

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

13TH MARCH 2016

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THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE BEFORE EASTER

An important part of our preparation for Easter is to celebrate the Sacrament of God's loving forgiveness and healing – the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation.

There will be the usual **Second Rite of Penance** in St. Joseph's Church

THIS TUESDAY 15th April 10AM & 7PM

We prepare together with Prayer, Scripture, Hymns and Examination of Conscience and then have the opportunity to go to one of the three Priests for **Individual Confession and Absolution**. Two Priests (Fr. Brian and Fr. Lino) will be available at the 10AM celebration, and they will be joined by Fr. Terry Hickling from Warwick for the 7PM celebration.

So that the celebration is not overly long, it is important to understand the difference between celebrating the First Rite and the Second Rite of Penance.

In the **First Rite of Penance** when you personally prepare and go individually to the Priest, there is more time for you and the Priest to share, if you desire some guidance.

With the **Second Rite** it is different. All the preparation has been done together with many prayers and Scripture readings – all that remains is for you to approach the Priest and just say:

Father, it is (so long) since my last Confession. I ask forgiveness for these sins (briefly mention sins for which you seek God's forgiveness).

The Priest will then give you a penance, ask you to say a short act of contrition and give you absolution. All else is omitted. There is not time for advice or a conversation as might happen if and when you celebrate the First Rite of Penance.

After all have received Sacramental Absolution, there will be a prayer of thanksgiving, followed by the Blessing and Rite of Dismissal and the Recessional Hymn.

The three Priests will stand as we have done in previous years.

It is essential to be brief in the confession of your sins and only essential to mention serious sins for which you seek God's forgiveness. Mention some less serious sins but be brief so that the celebration will not be overly long.

Celebrating this Sacrament while there are three Priests available and before Holy Week is strongly recommended.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

SECOND RITE OF PENANCE

This Tuesday 15th March at 10AM and 7PM

FIRST RITE OF PENANCE

Next Saturday 19th March 9.00-9.30AM

Next Saturday 19th March 5.50-6.20PM and after the Vigil Mass

Next Sunday 20th March 7.50-8.20AM and after the 8.30AM Mass

Celebrating this Sacrament while there are a number of Priests available (this Tuesday) and before the Triduum commences on Holy Thursday is strongly recommended.

CHRISM MASS: Parishioners are invited to join (in person or in spirit) with Bishop Robert McGuckin and the Priests of the Diocese in **St. Patrick's Cathedral** on **Monday 21st March** at **5.30PM** for the **Consecration of Chrism** and the **Blessing of the Holy Oils** for use in the Sacraments for the next year.

† **Holy Chrism** is used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Ordination of a Priest.

† **The Oil of Catechumens** is also used in Baptism and to anoint adult Catechumens preparing for Baptism.

† **The Oil of the Sick** is used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The **Holy Oils** will be **received into our Parish** at the **Mass of The Lord's Supper** on **Holy Thursday evening**.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES

PASSION SUNDAY (19/20 March) : **Sat. 6.30PM Vigil, Sun. 8.30AM**

MONDAY of HOLY WEEK (21st March) :

CHRISM MASS, St. Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba 5.30PM

HOLY THURSDAY (24th March) : **7PM Mass of The Lord's Supper**
followed by Procession to the Altar of Repose in Chapel

Adoration continues until **9.00PM**.

GOOD FRIDAY (25th March) : **10AM Stations of The Cross**
3PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY (26th March) : **7PM Easter Vigil Mass**

EASTER SUNDAY (27th March) : **7AM & 9AM Easter Masses**

Please Note:** Because of the large crowds at Easter there are **two Easter Sunday morning Masses** at **7AM and 9AM

HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: Readers, Special Ministers of Communion, Gifts, Collectors, Servers, Ushers are all needed for the Masses and Liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. **Please note your availability for these ministries on the sheet provided in the foyer.**

THIS WEEKEND:

PROJECT COMPASSION - WEEK 5 - AUSTRALIA



Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region's indigenous women and children.

Envelopes and boxes are available in the foyer.

The **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be celebrated during the **6.30PM Vigil** and **8.30AM this weekend.**

The Church offers this Sacrament of healing to those whose health is seriously impaired by some illness or some ongoing chronic condition or disability (whether physical, emotional or psychological); to the elderly (even though there is no serious illness present); to a person before surgery.

Please come forward to receive the Sacrament when invited after the Prayers of Intercession.

THE NEW LITURGY ROSTER is available in Foyer.

