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NEWSLETTER

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK: Pope's Message

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich (2 Cor 8:9).

This text shows us how God works. God does not reveal himself cloaked in worldly power and wealth but rather in weakness and poverty. God's becoming a human being is a great mystery! But the reason for all this is his love, a love which is grace, and love makes us similar, it creates equality, it breaks down walls and eliminates distances.

By making himself poor, Jesus did not seek poverty for its own sake but, as Saint Paul says '*that by his poverty you might become rich*'. This is no mere play on words or a catch phrase. Rather, it sums up God's logic, the logic of love, the logic of the incarnation and the cross. It is striking that the Apostle states that we were set free, not by Christ's riches but *by his poverty*. So what is this poverty by which Christ frees us and enriches us? It is his way of loving us, his way of being our neighbour, just as the Good Samaritan was neighbour to the man left half dead by the side of the road. What gives us true freedom, true salvation and true happiness is the compassion, tenderness and solidarity of his love. Christ's poverty which enriches us is his taking flesh and bearing our weaknesses and sins as an expression of God's infinite mercy to us.

In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it. *Destitution* is not the same as *poverty*: destitution is poverty without faith, without support, without hope. There are three types of destitution: material, moral and spiritual. *Material destitution* is what is normally called poverty, and affects those living in conditions opposed to human dignity: those who lack basic rights and needs such as food, water, hygiene, work and the opportunity to develop and grow culturally. In response to this destitution, the Church offers her help, her *diakonia* , in meeting these needs and binding these wounds which disfigure the face of humanity. In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing.

No less a concern is *moral destitution*, which consists in slavery to vice and sin. How much pain is caused in families because one of their members – often a young person - is in thrall to alcohol, drugs, gambling or pornography. How many people no longer see meaning in life or prospects for the future, how many have lost hope! This type of destitution is invariably linked to the *spiritual destitution* which we experience when we turn away from God and reject his love. If we think we don't need God who reaches out to us through Christ, because we believe we can make do on our own, we are headed for a fall. God alone can truly save and free us.

Dear brothers and sisters, may this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can do this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.

Franciscus



RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Rest in God alone, O my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia. The word of God is
living and active; it probes the
thoughts and motives of our
heart. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Isaiah 49:14-15
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34

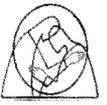


Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Michael Novak and Anthony Michael recently deceased and also for Mary Schwede, Doug Schwede, Fr Bryan Lee, George Watkins, Lex Turner, Geoffrey Michael Turner, Colin McMahon, Leslie Aylward, Mona McNamee, Alf Percy, Marie, Percy, Keith and Phyllis Thatcher, George, and Mary Allen.

Please remember the sick in your prayers – 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 during Lent, the penitential season. Please remember the children and families during this special time of preparation.



DATE CLAIMERS 2014

1 & 2 March

Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation/First Eucharist Italian Rosary 10am in the Hall
Ash Wednesday.

3 March
5 March

Parish Council meeting 7:30pm
Liturgy Committee meeting 7pm
World Day of Prayer 10am
Drop in Morning 10am in Hall
Sacrament of Penance
Easter Sunday

Thursday 6 March
Friday 7 March
Friday 14 March
18-20 March
20 April

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.



LENTEN GROUPS commence next week. **"You have set us free!"** Please sign up at the back of the church.

- **Friday morning group 10am** – Lourdes Hill Convent. Ph – 3399 2158 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.
- **Thursday evening group 7pm** - Margaret and David Linnett Ph 3902 0072 64 Uhlmann Street, Hawthorne
- **Sunday evening group 7pm** - Roz and Francis Price Ph- 3899 8856 26 Mcllwraith Avenue, Balmoral
- **Tuesday morning Group 10am** - Lana Killian Ph 3395 6797 Parish Board Room
- **Wednesday afternoon Group 1:30pm** – Catriona Callaghan Ph 3217 9708 62 Gatling Road, Cannon Hill.

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.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER celebrated across the globe among people of all traditions and denominations, gathering together in the spirit of peace, unity and diversity of culture during the month of March for "informed prayer and prayerful action". Each year the focus is on a different country; with prayers for Egypt: "Streams in the Desert", the theme for 2014. 10am, Friday 7 March, Uniting Church, Thynne Road, Morningside. Everyone welcome.



CHANGE TO DROP IN FRIDAY - 14 March, NOT 7 March.

