

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A READINGS

22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2015

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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 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**10AM and 7PM**

We prepare together with Prayer, Scripture, Hymns and Examination of Conscience and then have the opportunity for **Individual Confession and Absolution**. Only Fr. Brian will be available at the 10AM celebration, and he 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 are more prayers and 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 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 before Holy Week  
is strongly recommended.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

### SECOND RITE OF PENANCE

**This Tuesday (24<sup>th</sup> March) at 10AM and 7PM**

### FIRST RITE OF PENANCE

**Next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 9.00-9.30AM** (or as long as needed)

**Next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 5.50-6.20PM** and after the Vigil Mass

**Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 (30<sup>th</sup> 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 (4<sup>th</sup> April): 7PM Easter Vigil Mass**

**EASTER SUNDAY (5<sup>th</sup> 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*

**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.**

The **LITTLE WHITE BOOK** is a series of six minute daily reflections and meditations which are an excellent aid to daily prayer from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. \$3.00 per copy.



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WEEK

Over the coming weeks we will see, as we do each year, much incorrect reference to the weeks prior to and after Easter Sunday. The week prior to Easter Sunday is Holy Week and the day before Easter is Holy Saturday (**not** Easter Saturday). The season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and each day of the week after Easter (the octave) is referred to as Easter Monday, Tuesday etc. to Easter Saturday.

The commercial, business and civic community never seem to understand this.

Use every opportunity to explain the correct terminology to others.

It could be a good "evangelisation moment".

## PROJECT COMPASSION

In this fifth week of Lent, Project Compassion takes us to a remote Andean Village, where Caritas Huacho is helping farmers like Christian to grow and harvest a wide variety of high-value, sustainable fruit crops, which will provide a secure income and a wide variety of food for life.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help farmers in Peru grow and harvest sustainable crops, providing their families with food for life.

So far this Lent \$4714 has been contributed.

Many thanks for your generous contributions.



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This weekend at the Vigil Mass, we have the **Third in a series of three special rites for Lorraine Ashcroft**, who is preparing for her Baptism at the Easter Vigil Mass. We hold in prayer Lorraine and all those in many Parishes who will be Baptised and celebrate the three Sacraments of Initiation at Easter or be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maria Wyeth (Wallangarra – Tragic accident near Whiskey Gully - Wife of Gary, Mother of Ambrose & Colleen De Luca), **Betty Booker, David Crowe, Eleanor Irwin, Cathy Suell, Fr. Brian Doro CSsR**

**TO REMEMBER:** Eunice Prandolini (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. 21<sup>st</sup> March), Domenica & Giovanni Brisotto, Ermenegildo Carniel, Giuseppe Stabile, Kathy Auliff, Giovanni, Silvia & Angelo Pozzebon, Adamo, Maria, Carmela Rossi & DFM, Verginio, Maria, Anna Zanlarensi & DFM, Costante, Giovanna & Antonio Foresto & DFM, Verginio & Bernadino Pestrin & DFM, Ettore, Norma & Bruno Pretotto & DFM, Maria Maggiolo, Anna & Stefano Pozzebon, Giovamino & Carla Allesandrini, Fr. Patrick Brady

**FOR THE SICK:** Svetlana (Debbie) Pettiford, 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

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD:** Following a very successful and informative Workshop for Readers on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March those who were able to attend and take part receive a **Certificate Of Participation**.

Could you please collect your Certificate in the foyer after Mass. Thank you to those who attended. In the Easter season we will hold a "practical workshop" on the actual performance of the Ministry at Mass.

## **THIS WEEKEND Cont.:**

**HORIZONS MAGAZINE:** The Summer issue of the Diocesan magazine "Horizons" is available in the foyer this weekend.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA VANUATU CYCLONE APPEAL:** If any parishioner wishes to contribute to assist the victims of the recent Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu, you can do by contacting Caritas Australia 1800 024 413. The Parish will also forward any donations that are made. Thank you for your support of Caritas Australia as well as Project Compassion.

## **THIS WEEK:**

**MASSSES: MON:** 7AM; 9.30AM Mass & Anointing of the Sick at Villa Carramar, Alice St; **TUES:** 7AM; **WED:** 11.45AM; **THURS:** 9.15AM; **FRI:** 5.30PM in St. Joseph's Church; **SAT:** 7AM; **SATURDAY VIGIL :** 6.30PM; **SUNDAY:** 8.30AM

**FEAST DAYS: WED: SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD.**

**RED CROSS CALLING APPEAL 2015** is being held on **this Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

## **NEXT WEEKEND: 28/29 MARCH**

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL CENTRE SPECIAL TRADING DAY** 119 High Street, TENTERFIELD - Saturday, 28th March - 9.00 am to 1.00pm – Bric-a-Brac, Linen, Crockery

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

**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY:** Parishioners are asked to gather outside the front door of the Church prior to each Mass next weekend for the Blessing of Palms and the Procession. Palms will be available in the foyer, but feel free to bring your own greenery for the Procession.

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**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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