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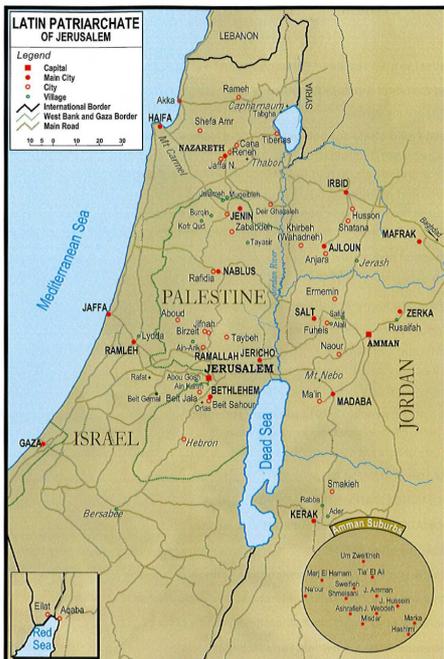
# NEWSLETTER

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## Second Sunday of Lent

### THE HOLY LAND-IMPORTANT PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES

For about 2000 years this narrow corridor of land on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean has exercised an influence on world culture far out of proportion to its modest size. Events over 3000 years gave rise to the three great monotheistic religions. As these religions extended their influence throughout the world, so the Holy Land in general, and Jerusalem in particular, became overburdened with spiritual significance. The Bible tells us that Jerusalem was where Solomon built The Temple and Christ was crucified; tradition says the Mohammed visited the city on his Night Journey. Yet this spiritual world centre is no bigger than a city neighbourhood.



It goes without saying that water is precious in the Holy Land! And the great water feature of the Holy Land is the River Jordan.

After leading the Israelites out of Egypt and wandering in the Sinai desert for 40 years, Moses sighted the Promised Land (the green lands adjoining the banks of the fresh water River Jordan) in the distance from Mt Nebo, in present day Jordan. Of course, he died before reaching the Promised Land.

The River Jordan flows through a geological fault such that it is the river with the lowest elevation in the world. Its principal sources are in Lebanon and Syria; it drops down sharply to the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee (209 metres below sea level). It then flows from the southern shores of the Sea of Galilee for 217 km (105 km in a straight line) to the Dead Sea (400 metres below sea level) where physical constraints mean that the water can flow no further and high evaporation

rates traditionally ensured a balance in the water levels. Christians, Jews and Muslims alike revere the River Jordan; it was in its waters that Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist. Today, all countries bordering the River Jordan (Lebanon, Syria, Israel and Jordan) harvest its waters for irrigation purposes. The upshot of such irrigation activities is that, if Jesus were to plunge into the River today, he would probably injure himself. The great biblical waterway is now little more than a shallow, unimposing trickle of sludge; a murky body of water that is in danger of withering into nothingness.

Consequently, limited flows now feed the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is extremely saline, resulting in incredibly buoyant waters that are incapable of supporting life. Although Jerusalem is only a 20 minute ride from the Dead Sea, the surrounding area is the most arid and inhospitable region of the Holy Land.

Next week, I will consider Jerusalem.

*Peter Carroll*



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Praise and Honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved son, hear him. From the shining cloud the voice is heard; this is my beloved Son. Praise and Honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10  
Matthew 17:1-9

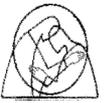


**Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially** Stephen Kennedy, Margaret McDonald (born Keogh previously Humphrys), Michael Novak, and Anthony Michael recently deceased and also for Ida Michieletto, Attilio Michieletto, Mary Schwede, Doug Schwede, Fr Bryan Lee, George Watkins, Mona McNamee, Marie, Percy, Keith and Phyllis Thatcher, George, and Mary Allen.

**Please remember the sick in your prayers** – Molly Xavier, Stan Grzegorzolka, Natalie Strachan, Mike Mulkerin, Noel Nicholson, Mariano Molina, Beryl Lobo, Peter Hundt, Teresa Paolini, Frances Foley.



**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** will be celebrated with Yr 3 children this coming week. Please remember the children and families during this special time in their faith journey.



