



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A READINGS

15TH MARCH 2015

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

At the **Vigil Mass** this weekend, we have the **Second** in a series of three **special rites for Lorraine Ashcroft**, an "elect" preparing for her Baptism at the Easter Vigil. These **special prayers** are called ***The Scrutinies***. The word "***Scrutiny***" suggests **self-searching** – which is something we all try to do during the Lenten period as we try to uncover and be healed of anything that is sinful or weak in our lives.

The celebrant lays hands on the head of the elect, and in a prayer inspired by the Sunday Gospel story, prays she will open her heart to receive the gifts of the Saviour in Baptism. The Gospel this week deepens our faith in Christ, our Redeemer, who is the light of the world, as we listen to the story of the healing of the man born blind.

During the prayer of exorcism, the congregation are invited to stand, extending your hands towards Lorraine and supporting her with your prayer.

The **Third Scrutiny** will take place at the **Vigil Mass** next weekend.

PROJECT COMPASSION - WEEK 4

This week we meet Sarita who was struggling to grow enough food for her family on her tiny farm plot.

In 2007, with the assistance of a program run by Caritas Nepal, she started a fish-raising business with eleven others. Now they have a lifelong source of food and income.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help people in rural Nepal create a lifelong source of food and income to benefit entire communities.

Project Compassion Envelopes are still available in the foyer. Please include your personal details on the envelopes if you wish to receive a receipt for tax purposes.

Many thanks for your generous contributions. To date \$3331 has been contributed.



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.** The Second Rite of Penance will be celebrated on 24th March.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Betty Booker** (Wife of Dan [Dec], Mother of Brian & of Bob [Dec] – FUNERAL MASS Monday 11AM), **David Crowe** (Wollongong 28.02.15: Brother & Brother-In-Law of Paul & Pat Crowe), **Eleanor Irwin** (Warwick: Cousin of Fr. Brian), **Michael Glavin** (Palm Beach, formerly of Stanthorpe –17.02.2015: Husband of Shirley (nee Paige) [Dec]), **(Bruno Schiavon** (Italy: Cousin of the Gasparin family), **Cathy Suell, Fr. Brian Doro CSSR, Maria Girardi**

TO REMEMBER: Giovanni Caruso & DFM, Mario Caporali, Fr. Ronald Walton

FOR THE SICK: Frank Sciuto, Karen Anderson, Juan Pereira, Lisa Hopgood, Greg Keen, Trish Hancock, Julia Johnstone, Sarah Leonardi, 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

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.**

CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERFUL BEST WISHES from St. Joseph's Parish to the **Sacred Heart School, Cunnamulla**, celebrating its **Centenary this weekend**. The Sisters of Mercy arrived in Cunnamulla early in 1915 to open a Parish Catholic School. This was forty years after the Sisters arrived in Stanthorpe to open St. Joseph's School. For information contact the Pastoral Leader Sr. Maureen Andrews mandrews@mficaust.org.au

THIS WEEK:

CATHOLICS COME HOME . ORG and GOOD CONFESSION . COM

Catholics Come Home is an online ministry reaching out to encourage Catholics to return to the joy and practice of their faith and to those just curious about the Catholic Faith. Recommend that members of your family or friends who may need some encouragement in the practice of their faith or have drifted away from their faith, to take a look at this website. There are inspiring and encouraging messages for us all to help us more strongly embrace and live our faith.

The Catholics Come Home ministry has also launched a new website to encourage Catholics to return to or more regularly receive the Sacrament of Penance and to learn how to use this Sacrament to enrich your spiritual life. Be sure to look at goodconfession.com It provides an easy way to read, easy to use resources to learn about the Sacrament, understand how to go to Confession and how this Sacrament removes the weight of sin, bringing us peace, happiness and God's Grace.

Be sure to log onto catholicscomehome.org and goodconfession.com this week – and tell others.

