

## NEWSLETTER

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# Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Prayer written by Archbishop Mark Coleridge** - *May the God to whom we turn in this moment listen to the pleading of our heart and answer as he has so often before, so that love may come from fear, hope from despair and joy from sorrow:*

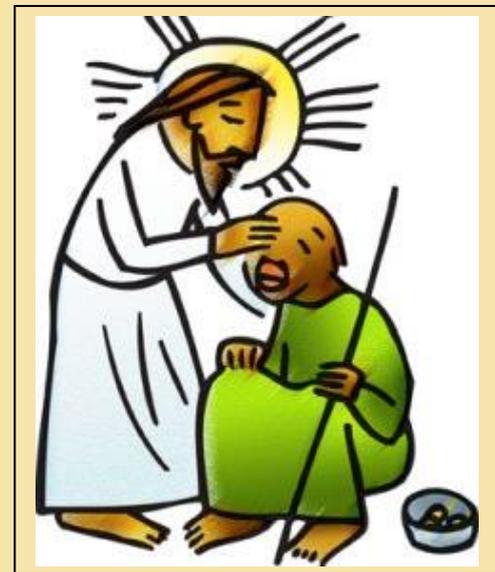
Almighty and all-merciful God,  
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,  
in whom there is no shadow of death,  
save us in this time of crisis;  
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;  
watch over all medical people  
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;  
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;  
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.  
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,  
that hope may never die  
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,  
may shine upon us and the whole world.  
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.  
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

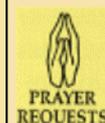
**Prayer from the National Council of Churches** - *who have invited all of us to pray this prayer at 7pm each day, especially on Sunday 29 March which we will mark as a National Day of Prayer in this time of crisis:*

Gracious God,  
We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.  
We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas.  
We pray for those in need of healing.  
We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving.  
We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain  
all those who are serving in response.  
We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices  
and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.  
We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do  
to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations,  
with all that is on our hearts,  
we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially** Kathleen O'Connor, Patsy MacDougall, Archbishop John Bathersby, Joan (Denaro) Mulcahy and Felino Zamora **recently deceased and also for** Colin McMahon, Patrick and Patricia O'Connell, Ross Saffiotti, Jarrett family, Aunty Joan Hendriks, Mary Morris.



**Please remember the sick in your prayers –**

James Bates, Maureen O'Connor, Carmen Turner, Marlyn and John Chester, John Clarke, Jan Low (nee Stefano), George Danen, Jennifer Tuck (nee Moss), Yvonne Reich, Vivienne Ward, Rob Stonier, Rebecca Ward, Anna Harkin and Anita Xavier.

## DATE CLAIMERS – going ahead

### **OUR WEEKDAY MASSES – all in the Church**

Friday 27 March Stations of the Cross 7pm  
Wednesday 1 April Parish Pastoral Council and Liturgy Committee gather for a combined meeting at 7:30pm  
Friday 3 April Stations of the Cross 7pm

## DATE CLAIMERS – going ahead at this stage

30 March to 5 April Individual Reconciliation for Penance Candidates

Thursday 23 April 7:30pm OR Friday 24 April 9:30am

- Parent workshop sessions for First Communion enrolments (Year 4 children) in the Parish Hall. Celebration of First Holy Communion 13-14 June

Thursday 30 July 7:30pm OR Friday 31 July 9:30am

- Parent workshop sessions for Confirmation enrolments (Year 3 children) in the Parish Hall. Celebration of Confirmation 8 and 10 September

## EVENTS CANCELLED – until further notice

### **ALL SUNDAY MASSES**

Sunday 22 March Year 3 Blessing at 8am Mass  
Parish Morning Tea  
Social Justice meeting  
Tuesday 24 March Carer's meeting  
Friday 3 April Drop In Morning

**VOCATION VIEW:** If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world. Where is the Good Shepherd leading you? Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please contact the Brisbane Vocation Centre 3324 3351.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION 2020 - GO FURTHER TOGETHER**

This week we're introduced to Sakun, who faced isolation and poverty most of her life, because of a disability. She has risen from near impossible circumstances. We love sharing stories of strength and Sakun gives us hope. Thank you for your ongoing support. **Please donate to PROJECT COMPASSION** this Lenten season.

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

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

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP – S.U.P.P = Step Up Parish Project – UPDATE.** We are **POSTPONING** the **COMMUNITY GATHERING** which was going to be held this weekend. All Australians are being urged to practice 'social distancing' to slow the spread of COVID-19. We do not wish to hold avoidable gatherings in an enclosed space that could put members of our community at risk. Information about S.U.P.P will be made available on the parish website over the coming weeks because the feedback shows that our parish is excited about this project! The S.U.P.P project team will also find other ways to engage with the parish and obtain input to the project. Updates will follow in future newsletters. The S.U.P.P project team has been in contact with Ads-Up in Canada. They are very excited about our initiative. Ads-Up co-founder Laura Beth Bugg, emphasised just how importance fund-raising in Australia is to their work. She said the refugees in PNG and Nauru are absolutely reliant upon any funds we can raise via this project. Your contribution is vital and can be made as follows –

#### **DONATION OPTIONS -**

1. DIRECT DEPOSIT (preferred)  
Acct Name: Refugee Support  
BSB: 064 786 A/C# 100026385  
Please use your name as a reference.
2. CASH or CHEQUE direct to parish office.  
Please identify as 'REFUGEE SUPPORT' and use your name as a reference.

**LENTEN EVENT – Soup & Bread.** Last Saturday night almost 40 parishioners gathered for a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to all those who helped and attended.

**THANK YOU** for your support of the homeless in Brisbane. The money from the Lenten supper, plus money from the recent cake stall, means that we have been able to contribute \$600 to the BLIND-EYE MINISTRIES Drop-in Centre at South Brisbane.

**PRECAUTIONS** In addition to the hand sanitiser at each door of the Church, our cleaner is doing extra work to disinfect the seating rails and hand rails in the Church. Think of others:-

- Wash your hands often
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Stay home if you are unwell.

Let us pray for one another.

**A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.**

*In a moment of creative inspiration, the entrepreneur who owned the coin-op laundry beside the church commissioned this sign for his window: "Where cleanliness really is next to Godliness!"*

Watch Sunday Mass from St Stephen's Cathedral. [www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast)

### **+ Liturgy this Week 23 March – 29 March 2020**

MONDAY	7:00am		Mass (Sts Peter & Paul's Church)
TUESDAY	-		-
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm	The Annunciation of the Lord	Mass
THURSDAY	-		-
FRIDAY	8:00am 8:30am 7:00pm		Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	9:00am		Mass
SUNDAY	<b>NO SUNDAY MASSES</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
	Next Sunday's Readings – Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45		

## **SUNDAY READINGS – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7 10-13

### **A reading from the first book of Samuel**

*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

*R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. R.

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians** *Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:  
Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*John 9:1-41*

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!'

And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*



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