**DATE CLAIMERS 2014**

**Tuesday 18 March** Sacrament of Penance 6pm  
**Wednesday 19 March** Sacrament of Penance 6pm  
**Thursday 20 March** Sacrament of Penance 6pm  
**Friday 21 March** Stations of the Cross 7pm  
**Sunday 23 March** Social Justice Meeting 9am  
**Monday 24 March** Vigil Mass for Annunciation 7pm  
**Tuesday 25 March** Carer's Morning tea 10am  
**Friday 28 March** Mass with anointing of the sick 9:30am  
**Sunday 30 March** Social Justice Meeting 9am  
**Monday 31 March** Musician/Singers Meeting 5pm  
**20 April** Easter Sunday

**LENT** – Each week in Lent we have **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Friday evenings at 7pm. Make a point of joining us as part of your Lenten discipline.



**VIGIL MASS FOR ANNUNCIATION** will be **7pm** Monday 24 March. There will be **NO 7AM MORNING MASS** on 24 March.

**YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY** We invite young singers and musicians to sing or play a musical instrument on the first Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass. Practice for this monthly gathering will be on the first Wednesday of the month. Next practice is 2 April, straight after school at the Church in preparation for Mass on Sunday 6 April. Please contact Julieanne Dimitrios on 0411 133 235 or the Parish Office.



**PETER CARROLL**, a parishioner, is the Lieutenant (leader) in QLD for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He is writing a Lenten series for our Newsletter, on the Holy Land to give us some background for our Easter liturgies. The Order of the Holy Sepulchre, established by the Pope in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, is charged with the task of providing for the needs of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and of all the activities and initiatives to support a Christian presence in the Holy Land. They contribute to the preservation of hospitals, social centres, parishes and schools.



**PROJECT COMPASSION** - an example of the assistance provided by Caritas is in conjunction with Hope Agency for Relief and Development, goats, chickens, fishing nets and seeds to plant are provided to needy people and communities. Please give generously to Project Compassion this Lent.

**JUST us** saying... from the **Parish Social Justice Group**

Imagine if you learned that slavery-tainted goods were in your shopping basket. You would be horrified. No one puts slavery on their shopping list. But, the awful truth is, many of us are unwittingly buying products in Australia that are produced using slave labour. This isn't because we don't care, it's because it is so difficult for us to know e.g. frozen prawns from Thailand, rice from India, and cheap toys from China.

**ACTION** - Before you shop **check out where the goods come from**. Consult the app: **Ethical Shopping**. (available for Iphones and Android for \$4.95) Tell Government to show leadership by requiring companies importing goods take steps to guarantee there is no slavery in the production process. We can then shop with confidence goods don't hurt people who produce them. [www.dol.gov/ILAB/reports/child-labor/list-of-goods/](http://www.dol.gov/ILAB/reports/child-labor/list-of-goods/) <http://www.ethical.org.au/get-involved/resources/shop-ethical-app/>

**NO PARKING** please on the paved area in front of the church

CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE

[www.bulimbacatholic.com](http://www.bulimbacatholic.com)

GET THE PARISH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

School newsletter: [www.stspp.qld.edu.au](http://www.stspp.qld.edu.au).

**SACRAMENTS of CONFIRMATION and FIRST COMMUNION**

The family preparation has now commenced. Celebration of the Sacraments will be at Sunday Masses on the weekend of 26-27 April. This is the Anzac Day long weekend and the date of the Archbishop's pastoral visit. We look forward to this time with joy!



**Sts Peter & Paul's School Prep Enrolments 2015**

Interviews with new families seeking Prep enrolment at Sts Peter & Paul's School for 2015 will commence in Term 2. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year (born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June, 2010) please ensure that the enrolment form together with a copy of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and immunization record is lodged at the school office by 21 March. The demand for Prep enrolment in 2015 is once again extremely high; therefore it is essential that we have all documentation prior to the interview process.

**PARISH CAKE STALL** is this Saturday night and Sunday morning. All proceeds go to Sr Mary Randle to help support those in need in our local community. Thank you for your wonderful support of this stall.



