

22nd February 2015 (Year B)

NEWSLETTER

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First Sunday of Lent

PENANCE and the joyful season of LENT

For those accustomed to thinking of Lent solely as a time of penance it may seem surprising to hear in one of Prefaces of Lent: *Each year, you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.* Lent is certainly a period marked by seriousness but it is also a time of joy. Celebrating the sacrament of Penance should also be a joyful experience.

Lent calls the Church to confront both individual and collective sin. We become aware of our sinfulness, however, not by remaining fixated on ourselves, but by contemplating the love of God revealed by the Son in the Spirit. The readings for Mass during Lent certainly denounce sin but at the same time proclaim the divine mercy which is always ready to forgive. The call to conversion which we hear again and again in the prayers and scriptures of the Lenten season is not intended to overwhelm us with guilt and fear; it is an invitation to stand erect once more as people who are loved and forgiven by God.

The works of Lent – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – are not some form of self-imposed penitential punishment but aim at leading us to interior conversion. *Prayer* leads us to contemplate God's blessing. *Fasting* helps us to keep, or to rediscover, mastery over our instincts. We *give alms* in order to share our time and our treasure with an attitude of love towards God and others.

The 'reason for the season' is to prepare for Easter. Easter is the liturgical and sacramental celebration of renewal, of the passage from death to life, of new birth through our participation in the death and resurrection of Christ in baptism. At the Easter Vigil, all the baptised are called to return to their baptism by renewing their profession of faith and their commitment to discipleship.

The sacrament of Penance, which is best celebrated towards the end of Lent, restores our baptismal innocence and prepares us to renew our baptismal faith. Like Lent itself, it is not something to dread or avoid, but is rather an opportunity to embrace God's loving kindness towards us. It is a new start in hope.

Lent is not a period of guilt-laden introspection, but a joyful walk towards the great festival of Easter. So, to you all, happy Lent!

With best wishes



Parish Priest



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Your ways O Lord are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus; Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus; Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Cecilia and Matilda, Joan Gonsalves, Alberto Salas and Reg Sladen, **recently deceased and also for** Rev Bryan Lee, Colin McMahan, Alexander McNamee, Joan Shelford, Yvonne Calvi, Maree Lawlor, John Fletcher, David Saunders, Alf Percy, Ken Searle, Joyce Stefano, George and Mary Allen.

Please remember the sick in your prayers – Rebecca Gallanagh, Ken Freeman, John Chester, Matilda Swain, David McKeon, Debbie Simeon, Imelda Clegg, Annette Harvey and Jill Adezio.



DATE CLAIMERS 2015

Sunday 22 February Social Justice meeting 9am
Monday 23 February RCIA meet at 7pm
Tuesday 24 February RCIA meet at 9am
Carers Meeting 10am in the Hall
Young Musicians meet at 3:15pm
Brisbane East Deanery Meeting 7:30pm in the Parish Hall
Friday 27 February Anointing of the Sick 9:30am
Stations of the Cross 7pm in Hall
Year 5 Blessing at 8am Mass
Mass in French 3pm
Drop In Friday 10am in the Hall
Parent's Sessions for Confirmation /First Eucharist 7:30pm
Friday 24 April Parent's Sessions for Confirmation /First Eucharist 9:30am
25 & 26 April Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation/First Eucharist Celebrations for Sacraments of Confirmation/First Eucharist
30 & 31 May

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER INVITATION

Friday 6 March at 10am. Local Anglican and United Church members will join us to celebrate the service written by the women of the Bahamas in celebrating their lives as followers of Christ. Morning tea will follow. World Day of Prayer is a movement led by Christian women of many traditions who invite us to gather for a common day of prayer. Over 16 million people participate in 170 countries. The event is born from a vision of Christian unity. It wishes to take up the burdens of other peoples and pray for them. A wonderful opportunity for Lenten offering!



LENTEN GROUPS "Rich in Mercy" Sunday 7pm Roz and Francis Price Ph 3899 8856
Monday 10:30am Lana Killian Ph 0404 807 187
Monday 7pm Angela Stevens Ph 3901 4957
Thursday 7pm Margaret and David Linnett Ph 3902 0072
Friday 10:30am Lourdes Hill Convent Ph 3399 2158



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - SACRAMENT OF PENANCE will be celebrated during Lent. Please remember the children and their families during this special time of preparation.



MASS IN FRENCH will be celebrated on Sunday 8 March. These Masses are held quarterly and this is the first for 2015. They begin at 3pm. All are welcome, especially Francophiles. Mass is followed by refreshments (please BYO plate to share)

OPEN MORNING SETON COLLEGE 3 March. Accepts students of diverse abilities with options for students who need extra assistance. Ph 3291 5333 <http://www.seton.qld.edu.au>

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GREGORY TERRACE – Open day 11 March 4-7pm. Campus tours will be available from College Hall at the Rogers Street entrance. All welcome.

VOCATION VIEW – As we begin this Lenten season we are reminded of the everlasting covenant God made with us. Renew the promise you made with God. Believe in the Good News! Pray for vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, contact Vocations Office on 3336 9203

HUMOUR – "Rising Cost of Pork" - *While waiting at the vet's office, I overheard two women chatting about their dogs. 'What's your dog's name?' asked the first woman. 'Well, we used to call her Pork Chop,' answered the second lady. 'But after the vet bills we've had for her, we now call her Fillet Mignon.'*

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You can help restore our church! If you can contribute expertise in these areas, we would like to hear from you.

