# **STANTHONY'S PARISH**

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### **NEWSLETTER**

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# Church Opening Hours Tuesday to Friday: 8.30am – 2.30pm Saturday: 5.15pm – 7.15pm

Sunday: 8am - 10am Closed Monday

Office Hours -

Tuesday to Friday 8.30am- 2.30pm **CLOSED Monday** & Weekends

Q: Why is Ireland the

fastest growing

country in Europe?

A: Because it's

always Dublin.

# "A Place at the Table for All"

We acknowledge the living culture of the Giabal and Jarowair peoples in the Wakka Wakka speaking area, the traditional custodians of this land.

St Anthony's Parish is committed to the safety, well-being, and dignity of all, especially children and vulnerable adults.

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.)

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Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 50 Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading – Hebrews 5:7-9 (He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.)

Gospel Acclamation – Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel - John 12:20-30 (If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.)



### **Parish Calendar of Events**

**March 17 – St Patrick's** Morning Tea, bring a plate to share Feast for Freedom, bring a plate to share

March 19 - Anointing Mass

Friendship Group

Sacramental Parent Info evening

March 20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation

March 21 - School Bingo & Disco

Marach 23/24 - Palm Sunday



# **Our Parish Prayer List**

We hold in prayer and remember those who have died recently: Geoffrey Andrews, Fr Kevin Bates sm, Ian Johnson (Roma)

For the Anniversaries of our loved ones: Patricia Pingel, Thomas Xavier, Agnes Xavier, Rosemary & Peter Victorian, Lindsay Woods, Bridget Dunne, Dianne Nolan, Arthur Neale, Trevor Scully.

and for the deceased Priests of the Diocese: Rev Msgr Michael Potter, Ven A/Deacon Robert O'Shea, Rev Fr Raymond White, Most Rev James Byrne DD, Rev Msgr John Bergin, Rev Fr Michael Hayes, Rev Fr Michael Cronin, Rev Fr Henry MacFarlane, Rev Fr Brian O'Dwyer, Rev Fr Michael Sheehan

We hold in prayer all those who are sick including the following Parishioners: Reg Ashford, Narelle Bailey, Daniel Bell, Trish Betros, Brian Conrick, Laurie Corcoran, Neville Dredge, Mary Gilligan, Madeline (*Sally*) Gray, Neville Harris, Rita Irwin, Elsie Kirby, Malcolm Kirby, Mary Logan,

Pat Madden, Damian Potter, Val Saccasan, Peter Sheridan, Vonnie Sherman, Rod Sleba, Pat Sullivan, Lucy Targato

As well as the following friends & family members: Regina Albion, Wendy Bailey (Narelle's mum), Jill Beardsmore, Liz Beduhn, Rachel Bennett, Brian & Hazel Bowtell, baby Tommy Bryant (Great-grandson of Kevin & Trish Harris), Rebecca Clayton, Shirley Davies, Roslyn Day, Marie Deane and Yvonne Gay, Lil Dolan, (Margaret Dunlop's sisters), Denis Dwan, Sr Zoe (Christina) Fitzpatrick (PBVM), Bruce Gardiner (Brisbane), Mary Gleeson, Gabby Hanlon (Marie Heslop's niece), Neville Harris (Kevin's brother), Ralph Hickey, Jim & Nicholas Horder, Lindsay Jones, Wayne Kirkland, Ann Johnson, Kye Johnson (Chris Gwydir's grandson), Carmelita Kruger, Maisie Lowes (Jenn Stephens' mum), Stephen Mackenzie (Pam Hahn's son), Margaret Macarthur-Onslow, Roz Martin, Brendan Middleton, Frank Miller, Sir Frank Moore (Carol Ryall's brother), Hanna Muir (Brisbane), Paul Murphy (Pat's son), Peter Nolan (Rockhampton), Neil O'Connor, Paul Park, Rissy Rowbotham, Kevin Schick (Val's brother), Sally Sippel, Shane Schick (Gail's son), Silba Serem, Harley Stewart, Neil Syme, Brian Thomson, Denis & Ruth Volter, Kevin Wallace, Geoffrey Wells, Michael Wells, Martin Yong

