



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – B

1ST MARCH 2015

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH STANTHORPE

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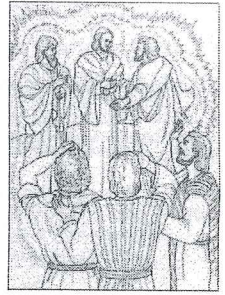
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PROJECT COMPASSION - WEEK 2

Your donation to Project Compassion helps Caritas Australia pursue justice and assist those who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. The theme of Project Compassion for 2015 is **"Food For Life"**.

This week we meet Mariana who is raising her daughter in a country that suffers widespread poverty and inequality. When her little girl became malnourished, she received life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas Australia.

- # By donating to Project Compassion, we help save the lives of people living on the brink of survival in Niger, giving them access and nutritional support and essential food for life.
- # In the foyer there are two copies of the CD film "Food For Life" with the six stories of people being helped by Caritas Australia in six countries AVAILABLE FOR LOAN to view at home. Please note on the sheet that you have taken the CD and return it by next weekend so others may also view these inspiring stories.
- # There are packets of envelopes on the table in the foyer if you have not yet Collected them.
- # Donations are tax deductible, but you need to provide your personal details on the envelope. Envelopes can be returned each week on the Parish Collection Plate or at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support of Project Compassion 2015.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: The Season of Lent is a Penitential Season so you may wish to consider celebrating the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) as part of your Lenten program. Fr. Brian is available in the Reconciliation Room **prior to Weekend Masses – Saturday 5.50-6.20PM and Sunday 7.50-8.20AM. He is also available at any other time you may wish to celebrate the Sacrament.** Two weeks before Easter we will also have the usual Second Rite of Penance – dates still to be finalised.

WHAT IS EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT?

Just as you can sit or kneel in the Church and feel and experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist in the Tabernacle (and can pray some prayers of petition or thanks), for Exposition the host is placed in the sacred vessel called a monstrance (meaning 'to show faith') so you are able to see the consecrated host which we refer to as the Blessed Sacrament.

During Exposition, we are in the presence of the Risen Jesus in the Eucharist. **Why not make a special effort during Lent to come for some time of prayer and adoration prior to the 5.30PM Mass on Friday.**

As the Psalmist says "*taste and see that the Lord is good*".

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elsa Rodriguez Mataro (Philippines: Cousin of Elsa Reeves), Fr. Brian Doro CSsR, Maria Girardi, Jessica Elings (9 mths - We pray for Jessica's family at this very sad and difficult time.), Ross Grebert, Norm Power

TO REMEMBER: Gregorio & Angelo Buda, Aida Entereso Cabardo, Stefano & Maria Santa Coco, Fr. Dominic Burke

FOR THE SICK: Eleanor Irwin, Lisa Hopgood, Greg Keen, Trish Hancock, Julia Johnstone, Sarah Leonardi, Grace Marini, Mario Costanzo, Marlene Holmes, Eugene Dezuanni, Joe Costanzo, Danny Mahoney, Marianne Gallagher, Ken McQualter, Cathy Sullivan, Linda Vinciguerra, Debra Micallef, Stella Bayley, Ev Hayes, Rosemary Paget, Marie Keen, Bridey Kelly, Enid McCarthy

DEATH OF FR. BRIAN DORO CSsR

Fr. Brian Doro, aged 73, was the son of Roy and Mary Doro (both deceased) of Dalveen, a well-known and faith filled family of St. Joseph's Parish. Brian received some of education at St. Joseph's School. His sister June became a Sister of Mercy and for three years 1978-1980 was the Principal of St. Joseph's Secondary School here in her home Parish. Sr. June died many years ago. Fr. Brian's sister Sharon died in Carramar in 2014. The only surviving sibling is Greg.

The following Death Notice appeared in the Border Post last Thursday.

DORO, Rev Fr Brian CSsR

Died peacefully 20th February 2015 in Perth. Aged 73.

Son of Roy and Mary from Dalveen, Qld and brother to June, (dec), Sharon (dec) and Greg.

A Redemptorist missionary since 1961, serving in Australia, Malaysia, Singapore and Taiwan. Deo gratias.

Requiem Mass held at 2pm on 27th February 2015 at the Monastery, North Perth, W.A.

We prayerfully remember the Doro family and especially Fr. Brian for his many years as a Redemptorist Missionary Priest. For many of those years, Fr. Brian supported the prisoners in Singapore's Changi Prison on death row for drug offences, murder and firearm offences and accompanied them to their execution.

May he now be rewarded with eternal life and peace
after a life of faithful and priestly service of God's people.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

A 70TH Morning Tea will be held for **FR. BRIAN** in the Parish Hospitality Centre.

THIS Sunday 1st March immediately after the 8.30AM Mass.