This will allow everyone to attend World Day of Prayer. Contact Carmel 3399 9191 or Janet 3399 3342 for transport.

EMBER DAYS – mark the beginning of each season. Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decided to observe the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring as special days of prayer and penance. Friday 7 March is the Autumn Ember Day.

VOCATION VIEW "Be Holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy!" Embrace the call to holiness, and everyday will bring new adventures of following where Christ leads. Pray for vocations. To speak about vocation call 3336 9203.



LENT begins next Wednesday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year (CCL 97, 1251-52)

Catholics Returning Home Program Our Lady of Graces Parish – Carina

We all know someone who is a non-practicing Catholic. 6 week program designed as an entry point for Catholics wishing to return to the Faith Community and again participate fully in Sacramental Life. Contact Mary 3843 4707 or Patrick 3843 6113 All enquiries are confidential

Calling all bakers!! The next **Parish Cake Stall** is 15/16 March. All proceeds go to Sr Mary Randle to help support those in need in our local community. Baking for this stall is a great way to contribute to your parish and school community. Please package your goodies and label with name of the item and a full list of ingredients. Items can be left at Sts Peter and Paul's school office before 2:45pm Friday 14 March or the stall prior to the Saturday night and Sunday morning mass. Contact Brooke brookepower5@bigpond.com or Maureen cooreyfam@optusnet.com.au



Be a Good Egg This Easter ... from the Social Justice Group - children as young as

12 yrs old are picking cocoa in West Africa to make the chocolate we eat. Some are



trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for minimal or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, without any possibility of attending school. Most of these children have never tasted chocolate. Five years ago Australian supermarkets did not have any Easter chocolate certified as slavery-free, but last year there were at least six slavery-free Easter eggs and choc rabbits available. They were: Divine eggs (milk & dark), Green & Black eggs (milk & dark), Chocolatier eggs (milk & dark), Chocolatier (3 rabbits boxed + 3 tiny eggs), Cadbury dairy milk eggs, Oxfam chocolates – large range of chocolate bars. Before you HOP out and buy eggs, STOP and THINK about buying slavery-free eggs. **ACRATH** (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans <http://acrath.org.au/resources/slavery-free-easter-chocolate/>)



Donations to Caritas Australia's **PROJECT COMPASSION** give expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and help those suffering from poverty. Please take home a Project Compassion set of envelopes and give generously.

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

CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE

www.bulimbacatholic.com

GET THE PARISH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

School newsletter: www.stspp.qld.edu.au.

PARISH ROSTERS

Readers, Communion Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers

Team 2- please arrange a substitute if you are not available.

Hospitality Roster

16 March - Nazin Atalay and Carrie Scotney.

6 April – Lottering Family and Carrie Scotney.

Children's' Liturgy Roster

9 March - Ali Dollar, Marnie Munn, Liz Xerub

Isabella Irvine, Alice Sort, Caitlyn McNamara, Cleo Cranston

16 March – Emily Pignalosa, Dina Nardone, Penny Ramsay

Frankie Scotney, Billie Italia, Georgia Lytras.

Casserole Bank Roster

Group 1 – please contact Barb Daley

+Liturgy this Week 3 March – 9 March 2014

MONDAY	7:00am		Mass
TUESDAY	-		-
WEDNESDAY	9:00am 7:00pm	Ash Wednesday	Mass Mass
THURSDAY	9:00am		Mass
FRIDAY	8:00am	Autumn Ember Day	Mass
SATURDAY	9:00am		Mass
SUNDAY	6:00pm (Sat); 8:00am; 6:00pm		Mass: First Sunday of Lent <i>Children's Liturgy of the Word at 8:00am Mass</i>
	<i>Readings – Genesis 2:7-9 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11</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

SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his
righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye
shall find;
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there
am I in their midst;
And whatsoever ye ask, I will do.
Alleluia, alleluia.

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GLORIA *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to people of good will.*

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you

we give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord
Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us

For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim
your death, O Lord, until you come again.

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 **TABLE OF PLENTY**

CHORUS Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
Here at the table of plenty.

O, come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

CHORUS

O come and eat without money: come to drink without price
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.

CHORUS

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood
the depths of your soul.

CHORUS

Your fields will flower in fullness;
Your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
Will send my rain on the soil.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God:
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God.

CHORUS Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace:
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God.

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God:
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God.

CHORUS

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!

CHORUS

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