# **Parish Milestones**

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries for March -

Joe Wagner (75 on 3<sup>rd</sup>), Laurie Corcoran (90 on 6<sup>th</sup>), Pat Sullivan (90 on 11<sup>th</sup>), Chinwe Uchendu (30 on 21<sup>st</sup>), David Waters (55 on 29<sup>th</sup>), Neville Dredge, Bernica Stevens, Tom Warren, Michael Rooke, Fr Jamie, Helen Sweeney, Carmel Wooldridge, Navan, Helen Warren, Yano, Monica Gundry, Tim Muneer, Isidoro Cannavo, Trish Morrison, Maureen Martin, Kathy Reilly & Joan Hildred all celebrate their birthdays. John & Marion Herzig (60yrs on 30<sup>th</sup>) celebrate their wedding Anniversary. Don't forget to let us know the date of your birthday or wedding anniversary or dob-in your spouse.





PARISH PASTORAL	PARISH FINANCE	Parish
COUNCIL MEMBERS	COMMITTEE MEMBERS	CO-ORDINATING TEAM
Fr Jamie	Tony Meldon - Chair	Fr Jamie
Louise Pfingst	Fr Jamie	Celia Warr
Nicole Rangiira	Tom Warren	Tim Fitzgerald
Kathy Reedy	Trevor Wyllie	Lloyd Bailey
Bob Frost	Peter Hanna	
Mary O'Brien	Keith Shepherd	Thank you to all who take
Colleen Coburn	Trish Zeller	on these roles in the
	Regina Ryan	governance of our parish.
	Noela Nolan	- · ·



**St Anthony's –** Friday Morning Mass is live-streamed weekly at 9.15am via our web page or Facebook link. **Can be watched again later!** 

<u>The Swag:</u> available in the foyer - \$1

<u>Catholic Leader:</u> Available by subscription only.

<u>Majellan Magazine:</u> Available in the foyer - \$4ea

<u>Adoration:</u> 1st Friday monthly at 9.45am (after Mass)

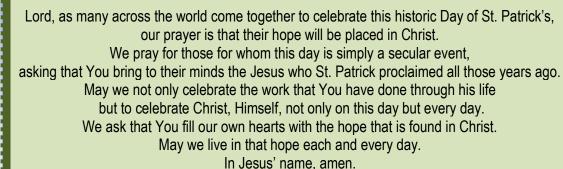
Social Justice Group: Meet 1st Wednesday monthly at 5pm (except Dec/Jan)

<u>Friendship Group:</u> Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Community Centre (*except Dec/Jan*). <u>Gospel Discussion Group:</u> Meet at 10am each Wednesday in the Community Centre. All welcome.

<u>Parish Coordinating Team:</u> Meet each **Wednesday**. <u>Circle Dancing:</u> 1.30pm Wednesday during school term.

Prayer of the Week:

### A St. Patrick's Day Prayer for Hope in Jesus





### St Patrick's Day:

Our Parish Pastoral Council has decided this year to celebrate St Patrick's Day with a morning tea this Sunday, 17th March at 9.30am (after mass). Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea. Don't forget to wear your favourite green outfit! Tea & coffee supplied as usual.



You might also like to bring along some Irish symbols to Mass that weekend.

## **Social Justice News**

### Social Justice Thought for the Week:

In this time of Lent, Reconciliation plays a powerful role. We know, as Jesus teaches, that unless there is reconciliation, the terrible wars continue, Serbs, Muslims and Croats, will continue to hate each other. Jews and Palestinians will carry on their murderous feud, African tribes will pursue deadly vendettas, white and Aboriginal Australians; US, UK and South American States, will continue to live in societies flawed by injustice; children will continue to suffer as they watch mother and father argue, fight and finally divorce.