**St. Stephen's Cathedral Concert Series** presents *Music for His Majesty's Pleasure*, 4pm Sunday 30 March. \$25 (adults) and \$20 (concession). 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. For information call 3876 6812 or [www.ststephensmusic.com](http://www.ststephensmusic.com)

**OUR LADY OF GRACES SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENING.**

Sunday 23 March. Mayfield Road Carina. **"Let's just shop!"** Find out what is ethical shopping. Presented by The Trading Circle. Fair Trade goods for sale. Phone 3398 2977

**VOCATION VIEW** "Rise, and do not be afraid." So many experience fear or trepidation when called to the priesthood and religious life. God strengthens those who are called if they but respond with a generous heart. Pray for vocations. To speak about vocation call 3336 9203.



**"Living the Joy of the Gospel – THE FRANCIS EFFECT"**

Limited number of copies available at Parish office. \$10

**FREE CHAIR YOGA** for carers of people with dementia 10am-11am on Fridays at Woolloongabba. Please telephone Alzheimers Australia (Qld) on 3895 8200

**Humour: Last Wish!**

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?" Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man." Eugene commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives." Al said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look! He's moving!'"

**PARISH ROSTERS**

**Readers, Communion Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers**

**Team 4-** please arrange a substitute if you are not available.

**Hospitality Roster**

**6 April** – Lottering Family and Carrie Scotney.

**20 April** – De Lore Family and Barbara Schol.

**Children's' Liturgy Roster**

**23 March** – Barbara Schol, Anita Tichelaar, Adam Cairns, Freya Dean, Ellie Barbagallo, Claire Ryan, Brigitte Conaghan, Laura Damerow

**30 March** – Louise Carlile, Catherine Sutton, Vivienne Thompson, Isabelle Manuel, Sophie Manuel, Grace McAuley, Charlotte Downs

**Casserole Bank Roster**

**Group 3**– please contact Val Lane

**+Liturgy this Week** 17 March – 23 March 2014

MONDAY	7:00am	St Patrick	Mass
TUESDAY	-		-
WEDNESDAY	7:00am	St Joseph	Mass at Lourdes Hill Convent (all welcome) 50 Hawthorne Road
THURSDAY	9:00am		Mass
FRIDAY	8:00am		Mass
SATURDAY	9:00am		Mass
SUNDAY	<b>6:00pm (Sat); 8:00am; 6:00pm</b>		<b>Mass: Third Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Children's Liturgy of the Word at 8:00am Mass</i>
	<i>Readings – Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2 5-8 John 4:5-42</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	Friday and Saturday before Mass

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**TREE OF LIFE**

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,  
In your death we are reborn,  
Though you die in all of history,  
Still you rise with every morn,  
Still you rise with every morn.

Light of life beyond conceiving,  
Mighty Spirit of our Lord;  
Give new strength to our believing.  
Give us faith to live your word.  
Give us faith to live your word.

In our call to be a blessing,  
May we be a blessing true;  
May we live and die confessing.  
Christ as Lord of all we do.  
Christ as Lord of all we do.



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**PENITENTIAL ACT:**

Leader - You were sent to heal the  
contrite of heart;  
Lord, have mercy.

**All - Lord, have mercy.**

Leader - You came to call sinners;  
Christ, have mercy.

**All - Christ, have mercy.**

Leader - You are seated at the right  
hand of the Father to intercede for us;  
Lord have mercy.

**All - Lord have mercy.**



**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and  
Resurrection you have set us free

**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God; Lamb of God,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, Lamb of God; you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, Lamb of God; you take away the sins of  
the world grant us, grant us peace

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**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**

**COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY**

Chorus  
*We are companions on the journey,  
Breaking bread and sharing life;  
And in the love we bear is the hope we share  
For we believe in the love of our God,  
We believe in the love of our God.*

No longer strangers to each other,  
No longer strangers in God's House;  
We are fed and we are nourished  
By the strength of those who care,  
By the strength of those who care.



CHORUS

We have been gifted with each other,  
And we are called by the Word of the Lord  
To act with justice, to love tenderly,  
And to walk humbly with our God,  
To walk humbly with our God.

CHORUS

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