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4th Sunday in Lent

Year B

13th/14th March, 2021

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Each reading provides us with an example of divine mercy. God's use of Cyrus to deliver the Israelites, even though he was not a believer, shows that every circumstance and any person can demonstrate the scope of God's love. In fact, it is often the situation or the individual that we least expect that has been chosen to manifest God's mercy to us. This same mercy is seen as God brings us to life with Christ even when we were dead in sin.

Mercy means that strict justice is set aside in favour of compassion. Dispossessed people are raised out of defeat and given another chance. Sinners condemned to severe punishment are raised out of despair and offered a reprieve. The whole world is raised up out of darkness when God's own Son is sent into that world as saviour rather than as judge. God's mercy raises us out of loss and hopelessness, out of darkness and sin, so that we might enjoy the blessings of life.

We too have been raised up so that we might live in truth and might become the visible sign of God's mercy in the world. We have been made a new people, free from the restraints of the past. Joined with Christ we become God's handiwork, creations that bear the seal of the great creator. We are the very sacrament of God's mercy. The forgiveness that we have experienced and the new life within us shine forth as witness to the mercy of God.

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Holy Week Timetable

Monday	Mass of Forgiveness	Monday March 29	6:00pm	St Agnes'
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Thursday April 1	6:30pm	St Joachim's
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	Friday April 2	10:00am	St Joachim's
	The Lord's Passion	Friday April 2	3:00pm	St Agnes'
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	Saturday April 3	6:30pm	St Joachim's
Easter Sunday	Mass	Sunday April 4	7:30am	St Joachim's
		Sunday April 4	9:00am	St Agnes'

(Please note there will not be a 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

Sacrament of Penance First Rite Saturdays 5:30pm St Joachim's

BOOKINGS WILL OPEN THROUGH TRYBOOKING ON MONDAY, MARCH 22ND

Readings: 5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-30

READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps.

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.'

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?

If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Parish Diary

Monday, March 15th

Mass 6:30am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, March 17th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, March 18th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, March 19th

Stations of the Cross 8:40am
Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, March 20th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, February 20th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, March 21st

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's
Mass 9:00am
St Agnes
Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN
FOR WEEKEND MASSES**





The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

PARISH NEWS

WE REJOICE

With the Hopes family as they celebrate the baptism of Archie and Teddy.

WE REJOICE

Best wishes and blessings to Ashleigh Wall and George Dedes who have been married in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Cheryl's team

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, March 16th.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish would like to fundraise for repairs to the roof of St Joachim's church. If you have experience in fundraising we would appreciate your input. Contact Paul at hpmpcouncil@gmail.com



Youth & Family Mass this weekend at the 6:00pm St Agnes Mass. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Nick Kelly, Youth Coordinator

Salisbury 0400 898 381; abundanceyouth.com

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR ALTAR LINEN WASHING

Thank you to those volunteers who have come forward to help with washing of the altar linen. I still require 2 people to help out at St Agnes and 1 at St Joachim's. Please give Dot a call if you are able to assist.

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

If you are contributing to our Planned Giving by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 - 786;

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WORKING BEE



There will be a working bee at St Joachim's Church on **Saturday, March 27th** from 8:30am. The working bee will include

cleaning the louvres and windows as well as cleaning the brass in readiness for Easter. I would appreciate the help of anyone who can come along and assist.

Fr Joson

Weekend Masses

All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

Mass bookings for weekend masses are required.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

14TH MARCH 2021



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene

and sanitation, and funded their own toilets. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CENTACARE

Centacare provides practical and pastoral activities each weekday at the Mental Health Hub in Fortitude Valley for people living with a mental health issue. Centacare mental health workers can support people with their application process to the NDIS to assess their eligibility, provide supports funded under an existing package, or explore other sources of funding to join in activities if not NDIS eligible. Centacare also offers a pastoral and spiritual care program at the Fortitude Valley site which is free to join. For more information or to register interest please contact Centacare on 3853 7400

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

Cathedral of St Stephen commencing 10.00am on 17 March 2021. His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be the principal celebrant with Fr Gerard McMorrow concelebrating. It is essential you register your attendance. Numbers are limited. **To register on-line**, go to the Cathedral website: www.cathedralofststephen.org.au

PALMS AUSTRALIA - THE NEED IS ACUTE!

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The March newspaper is now available for \$4.

- Editorial: How journalists evangelise
- Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Brisbane
- Archbishop Mark Coleridge's monthly column
- Family and friends honour young woman who died at 19
- Meet Matt Hayden's evangelisation coach
- Senior Living Advertising Feature



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Monday 15 March | 3:30pm

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