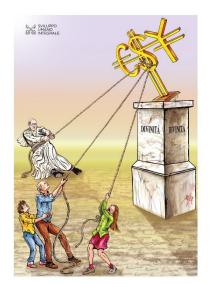
Prayer is the powerful reconciliation motivator, which gives one the determination to do the humble things that any tense situation demands.

'Violence rests on the assumption that the enemy and I are entirely different: the enemy is evil and I am good. The enemy must be destroyed but I must be saved. But love sees things differently.' Thomas Merton, (*Trappist Monk*) continues, 'Love sees that even the enemy suffers from the same sorrows and limitations that I do. That we both have the same hopes, needs and aspirations for a peaceful and harmonious life. And Death is the same for both of us. Once we internalise these truths,

then love may perhaps show me that my brother or sister is not really my enemy, and that war is both his/her enemy and mine. War is 'our' enemy. Once we accept this truth – we know that Peace, through Reconciliation, becomes possible. Jesus calls us, at this time in our Lenten journey, in particular to reconcile and to forgive – unconditionally – 'seven-times-seventy'. That reconciliation is not transactionally motivated. Jesus teaches that forgiveness must Not be based on the condition of the 'other's apology'. That in forgiving others we are 'freed' to love again. That this is what heals us. Jesus urges us to be seekers after the Source of the true, the good and the beautiful, to be seekers after the Source of Life to the full

Next meeting Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 5pm in Parish Office. All welcome!

### **Parish News**



### "THROUGH THE DESERT GOD LEADS US TO FREEDOM"

In celebration of the Lenten season, the Vatican has been releasing original artworks on Pope Francis' message for Lent 2024, with the theme: "Through the desert God leads us to freedom."

The artwork, which is in the style of graffiti art, comes from the mind of famed Italian street artist Maupal – Mauro Pallotta.

The releases have been organized through the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, and are meant to "break away from a classical presentation" and give Christians a new perspective, broadening their horizons.

This vignette released on the fourth Monday of Lent features Pope Francis, this time joined by an old man and two children while all four of them are trying to pull down a golden statue of various money symbols from atop a pedestal titled "Divinities." The work warns the faithful not to make an idol of money, or the economy in general.

In this, it points to the First Commandment: "You shall not have other gods beside me." – Exodus 20:3. Maupal takes a lot of care to detail his figures, this time we see it most especially in Pope Francis' attire, which required a lot of lines to indicate folds in his outfit during this action shot.

All of the subjects seem to be exerting a lot of effort to pull the statue down, but it appears to be just about to fall off the pedestal in the painting. The Holy Father often takes up Jesus' command against love of money, with an evocative warning about the devil's tactics: "The devil enters through the pockets."

He says: We start with love for money, the hunger to possess; then vanity comes: "Ah, I am rich and I am proud of it"; and in the end, pride and arrogance. This is the way the devil acts in us. But the gate of entry is always the pockets.

At the start of Mass each week during Lent we will reflect on an excerpt from the Lenten Message of Pope Francis for 2024.

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**Week Five:** Today we enter the final stages of our journey through Lent. Slowly we will emerge from the wilderness of our desert experience and approach Palm Sunday next weekend marking the beginning of Holy Week. Pope Francis reminds us again: to Slow down, then, and pause! In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travellers. This is God's dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind.

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Feast for Freedom

The Dignity Project, Social Justice Commission Tmba and St Anthony's Parish invite you to join us this **Sunday 17**<sup>th</sup> **March at 5.30pm** in St Anthony's Community Centre for the annual Feast for Freedom.

Bring a plate to share with friends and to celebrate the many journeys to freedom undertaken by newcomers to Toowoomba. If you wish to donate to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre there will be options available on the night.

