

NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Lent

JERUSALEM-THE HOLY CITY

Jerusalem is considered Holy to the three major Abrahamic religions-Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Of course, for Christians, the City's importance arose because Jesus was crucified within its confines as a self sacrifice for the salvation of humankind; his resurrection three days later proved his divinity.

The City is located on a plateau, at an elevation of 760 metres in the Judean Mountains between the Mediterranean (60 km to the west) and the Dead Sea (35 km to the east and 400 metres below sea level). The Kedron valley is a steep valley to the east of the Old City (as defined below) and separates the Mount of Olives from the Old City proper. The Garden of Gethsemane is located towards the bottom of the valley, as is the Jewish Cemetery. Since Jews believe that, when the Messiah comes on Judgement Day, he will appear at Judaism's holiest site (the Western Wall of the ruins of the Second Temple) and the first resurrections will be of those buried nearby, they willingly pay USD 20,000,000 for a small burial plot in the Cemetery!

King David built his Temple in the City in about 1000 BC (although the City existed for at least a Millennium prior to that date). That temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BC and a second Temple was built in 516 BC. This Temple was expanded on a number of occasions before being destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

The first Christian churches were built in about 200 AD. By the fourth Century, the Roman Emperor Constantine ordered the construction of Christian Holy Sites in the City, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

In 634, the Muslims captured the City. Then, in 1099 the Crusaders captured the City before being driven out by the Muslims in 1187. Whilst this capture meant that the Christian Knights were driven from Jerusalem, in 1333 the Franciscan Friars were permitted a presence in the City, being in the supposed Hall of the Last Supper. Pope Clement VI ratified this arrangement in 1342 and gave the Mission the title of Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land-a title that still endures.

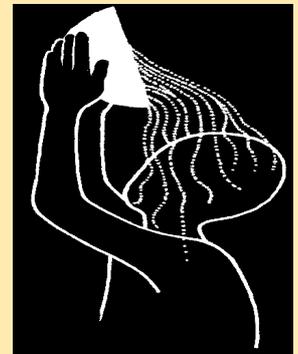
The Ottomans took control of the City in 1517 and generally remained in control until driven out by British forces (including the Australian Light Horse regiments) in December 1917.

The present "Old City" dates from 1538 when the magnificent Walls of the city were built by the Ottoman, Suleiman the Magnificent. It was only in about 1860 that people commenced to live outside these walls when the population was about 20,000 (the population was about 200,000 in AD 600). The Old City was divided into four quarters during the Ottoman administration (Muslim, Jewish, Christian & Armenian) and those divisions remain today but there is a certain arbitrary nature in such divisions with, for example, mosques to be found in the Christian section and Christian churches found in the Muslim section.

Today, the city extends well beyond the walls of the Old City. The population of greater Jerusalem is about 1,000,000. Jews comprise about 64% of the population; Muslims about 34% and only 2% is Christian.

Next week, I will concentrate on the Christian sites of the City.

Peter Carroll



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and Honour to you, Lord
Jesus Christ! Praise and honour
to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord,
you are truly the Saviour truly the
Saviour of the world; give me
living water, that I may never
thirst again. Praise and Honour
to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;
John 4:5-42*



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Sr Helen Foley sgs, Denis Hyde, Pedro Galan, Stephen Kennedy, Margaret McDonald (born Keogh previously Humphrys), Michael Novak, and Anthony Michael recently deceased and also for Veronica Price, 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.



DATE CLAIMERS 2014

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
Wednesday 2 April	Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 3 April	Liturgy Committee Meeting 7pm
Friday 4 April	Drop in Friday 10am
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.



NEW WOMENS GATHERING LAUNCHED IN CBD *Imagine Womens Ministry* is a gathering of women encouraging each other to go deeper in their Catholic faith. Through prayer, scripture and sharing, we hope to provide opportunities for women to encounter Christ, arise in their giftedness and be inspired to go out and transform the world around them through service events. Meeting at 7pm, every first Thursday of the month, Francis Rush Centre (beside St Stephen's Cathedral), Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. For more information email imagine.aus@gmail.com or visit www.imagineaus.com.