1. Painting
2. Tiling
3. Electrical
4. Sound
5. Carpet Suppliers
6. French Polishers for redoing the seating
7. Glass Balustrading
8. Joinery
9. Vinyl Laying
10. Quality Demolition (will require care and attention)
11. Metalwork (front doors manufacture, detailed) also small steel fabrication in font support structure
12. Carpentry services (Small Jobs)
13. Concrete repairs and concrete cutting
14. Marble/Stone mason

Please contact the parish office to register your interest.

YOUTH MINISTRY REHEARSAL – a reminder for young musicians, a rehearsal will take place in the Church on Wednesday 25 February at 3:15pm.

LENT – STATIONS OF THE CROSS are each Friday during Lent at 7pm. Please join us in the Parish Hall as part of your Lenten discipline



CARERS' MORNING for anyone caring for someone with a physical or mental illness on Tuesday 24 February in the Parish Hall at 10am. All welcome. For more details please telephone Veronica Corcoran at 3399 5076.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK – will be celebrated 9:30am Friday 27 February, followed by morning tea. This sacrament is for those who are seriously ill and offers the healing of Christ and the support of the church. Parishioners with a significant health difficulty are welcome to celebrate this sacrament.



RITE OF ELECTION, Sunday afternoon, 110 people who are preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter ceremonies will gather with their godparents, catechists and families at St Stephen's Cathedral. At this ritual, the Church acknowledges the readiness of the catechumens for the sacraments of initiation and the catechumens, who now become 'the elect', declare their commitment to enter into a period of intense spiritual preparation for initiation at Easter. Our prayers are with them during this special time in their journey of faith.

School Crossing Supervisor – Casual Position Vacant for Pedestrian Crossing on Riding Road. May be required to work 5 days per week in all *weather conditions*. Hours of work are normally 1.5 hours a day (1 hour in morning and ½ hour in afternoon). Contact: Ann Chu, Dept Transport, PO Box 6522, Upper Mt Gravatt Qld 4122 Ph 0439 875 482 or rosita.z.chu@tmr.qld.gov.au

Please donate to **PROJECT COMPASSION 2015** and help people in isolated areas of Fiji gain the skills they need to build healthy families and grow food for life.

PARISH ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

Readers, Communion Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers

Team 1 - please arrange a substitute if you are not available.

Hospitality Roster

1 March – Berenice Raynes-Greenos, Anita Tichelaar

15 March – Rebecca Ellero, Barbara Schol

Children's Liturgy Roster

1 March – Brenda Hawke, Michelle Hutchison, Brooke Fitzgibbon, Tessa Catchpole, Stephiana Konyen, Charlize Howes.

8 March – Louise Carlile, Sonya Strutton, Adriana Fernando, Ellie Spencer, Lila Maxwell, Mia Brennan, Emily Adkins, Millie Carlile.

Casserole Bank Roster

Group 4 – Contact Louise Pierce

+Liturgy this Week 23 February – 1 March 2015

MONDAY	7:00am		Mass
TUESDAY	-		-
WEDNESDAY	-		-
THURSDAY	-		-
FRIDAY	9:30am		Mass with Anointing of the Sick
SATURDAY	9:00am		Mass
SUNDAY	6:00pm(Saturday); 8:00am; 6:00pm		Mass: Second Sunday of Lent
<i>Readings – Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 1 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10</i>			

OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER

RECONCILIATION	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm
MEDITATION	Tuesday at 7:00pm (Lourdes Hill Convent) and Wednesday at 9:30am (Parish Hall)
ROSARY for peace	Saturday before 9:00am Mass
ANGELUS for vocations	Saturday before 9:00am Mass

ENTRANCE HYMN

THIS IS OUR ACCEPTABLE TIME

This is our acceptable time!
This is our day of salvation!
This is our acceptable time,
It will be the day of the Lord!

Gather you people! Return to your God!
Trusting his mercy and goodness again!
Give him your heart! Open your eyes!
See how your Saviour comes!

Listen, my people, when you were a child,
Out of your bondage I called you to me!
But when I called, you walked away!
How could I part with you?

You are my people, my choice, my delight!
Could I forget you, the child of my womb?
I am your God searching for you!
Give me your heart and live!

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LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION HYMNS

BREAD OF LIFE

Chorus
*Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
Feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.*

As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life,
we remember your promise to return again.

CHORUS

The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain
Just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

CHORUS

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:
Sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.

CHORUS

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;
That the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

CHORUS

You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,
Broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

CHORUS

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

ASHES

We rise again from ashes,
From the good we've failed to do.
We rise again from ashes,
to create ourselves anew.
If all our world is ashes, then must our lives be true,
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

We offer you our failures,
We offer you attempts,
The gifts not fully given,
The dreams not fully dreamt.
Give our stumblings direction,
give our visions wider view,
An offering of ashes, an offering to you

Then rise again from ashes,
Let healing come to pain,
Though spring has turned to winter,
And sunshine turned to rain.
The rain we'll use for growing,
And create the world anew from
An offering of ashes, an offering to you.

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