Feast for Freedom is a shared food experience in aid of people seeking asylum. Held throughout Australia, it is a celebration of the flavours and cultural diversity that people seeking asylum bring to Australia. The funds raised will help provide food, shelter and health services for over 7,000 people seeking asylum who need support settling into Australia every year.

www.feastforfreedom.org.au/about-feast-for-freedom

### **Finance News:**

The Parish finances have been audited for Financial Year ended 30 June 2023 and there are copies of the annual Report to the Parish in the foyer for your collection.

### **Easter Rosters:**

If you are here for Easter weekend and are available to assist with ministry roles, please place your name on sheets in foyer. Names need to be added by 24th March.

### **Access to Church:**

Here at St Anthony's we are very mindful of our less able-bodied parishioners and wish to make accessing the church as easy as possible. The stencilled concrete area in front of the entrance has a steep incline at the side doors, so the centre door/s will be open at ALL masses to make entry easier as the incline here is much less. We welcome feedback from anyone, but especially those using walking frames or wheelchairs. Let us know is this works or not for you. Thank you.



### Fifth Sunday of Lent 16 & 17 March





#### Partnership in action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with 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.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.



### Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

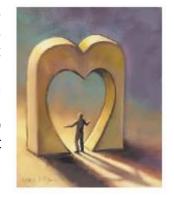
You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <a href="mailto:caritas.org.au/project-compassion">caritas.org.au/project-compassion</a> or by calling 1800 024 413.

Photo: Richard Wainwright / Caritas Australia

# Scripture Readings - Fifth Sunday in Lent

### First Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is God 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 God who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is God 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 anyone to say to another, 'Learn to know our God!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is God who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.



The Word of God.

### Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 50

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. *[R]* 

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. [R]

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. [R]

### Second Reading – Hebrews 5:7-9

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

### The Word of God.

Gospel Acclamation -

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### 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, '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 Human One 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 their life will lose it;

Those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Those who serve me, must follow me, for where I am,

my servant will be there too.

Those who serve me, my God will honour.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

O God, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Most loving God, 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 his 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 to myself.'

By these words Jesus indicated the kind of death he would die.

### The Gospel of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar): <a href="http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass.html">http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass.html</a>



### A Reflection by Pope Francis

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, the Eucharistic liturgy begins with this invitation: "Rejoice, Jerusalem...". (cf. Is 66:10). What is the reason for this joy? In the middle of Lent, what is the reason for this joy? Today's Gospel tells us: God "so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). This joyful message is the heart of the Christian faith: God's love found its summit in the gift of his Son to a weak and sinful humanity. He gave his Son to us, to all of us

This is what appears in the nocturnal dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, a part of which is described in the same Gospel passage (cf. Jn 3:14-21). Nicodemus, like every member of the people of Israel, awaited the Messiah, identifying him as a strong man who would judge the world with power. Instead, Jesus challenges this expectation by presenting himself in three forms: the Son of man exalted on the cross; the Son of God sent into the world for salvation; and that of the light that



distinguishes those who follow the truth from those who follow lies. Let us take a look at these three aspects: Son of man, Son of God, and light.

Jesus presents himself first of all as the Son of man (vv. 14-15). The text alludes to the account of the bronze serpent (cf. Num 21:4-9), which, by God's will, was mounted by Moses in the desert when the people were attacked by poisonous snakes; whoever had been bitten and looked at the bronze serpent was healed. Similarly, Jesus was lifted up on the cross and those who believe in him are healed of sin and live.

The second aspect is that of the Son of God (Jn 3:16-18). God the Father loves humanity to the point of "giving" his Son: he gave him in the Incarnation and he gave him in handing him over to death. The purpose of God's gift is the eternal life of every person: in fact, God sends his Son into the world not to condemn it, but so that the world that it might be saved through Jesus. Jesus' mission is a mission of salvation, of salvation for everyone.