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE invites you to the annual **CHRISM MASS**, Thursday 10 April 2014 at 7:30pm at The Cathedral of St Stephen. All Welcome.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EVANGELISATION AND THE RCIA JOURNEY? The *Foundations for Evangelising* Ministry is for you! With two locations and a choice of morning or evening sessions this course is offered by the Institute of Faith Education in collaboration with Evangelisation Brisbane. For further information please go to www.ife.qld.edu.au or contact us on (07) 3336 9167.

PROJECT COMPASSION - an example of the assistance provided by Caritas through your donations is the provision of emergency resettlement programs in areas devastated by natural calamities, such as the floods and typhoons experienced in the Philippines recently. Please give generously to Project Compassion this Lent.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! - to our Cake Stall Convenors, Brooke Power and Maureen Coorey and to all our industrious bakers who donated items for sale at our Cake Stall last weekend. A much needed \$720 was raised because of all your wonderful efforts! Sr Mary will use these funds to assist the needy in our Parish.

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

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!



St. Stephen's Cathedral Concert Series 4pm Sunday 30 March. For information call 3876 6812.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK – will be celebrated at 9:30am Mass on Friday 28 March, followed by morning tea in the Hall. This sacrament is for those who are seriously ill and offers the healing of Christ and the support of the church. All parishioners who have a significant health difficulty are welcome.

LOURDES HILL APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2018 NOW OPEN. If you currently have a daughter in Year 3 and wish for her to attend Lourdes Hill College from 2018 onwards, please submit your enrolment now. Application forms are available on our website www.lhc.qld.edu.au or by calling the College on 3399 8888.

VOCATION VIEW Jesus gives Living Water to those who come to Him in their need. Bring your weakness to Him, that His strength may help with your continued conversion of life. (John 4:14) 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



"EMPOWERED VOICES" Please join the Terrace/All Hallows' Gallipoli Choir at 6 pm Saturday 5 April, All Hallows' School Chapel, 547 Ann Street. Tickets: \$50 adults; \$30 concession. Contact Tanya O'Meally 0417 010 824.

A BIG THANK YOU AND FAREWELL to Tony Scotte, our wonderful vocalist who has supported our liturgical celebrations of the mass with his musical talent so beautifully for some time. We wish Tony and his family every blessing as they prepare to re-settle overseas.



CONGRATULATIONS to David and Cecily McKeon on their 58th wedding anniversary! We join with your family and friends in thanking God for the gift of your marriage together.



Humour:

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what she was drawing. The girl replied: "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said: "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied: "They will in a minute when I'm finished."

A Happy Catholic

PARISH ROSTERS

Readers, Communion Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers

Team 5- 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

30 March – Louise Carlile, Catherine Sutton, Anita Tichelaar Isabelle Manuel, Sophie Manuel, Grace McAuley, Charlotte Downs

Casserole Bank Roster

Group 4 – please contact Louise Pierce

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www.bulimbacatholic.com

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

+Liturgy this Week 24 March – 30 March 2014

MONDAY	10:00am 7:00pm		Funeral Mass for Denis Hyde Vigil Mass for the Annunciation of the Lord
TUESDAY	-	Annunciation of the Lord	-
WEDNESDAY	-		-
THURSDAY	-		-
FRIDAY	9.30am		Mass with Anointing of the Sick
SATURDAY	9:00am		Mass
SUNDAY	6:00pm (Sat); 8:00am; 6:00pm		Mass: Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Children's Liturgy of the Word at 8:00am Mass</i>
	<i>Readings – 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41</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

RETURN TO GOD

REFRAIN

*Return to God with all your heart,
The source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.*

Now the time of grace has come,
The day of salvation;
Come and learn now the way of our God.

I will take your heart of stone
And place a heart within you,
A heart of compassion and love.

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COMMUNION HYMN

COME TO THE WATER

REFRAIN

Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing,
I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness
I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live!



Why spend your money on what cannot fill the
emptiness deep in your heart? Listen to my word and
you will enjoy: goodness and peace in your heart!

Just as the heavens are high above earth; My ways
and thoughts beyond you! Call me your Father and
know I am near I will be Father to you!

Just as the rain falls to water the earth; Just as a seed
becomes bread... My word upon you can never return
until my longing is filled!

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RECESSIONAL 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.



Living Water of salvation,
Be the fountain of each soul;
Springing up in new creation,
Flow in us and make us whole.
Flow in us and make us whole.

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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