A plate of goodies would be appreciated – but not a necessity.

THIS WEEK:

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR THE STUDENTS OF ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL:

Every Lent, the students at our Parish School are offered the opportunity to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament of God's healing forgiveness and peace. This week the children in Year 4 and 5 will be able to celebrate the Sacrament as a Second Rite of Penance similar to our Parish celebration before Easter. The Second Rite involves Prayers, a Scripture Reading, Examination of Conscience, Individual Confession and Absolution for children who have received the Sacrament, followed by a sign of peace and blessing. Children who are not Catholic or have not made their first Reconciliation can also go to the Priest for a Prayer or just say a prayer of forgiveness and light a candle.

Let us keep in prayer the children and youth of our Parish that they may be helped to grow in their faith and their confidence in God's love and forgiveness for us in this wonderful Sacrament.

MASSSES: MON: 7AM; **TUES:** 7AM; **WED:** 11.45AM; **THURS:** **8AM**; **FRI:** 5.30PM in St. Joseph's Church; **SAT:** 7AM; **SATURDAY VIGIL :** 6.30PM; **SUNDAY:** 8.30AM

PLEASE NOTE WELL: Because of the Workshop on Safeguarding Children **this Thursday**, the **Mass** will be at **8AM**, not the usual time of 9.15AM.

MEETING: TUES: 7.30PM K.S.C.

WORKSHOP on DIOCESAN POLICY FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

This workshop for the Southern Downs Deanery will be held in **Warwick** on **this Thursday 5th March 10AM - 12NOON** for **Clergy, Parish Staff, Parishioners who work with Children, Catechists, Parish Council Members etc.**

The Bishop requests as many as possible to take part in the training in the Child Protection Policy for the Diocese. ***If you are able or wish to attend could you please place your name on the sheet in the foyer.*** Thank you.

EMBER DAYS mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. Since the fifth century, Ember Days have been observed in the Church. They are intended as special days of prayer and penance, and especially to pray for the needs of the human family and to give thanks for the fruits of the earth which we all enjoy. On **this Ember Day** which falls on the **second week of Lent**, we might make a special effort to pray for and assist those in greatest need in our world through Project Compassion. The **Australian Church** observes the **first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September)** as **Ember Days**.

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.

During Lent **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is from **4.30PM until 5.20PM** in **St. Joseph's Church**.

THE **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is being held this year at the **Anglican Church** at 7PM this Friday 6th March. *Parishioners are encouraged to join in this yearly ecumenical prayer service.*

NEXT WEEKEND:

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th **Sundays of Lent**, at one of the Masses, we will have the **Rite of Healing and Strengthening** for **Lorraine Ashcroft** who last Sunday took part in the Rite of Election and is now one of the Elect of the Church preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and The Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil.

The **Year A Readings** are always used at the Mass when the Rites of Healing and Strengthening are held for the Elect. **Next weekend the Year A Readings will replace the Year B Readings at the 6.30PM Vigil Mass.** The Year B Readings will be used at the 8.30AM Sunday Mass.

COMING UP:

LITURGY WORKSHOP for MINISTERS OF THE WORD AT MASS

All current Readers at Mass and anyone who wishes to be trained for this ministry are invited to a Workshop at 7PM on Wednesday 11th March in St. Joseph's Church. The Workshop will be conducted by John Briffa who is the new Liturgy Officer for the Diocese. *Please place your name on the list in the foyer indicating your intention to attend.* Thank you.

Workshops for other ministries will be held later in the year. John, in his new role, is very keen to assist us in quality training for our Liturgical Ministries and brings much enthusiasm and practical skills to his new role.

BLUE CARE STREET STALL: Thursday, 12th March at Stanthorpe Plaza.

Donations of goods (cakes, biscuits, slice, plants, produce etc.) would be greatly appreciated.

ST. MARY'S PARISH, WARWICK – CELTFEST 2015

The neighbouring Parish of St. Mary's Warwick, invite parishioners to their **Celtfest 2015**. There are two events:

- * A **Licenced Dinner Dance, 6.30PM, Friday 20th March** at St. Mary's Hall. \$40 per head. Tickets available from the Parish Office 4661 1033 or at the Presbytery by 13th March.
- * **Market Stalls in St. Mary's Church Grounds 10AM-3PM on Saturday 21st March.** Entertainment, food, drinks, Jumping Castle/Slide. Don the green and be seen at Celtfest 2015.

JOIN THE PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME TO HELP YOUR PARISH GROW:

Thank you to all Parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Programme. Your commitment assists the responsible budgeting for the operating expenses of the Parish, as well as the pastoral needs of the Parish, not forgetting ongoing maintenance costs. To obtain Planned Giving Envelopes, please complete this form and place on the collection plate or contact the Parish Office.

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