The third name that Jesus gives himself is "light" (vv. 19-21). The Gospel says: "the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light" (v. 19). The coming of Jesus into the world leads to a choice: whoever chooses darkness will face a judgment of condemnation; whoever chooses light will have a judgment of salvation. The judgement is always the consequence of the free choice of each person: whoever practices evil seeks the darkness; evil always hides, it covers itself. Whoever seeks the truth, that is, who practices what is good, comes to the light, illuminates the paths of life. Whoever walks in the light, whoever approaches the light, cannot but do good works. The light leads us to do good works. This is what we are called to do with greater dedication during Lent: to welcome the light into our conscience, to open our hearts to God's infinite love, to his mercy full of tenderness and goodness, to his forgiveness.

Do not forget that God always forgives, always, if we humbly ask for forgiveness. It is enough just to ask for forgiveness, and he forgives. In this way we will find true joy and will be able to rejoice in God's forgiveness, which regenerates and gives life.

# **Prayers of the Faithful – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Celebrant:** Sisters and brothers, the Jesus who was lifted up for us calls us to serve him, and in that service to be humble in all we do.

That we will listen to the teaching of Pope Francis, so that by accepting the law of God inscribed on our hearts, we will better understand and rejoice in the mercy of God for all humanity.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the wars across the Holy Land and Ukraine will come to an end, all hostages and unjustly imprisoned people be released, the injured receive care and the homeless be our concern.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the staff of Caritas Australia, working with their international partners, will, with wisdom and justice, distribute our donations made through Project Compassion to communities most in need.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the 200 children recently kidnapped in Nigeria, along with the religious kidnapped in Haiti will be quickly reunited with their families and communities.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the recently deceased; **Geoffrey Andrews**, **Fr Kevin Bates**, **Ian Johnson** and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time; **Patricia Pingel**, **Thomas Xavier**, **Agnes Xavier**, **Rosemary & Peter Victorian**, **Lindsay Woods**, **Bridget Dunne**, **Dianne Nolan**, **Arthur Neale**, **Trevor Scully**. May they be raised to eternal glory. **Lord**, **hear our prayer**.

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, in your compassion blot out our offences remove our sins and wash away our sins, so that you can create in us a clean heart, and give to us the joy of your help. Through Christ our Lord.

# **Diocesan News**

### Sychar Website:

Term 1 Schedule available now on website - <a href="www.twb.catholic.org.au/ministry/sychar/">www.twb.catholic.org.au/ministry/sychar/</a> Flyers also available in foyer.

The current issue of <u>Horizons</u> is out now and is available online here <u>www.twb.catholic.org.au/horizons/</u> Hard copies will be available shortly.







### Bingo, Disco Night:

St Anthony's School Year 6 Camp Fundraiser on **21**st **March** at St Pat's Bingo. Doors open 6pm, eyes down 6.30pm. \$10/player. \$200 Jackpot! Flyers in foyer.

### **Eastertide Music:**

Ars Cantorum presents a concert featuring an Easter cantata The Crucifixion by Sir John Stainer with supporting items by the choir and Amity Singers on Friday, **22**<sup>nd</sup> **March** at 7pm at St James Church, Cnr Russell & Mort Sts Tmba. Tickets \$25. Flyers in foyer with further info.

### **Chrism Mass:**

Everyone is invited to attend annual Chrism Mass to be held Monday, 25th March @ 5:30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, Tmba.

### The Way of The Cross:

Commences 7.30am till 9am from steps of St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, 29th March (Good Friday),

Organised by the Social Justice Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba. Join us for a walk around the CBD stopping at various stations. Each stop is a 'station' and we will pause, read a reflection and pray.

The reflections will help us be in solidarity with some of the many injustices in our world.

We will gather on the steps of St Patrick's Cathedral to begin our walk and end there at the 14th Station.

Please wear walking shoes, and if the weather is inclement, suitable clothing and umbrellas. You may also wish to bring a water bottle for your own comfort.

### **Theatre Night:**

The Pastoral Care team are hosting a fundraiser on Tuesday, **April 30**th at the Rep Theatre in Margaret St. The play titled *'The 39 Steps'* is a comedy by Patrick Barlow. Tickets \$25 from Pastoral Care Office or ph 4616 6415. Flyers in foyer.

