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5th Sunday in Lent

Year B

20th/21st March, 2021

Loose or Gain it...

To attain something in life one must lose something – do you agree? A simple question, though it concerns reality and a thought provoking equation to life, whether to lose or gain?

The context of the Gospel speaks of the same sacrifice. Man's highest life does not consist in self-expression, but in self-sacrifice, that is what Jesus insists. St Paul re-asserts this desirable attitude of the heart and mind. In his words, he invites us to be 'all things to all people.'

A world that looks in on itself is a small world, a closed world. Beware we can be like this. God places us in communities, amidst others, believers and unbelievers, to be all things to all people. We can reveal to others their truest beauty: the image of God in every human life. Others can reveal to us surprising aspects about ourselves. To the extent we share, we grow. Self-projection is an error. Imperfection cannot project perfection. But striving for perfection can lead us to perfection, who is Christ. Man's highest life consists in self-sacrifice, self-giving in order that His light may shine through. All this was said explained and did by Jesus in His time. This is what we do in our lives, unless we the grain falls and dies, in our circumstance no fruit is produced.

Every blessing,

Fr Joson

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 ON MONDAY, MARCH 22ND THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LINKS

St Joachim's Easter Services - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPUCD>

St Agnes' Easter Services - <https://www.trybooking.com/BPUDE>

Readings: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mark 11:1-10

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

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 Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;

and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 12:20-30

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.

Parish Diary

Monday, March 22nd

Mass 6:30am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, March 24th

Mass Cancelled

Thursday, March 25th

Mass Cancelled

Friday, March 26th

Stations of the Cross 8:40am

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, March 27th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
Saturday, March 27th**

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, March 28th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

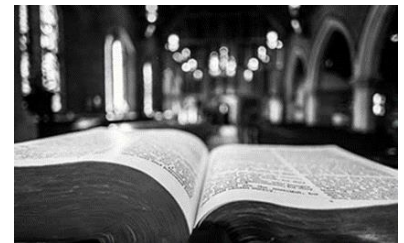
Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

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



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 still required.**

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

PARISH NEWS

WE REJOICE

With the Rogers family as they celebrate the baptism of Lola.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team

St Vincent De Paul Society

Tuesday, March 23rd at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Due to the Easter Monday holiday Coffee and Chat will be held on Monday, March 29th. Please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza (Coles end of plaza) commencing 10:00am. BrizStar is air-conditioned and has an area away from the plaza thoroughfare, this means less noise. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334 or just turn up. Everyone is welcome.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

Again this year you are invited to donate new clothing for the men of St Vincent's Hostel, South Brisbane. They appreciate especially underwear, T Shirts, sweat shirts, etc. One of the great symbols of Holy Thursday is the washing of feet. It is a symbol of service and friendship. We show this service and friendship in many ways, our Holy Thursday collection is a communal way to live out the command of Jesus to do what he did.



Hello! It was so good to see everyone at our second Youth Mass last Sunday. I hope all those in attendance had a great evening. I'd like to invite all High

School and Young Adults along for our first Parish Youth Group, happening Friday the 26th of March, and on the 4th Friday of each month. It will be held in the Parish Meeting Room at St Agnes Church and dinner will be provided! For any inquiries, please email me at youth.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au. Hope you have a great week! - Nick Kelly, Youth Coordinator

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

How to donate using the QR codes



1. Open the camera app and scan the QR code at the Church entrance and follow the link to the Giving Website
2. Log in or create an account
3. Tap on find nearest Parish
4. Tap on Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish
5. Enter your chosen amount and card details and click on submit.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

21st MARCH 2021



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

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



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

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC WOMEN INVITED TO NATIONAL CONSULTATION VIA ZOOM

Catholic women are being invited to participate in a national consultation with two bishops on Saturday, March 27th, with a national gathering happening in September. The consultation, which will take place via Zoom, invites women to articulate and celebrate their contribution to and vision for the mission of the Church in Australia. The consultation is being organised by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry, whose mandate includes the place and role of lay women and men in the Church. Archbishop Christopher Prowse, the chair of that Bishops Commission and Bishop Michael Morrissey, the Bishop Delegate for Women will participate in the online consultation. While these discussions are expected to help shape proposals and strategies over several years, they will also inform the development of the agenda for the Catholic women's event in September. Participants must register to attend by **4pm, Friday 26 March**, using the form found [here](#)

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

Parishioners are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 25th at the Cathedral of St Stephen commencing 7:00pm. To book go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/chrism-mass-25-march-2021-700pm-tickets-142645333031>

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The March newspaper is now available for \$4.

- Editorial: How journalists evangelise
- Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Brisbane

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10.14

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan *Code of Ethical Behaviour* and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.



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