HORIZONS MAGAZINE is available FREE in the foyer today.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dina Costanzo (nee Pennisi) (05.03.16 Melbourne – formerly of Cottonvale: Cousin of Linda Vinciguerra), **Bishop Ray Benjamin** (Retired Bishop of Townsville), **Fr. Brian O'Dwyer**, **Hildegard Panowicz**, **John Wards**

TO REMEMBER: Gregorio Buda, Angelo Buda, Carmelo Lupino, Barbara Venturelli, Mario Caporali, Bruno Zanatta. Fr. Kevin Ryan, Fr. Bernard Kane, Fr. Derick Furness

FOR THE SICK: Anthony Camilleri, Barry Clarke, Cathy Sullivan, Jan Zorzi, Sam Sipala, Ken Jasmine, John Boucher, Elsie Leake, Nancy Kimlin, Doris Gray, Julia Johnstone, Gloria Keats, Lisa Hopgood, Greg Keen, Linda Vinciguerra, Rosemary Paget, Marie Keen, Bridey Kelly, Enid McCarthy

THIS WEEK:

MASSSES: **MON:** 7AM; 9.30AM MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT VILLA CARRAMAR, Alice Street; **TUES:** 7AM; **WED:** 11.45AM; **THURS:** 9.15AM; **FRI:** 5.30PM in St. Joseph's Church; **SAT:** 7AM; **VIGIL:** 6.30PM; **SUN:** 8.30AM

FEAST DAYS: **THURS:** ST. PATRICK; **SAT:** ST. JOSEPH, Husband of Mary

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday during Lent following the 5.30PM Mass in St. Joseph's Church. Try to include this prayerful reflection on Jesus' journey to His death on Mt. Calvary in your Lenten prayer.

THIS WEEK Cont. : **WORKSHOP** on REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS, offering them Sanctuary and Let Them Stay Campaign by Very Rev. Peter Catt, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, **9.30AM this Wednesday** in **St. Paul's Anglican Church Stanthorpe**. Also **ORGAN WORKSHOP** on this **Tuesday (15th March)** at **8PM** by Charles Clarke (free). Contact Peter Moll 0412 321 748 if attending by 14th March or email prcmoll@gamil.com

RED CROSS CALLING APPEAL 2016 is being held on **Wednesday 16th March** at **St. Paul's Anglican Hall** at **9.45AM** for **10AM start**. **\$10 per person**. *Guest Speaker from Care Flight*. Raffles and Lucky Door prizes. Red Cross celebrate 102 years of service this year. Funds raised support the Blood Bank, support for elderly Australians living alone; relief to families affected by war or natural disasters.

NEXT WEEKEND:

PARISH PATRONAL FEAST: **Next Saturday** is the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, the husband of Mary, the Foster Father of Jesus and Guardian of The Holy Family, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron of our Parish and School Mass at 7AM. We will also remember our Parish Patron St. Joseph in our Passion Sunday Masses in the Prayers of Intercession.

CLOSURE OF CHURCH CAR PARK for the **Vigil Mass** next Saturday. Parishioners are advised of the resurfacing of the Church Car Park with hot mix early next Saturday (weather permitting). We are advised it is best not to have cars or turning vehicles on the newly laid hot mix until the following day to allow time for the surface to harden. *Please come a little earlier, aware you will need to park on the street or maybe in the Plaza Car Park and walk to the Church for the Vigil Mass.* Thank you for your cooperation. This is a much needed project and is being undertaken conjointly by the Parish and School. Full details will be given in next week's Bulletin.

ST MARY'S PARISH, WARWICK - 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH. **MASS** Next Sunday 20th March at 8.30AM followed by informal celebrations, memorabilia.

NOTICES:

AID TO CYCLONE RAVAGED FIJI AND PACIFIC ISLANDS

The recent Tropical Cyclone Winston is one of the strongest ever to hit the southern hemisphere, with wind up to 300 kilometres per hour, leaving a trail of destruction. **CARITAS AUSTRALIA** has asked *"all supporters, including parishes and schools, who wish to support Fiji, to donate through our Lenten Appeal – Project Compassion"*. Please see Notice Board for an update from Caritas and a letter from Bishop McGuckin.

COMING UP: THREE SAINTS EASTER STREET STALL: The St Joseph's Three Saints Committee will hold a street stall on **Thursday 24th March** at the **Piazza**. All donations of produce and baked goods gratefully accepted. Donations can be dropped at the stall at the Piazza from 7.30am. For information ring Angela Lofaro on 46 835227.