### Save the Date Update: Australian Catholic Communications Congress

As you may be aware, the Australian Catholic Communications Congress is **28-30 August**, in Sydney. Early bird bookings will open in April. If you're interested in attending, sign up for updates directly to your inbox. Visit <u>modernmessage.catholic.au</u> to sign up or find out about what the congress is.

# Is Your Easter Egg Slavery Free?



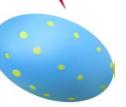
In 2015, Pope Francis said that
"every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always
a moral – and not simply an economic – act."

This year buy only slavery-free chocolate that features one of these three logos on the wrapper.









PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM					
Date	Readings	Mass	Parish Life		
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Fifth Sunday of Lent First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9 Gospel: John 12:20-30	8.30am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie Coulter baptism 9.30am St Patrick's Day Morning Tea 5.30pm Feast for Freedom Dinner		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Saint Patrick First Reading: Genesis 12:1-2 Second Reading: Acts13:46-49 Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20		OFFICE CLOSED  10am Lenten Group in church 4pm SVDP Meeting		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Saint Joseph First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 Second Reading: Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 Gospel: John 5:1-3, 5-16	9.30am	Anointing Mass 10.30am Friendship Group 7.30pm Sacramental Program Info night		
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday of the 5th Week of Lent First Reading: Daniel 3:14-20, 24-25, 28 Gospel: John 8:31-42  Turn away	9.15am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie 10am Lenten Group in office 10.30am Coordinating Team Meeting 6pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation		
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Thursday of the 5th Week of Lent First Reading: Genesis 17:3-9 Gospel: John 8:51-59		6pm School Bingo & Disco at St Pat's Bingo Hall		
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Friday of the 5th Week of Lent First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13 Gospel: John 10:31-42  Thomasin	9.15am	Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie - Live stream		
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Saturday of the 5th Week of Lent First Reading: Ezekiel 37:21-28 Gospel: John 11:45-56	6pm	5.15pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie		
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel: Mark 15:1-39	8.30am	Sunday Mass celebrated by Fr. Jamie 9.30am Morning Tea		

MINISTERS FOR MASS Saturday/ Sunday, 23rd/24th March 2024 – Week 4					
Please remember to advise Parish Office if unable to attend or find a replacement. Thanks for all you do.					
	6pm Vigil Mass	8.30am Mass			
Co-ordinator:	Celia Warr, Chris Gwydir	Noela Nolan			
Welcomers:	Carol Lovell, Marg Nolan	Tony Meldon, Jan Barsby			
Altar Server:	Harlon Fernando				
AV Operator:	Gerald Hicks	David Tutty			
Parish Morning Tea:		Nicole Rangiira, Brenda, Lamyaa			
Readers:	Cherene Brandt, Jenn Stephens	Jan Barsby, Helen Warren			
Prayer of the Faithful:	Leandra Fernando	Joan Nugent			
Offertory:	Michael & Mary O'Brien	Carol Ryall, Sandra Neale			
Minister of Communion:	Ciborium: Carol Lovell Chalice: Regina Ryan, Celia Warr	Ciborium: Sandra Neale Chalice: Maree McAleer, Monica Gundry			
Music:	Sr Maria & Singers	Sr Maria & Singers			
Collectors:	Denise Hopwood, Barry Turner	Tom & Helen Warren			
Money Counters:		Collections - 10th March			
This Week – 17th March	Brenda Thomas, Tony Meldon	Planned Giving - \$514.00			
Next Week – 24th March	Jenn Stephens, Tony Meldon	<b>Loose -</b> \$715.70			

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### **CHILD SAFE PARISH**

We are a Child Safe Parish: all children, young persons and vulnerable adults visiting have a right to feel safe and be safe.

If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000;
a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable ground,
you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child Safety Officer – **Nicole Rangiira 0437 382 408**.

Children leaving the Church during Mass are to be accompanied by an adult. Thank you.