MASSSES: MON: NO 7AM Mass; 10.30AM Mass & Anointing of the Sick at Blue Care; **11AM** Funeral Mass for Betty Booker; **TUES: 6.45AM Mass;** **WED: 11.45AM** Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion; **THURS: 9AM Mass for St. Joseph's School** in the **Bathersby Centre** (Gymnasium) – Parishioners and parents welcome; **FRI: 5.30PM** in St. Joseph's Church; **SAT: 7AM;** **SATURDAY VIGIL : 6.30PM;** **SUNDAY: 8.30AM**

FEAST DAYS: TUES: SOLEMNITY OF ST. PATRICK; **THURS:** SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, Husband of Mary

PLEASE NOTE: Mass this Tuesday, the Solemnity of St. Patrick is at **6.45AM** (not 7AM).

**ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY, FOSTER FATHER OF JESUS,
GUARDIAN OF THE HOLY FAMILY, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH,
AND PATRON OF OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL**



Even though we find no words of Joseph in the Gospel, it does speak loudly to us of his life and the important role he played in the birth of Jesus and during his infancy and adolescent years.

In telling us what happened in the life of Mary and the Holy Family of Nazareth, the Gospel shows us Joseph is a man who was full of faith and trust in God, a family man who loved and worked hard was reliable and courageous. Joseph is a great model for husbands and fathers to imitate. He is a model for all workers to imitate.

The **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this **Thursday 19th March**. There will be **Mass for St. Joseph's School staff and students and parishioners at 9AM** in the **School Gymnasium – The Bathersby Centre**.

St. Joseph's School will also celebrate the feast of St. Joseph with a sausage sizzle and other activities.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT during Lent in **St. Joseph's Church** from **4.30PM until 5.20PM**, followed by Mass and Stations of The Cross.

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.

COMING UP:

RED CROSS CALLING APPEAL 2015 is being held on **Wednesday 25th March** at **St. Paul's Anglican Hall 11AM for 11.30AM start**. \$10 per person. Soup and Slice Light Lunch with Guest Speaker, Julie McMurtrie, Raffles and Lucky Door Prizes.

GARDEN PARTY: A fundraiser for **St. Joseph's School Girls' Netball Squad** to attend Qld. Independent Secondary Schools Netball Carnival, **28th March, 2–5 PM**, at **Ashwood, 30 Brunckhorst Avenue**. \$25 per person. Tables of 10. Contact St. Joseph's School Administration Office.

JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE: "THE AUSTRALIAN SPIRITUAL SEARCH – A COMPLEX AND BEAUTIFUL THING" – On **Tuesday 31 March** the John Wallis Memorial Lecture will be held at St Theresa's Parish Centre, cnr. Curzon & Campbell Streets, Toowoomba. Special Guest Geraldine Doogue AO will speak on the topic "The Australian Spiritual Search – a complex and beautiful thing". The cost for the event is \$25 which can be paid by cash or cheque to John Wallis Foundation. Doors open at 6.30PM and Booking are essential! For more information or to book contact Sr. Mary Cleary mss Ph: 4634 9786 or Mob: 0427 038 040 or via email marycleary5@bigpond.com Open to all in the Toowoomba region!

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR LENT

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.

You are invited to the **Second Rite of Penance** in St. Joseph's Church on **Tuesday 24th March at 10AM and 7PM.**

We prepare together with Prayer, Scripture, Examination of Conscience and Hymns and then have the opportunity to go to one of the two Priests at 10AM or one of the three Priests 7PM for **Individual Confession** and to receive **Sacramental Absolution.**

Plan to celebrate the Second Rite of Penance on Tuesday 24th March at 10AM or 7PM.

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 30th April 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 (28/29 March) : Sat. 6.30PM Vigil, Sun. 8.30AM

MONDAY of HOLY WEEK (30th March) :

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

HOLY THURSDAY (2nd April) : 7PM Mass of The Lord's Supper
followed by Procession to the Altar of Repose in Chapel

Adoration continues until 9.00PM.

GOOD FRIDAY (3rd April) : 10AM Stations of The Cross
3PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY (4th April) : 7PM Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY (5th April) : 7AM & 9AM Easter Masses

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