent world. But from the ashes He rises in the moment of Easter, for which Lent is a preparation – a preparation which takes us down into the dark place of our powerlessness and fragility, the place where we'd rather not go.

We go down to that dark place through Lent, renewing our faith in the God who raised Jesus from the dead. This was the God who breathed life into the dark tomb of Jesus and led him forth into the light. All the false gods are masters of the lie of omnipotence and invulnerability. They leave us with nothing but the ashes; they are the lords of despair; and Lent is a time to dethrone the false gods.

But the true God is with us – with the fire-fighters battling the blaze, with the communities and families who have lost so much, with the many who are struggling to offer solidarity and support. The true God is with the farmers who have suffered years of drought, and with those who have been stricken by flood – and also with the many who have reached out to people tempted to despair because of drought or flood.

Lent is the time given to us to open our hearts to the power of Easter. On Ash Wednesday we take the ashes upon ourselves in recognition of the truth that we are often powerless and always fragile. But by the time we get to Easter, we have come to a deeper sense that we are empowered in our powerlessness that we are made strong in our weakness. Knowing that we can walk from the tomb with Jesus; we can rise from the ashes with him to sing the song of Easter. Fires may rage and floods come, but the voice of hope is always heard. Nothing and no-one can silence the voice of Jesus risen from the dead.

Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane

Readings: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis: 12:1-4

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Matthew 17:1-9

HYMNS – ST JOACHIM’S

Gathering:	Now , The Acceptable Time (see below)
Responsorial Psalm	Have mercy on us O God, for we have sinned.
Communion:	GA 455 A Trusting Psalm
Recessional:	GA 307 Tree of Life (Vs 1, 2 and Lent Wk 1)

WE REMEMBER

We remember Joan Peachey, Donal Byrne and Daphne Pugh.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

COUNTERS

Tony’s team.

2020 LENTEN PROGRAM - BE OPENED

Morning Session: 11:00am Evening Session: 7:00pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – LENTEN SEASON

Commencing 8:40am this Friday there will be Stations of the Cross at St Joachim’s before the regular 9:00am mass.

MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

The mass on Friday, March 6th will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by a hospitality which will be held at the front of the church.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Primary school children are invited to attend CLOW at St Agnes’ Church - Sunday, March 8th at 9:00am Mass

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - SACRAMENT OF Penance

Children in Year 5 and above who have received their First Communion are invited to enrol in the Sacrament of Penance program. There are two sessions: Wednesday, March 18th, 6:00pm – 7:00pm and Friday, March 27th, 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Attendance at both sessions are required. RSVP before March 9th to secure your place via sacpr@bne.catholic.net.au or on 3349 2280.

HOW SACRAMENTS WORK -

THERE’S MORE TO IT THAN MEETS THE EYE

Friday, March 6th from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen’s Cathedral Precinct.

Fr Paul Turner, renowned teacher and speaker, liturgist and author, will speak to us about how sacraments work. We can see, taste and feel the sacramental signs of water, bread and wine, oil and the human touch. This is a rich and inspiring exploration of how sacraments connect us to saving grace.

If you would like to join Fr Joson for this seminar please email or phone the Parish Office on Monday.

Now, the Acceptable Time

Now, the acceptable time!

Return to the Lord with all your heart.

Now, the day of salvation!

Not on bread alone, can we be fully alive,
but on ev’ry word from the mouth of God.

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Parish Diary

Monday, March 2nd

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim’s

Wednesday, March 4th

Benediction 5:30pm

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes’

Thursday, March 5th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes’

Friday, March 6th

Stations of the Cross 8:40am

Mass 9:00am

Includes Anointing of the Sick

St Joachim’s

Saturday, March 7th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim’s

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 7th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim’s

Sunday, March 8th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim’s

Mass 9:00am

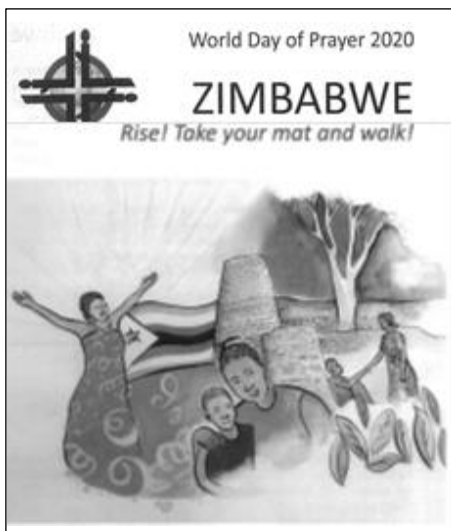
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Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis on LENT the reminder of *baptism* already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of *repentance*, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery.

RCIA 125



This year's World Day of Prayer Service in our local area is being hosted by Broadwater Road Uniting Church on Friday, March 6th commencing 10:30am at 481 Broadwater Road, Mansfield.

The 2020 Service has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, and the committee of Broadwater Road is excited that they have managed to engage the participation of a group of Brisbane women originally from Zimbabwe which will engage an extra dimension.

Although originally a women's annual prayer service, it is now being encouraged that men are invited to attend.

Our parish hosted a very successful occasion last year at St Joachim's. We are now asked to support this year's event and the hosts.

For further details please contact Trish O'Brien, 3343 4582

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GO FURTHER TOGETHER

First Sunday of Lent
1st March 2020

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AUSTRALIA



Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community. Let's Go Further, Together.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 4th March at St Stephen's Chapel from 10.45 - 12.15 pm. Join us in the City for Praise & Worship & Personal Prayer Ministry. Our guest Speaker will be Helen Bowman. Bring a friend, all welcome. Fellowship afterwards with a cuppa & lunch at the CWL Tea Rooms.

Enq:- Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901

CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE TOUR

Friday, 6th March from 9.00am - 11.00am. Presentation in the Auditorium, a College tour with our Student Mentor and, an opportunity to meet with our Principal and members of the Leadership Team. To book a space, please visit the College website www.cvxmck.edu.au via the Enrolments tab. Any questions call 3347 9223.

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CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE - PASTORAL CARERS

Now in its 34th year CPPC trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry in hospitals, our day centre and supported accommodation. CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness.

The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am - 3.30pm, from 6 May to 27 November 2020. Upon graduating the carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours pw in one of the above ministries.

Written Applications close Friday 17 April 2020. They should be sent to: Fr Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley Telephone: 3252 5461 Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au Website: www.cppc.net.au

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

During the season of Lent *Aid to the Church in Need* would like to invite you to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar. The Lent calendar features 47 true stories of modern martyrs, witnesses of love, who heroically offered their lives for God and their communities. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/len2020

DATE CLAIMER - BRISBANE CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

The Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Mt Barney Mass near the base of the mountain on 12 August, 2020. For further details contact bcbcbarneymass60@gmail.com or phone Graham on 07 3371 9623. Please spread the word.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

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- Police officers and first responders grapple with difficult situations regularly and faith has a part to play in dealing with the impact of tragedies like the Dreamworld fatalities or the Camp Hill murders.
- Toowoomba mother Toni Mitchel fronted the Disability Royal Commission and explained how she had to justify her son's life even before he was born.
- Victorian authorities counted 52 deaths since euthanasia became available.
- L'Arche community in shock over findings of leader's sexual abuse of six women between 1970 and 2005.
- National Evangelisation Team Ministries sent out 45 young adults for a 10-month mission.
- Christian Fuschini's best friend died when they were teenagers and that's when he decided what he wanted to do become a doctor.
- Available in the churches this weekend.

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