

24th March 2019 (Year C)

NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Lent

WHY DO I MAKE MY LIFE SO BUSY?

I have always been busy, and I've always had excuses. For many years as a working wife and mother, my life was full, happy and slightly frantic. Now that I am retired, my life remains full and happy, but still remains too frantic and busy. As I try to add more time for reflection during Lent, it's also a good time to look at *why* I'm having such a difficult time slowing down to pray. Have I made myself too busy to 'do Lent'? In these weeks, we can reflect and pray with our calendars and look at the patterns that we have perhaps mindlessly followed for decades, including those habits that keep us from a greater closeness with God.

St. Ignatius wrote that each one of us is created to praise, reverence and serve God and by doing those three things we will become our happiest and best selves. From there, everything that comes into our lives will either help us to praise, reverence and serve, or will draw us away from that intimacy with our Creator.

So how do our calendars fit into this? St. Ignatius suggests a regular, prayerful review of our day and to note when and where we found closeness with God and when we did not. Perhaps a regular examination of our schedules can be a similar exercise. But part of making room in my day for more frequent and deeper reflection, is clearing out my mind and heart from fear and anxiety.

Asking for the grace to do things more peacefully, with more courage and trust, is a real Lenten journey. It places me more closely with Jesus. It prepares me to celebrate the mystery of his death and resurrection for me. The Lenten purification becomes a releasing from fear and distress. I may not free up more time, but I will become freer to do what I do with more boldness and with less energy lost on anxiety.

When we look at our calendars for the week or month ahead, do we see any blank spaces for prayer and reflection? Lately I have filled my calendar with a community project focused on inclusion. That's a good thing, isn't it? Of course, it is.

Yet, if I pray with my calendar and ask God to open my heart, perhaps I see a glimmer that I also get to 'shine' by working on this. Yes, this is a good venture, but perhaps a second motivation is that I enjoy people telling me how much I contribute. It is a good thing to be able to be a vital part of it, but how much space have I given in my calendar - or my life - for silence and listening?

by Maureen McCann Waldron



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus; Praise and honour,
Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the
kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Lord Jesus: Praise and honour,
Lord Jesus Christ!

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9



Please pray for our departed loved ones Sr Carmel Wauchope sgs, Imelda Cross and Brian Doherty **recently deceased and also for** Filippo Gulisano, Alf Pearcy, Frances Barry, Irene Moss, Gary Fletcher, John Fletcher, Leo Maher, Percy, Marie, Keith and Phyllis Thatcher.



Please remember the sick in your prayers
 Maria Skubis, James Bates, Daphne Danen,
 Peter Gifford and Barbara Stefano.

DATE CLAIMERS 2019

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| Sunday 24 March | Social Justice meet at 9am |
| 25-31 March | Celebration of Penance sessions |
| Wednesday 27 March | BED meeting 7:30pm in Hall |
| Saturday 30 March | LENT EVENT "Soup and Bread" |
| 21 April | Easter Sunday |
| 9/10 May | Parent Workshop - Holy Communion |
| 22/23 June | Celebrations for First Holy Communion for children enrolled |
| 5/6 September | Parent Workshop - Confirmation |
| 29-31 October | Celebrations for Sacrament of Confirmation for children enrolled |

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY – The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm – continuing the parish’s commitment to the Archdiocese’s Safeguarding Policy, a new training plan has been introduced for 2019. Under the Archdiocese’s guidelines, volunteers engaging in ALL ministries are required to complete the training offered – Safeguarding Essentials (level 1 - this will take approximately 25 minutes) Following this, completion of Applied Safeguarding Training (level 2) is required for those volunteering in ministries involved with children and/or vulnerable adults. A session will be held at 7pm **Tuesday 7 May** in the parish hall and registration details will follow soon. We ask **ALL VOLUNTEERS** to complete this at your earliest convenience. Please go to www.safeguardingaob.com.au to view the presentation.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2019
Please mark these important dates in your diary for this year.

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)
Parent workshop sessions
 9 May 7:30pm OR 10 May 9:30am
Celebration of First Holy Communion 22/23 June

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)
Parent workshop sessions
 5 September 7:30pm OR 6 September 9:30am
Celebration of Confirmation 29-31 October



LENT EVENT - "Soup and Bread" - our Pot Luck suppers have been a great success in bringing people together over food and drink. We have a special Lenten variation on our parish convivium planned for 7pm Saturday 30 March in the parish hall. We will provide simple fare – just bread and soup. BYO drinks. We ask that you throw in \$5 a head to support the homeless. A great idea for Lenten almsgiving which also offers us the opportunity for an enjoyable get together. **PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW YOU ARE COMING!** RSVP by Tuesday 26th March.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP will meet this Sunday morning after the 8am Mass. Anyone who is interested in social justice issues is very welcome to come along to the Parish Board Room. Continuing their look at the 2018-2019 Social Justice Statement **A Place to Call Home**, the committee will provide some information and reflection over the coming months on homelessness and the housing crisis. Seek out information about Australia’s housing crisis from research bodies such as Queensland Government – www.qld.gov.au/housing or Department of Housing and Public works – Indigenous Housing programs <https://bit.ly/2wliATM>



RCIA journey for 2019 - Please continue to support our candidates Dannella and Ali in prayer during this special time in their journey of faith as they head towards Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7pm in the church. Please join us in the church as part of your Lenten discipline. All parishioners are very welcome.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT– celebrated each Friday in the church. Please join us to pray for families, our parish and world peace. Stop in for 10 minutes on the way to work or for the whole time. All welcome.

CARERS’ MEETING - morning tea and support is offered for those caring for someone with a physical or mental illness at 10am Tuesday 26 March in our parish hall. All welcome.

Please donate to **PROJECT COMPASSION 2019** and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

BRISBANE EAST DEANERY MEETING will be held in our Parish Hall at 7:30pm Wednesday 27 March. We encourage all our parishioners to come along and welcome parishioners and members from the other parishes within our Deanery.

VOCATION VIEW: Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely. Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your calling contact the Vocation Centre on 3324 3351.



A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us
 Two little boys were in Church for a wedding. One boy asked the other ‘How many wives can you have?’ The other boy answered, ‘Oh, sixteen! Four richer, four poorer, four better, four worse!’

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

FROM A SYDNEY NEWSPAPER – ‘I was visiting a coffee shop on Monday when I spotted an elderly lady purchasing a single yellow rose at a nearby florist,’ says David Noonan of Ourimbah. ‘She approached a gathering of five mothers with infants in open-faced headwear and very gently placed the rose on the table, smiled, bowed, and disappeared into the crowd.’

✠ CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK ✠

WEDNESDAY 17 April - Mass with Reconciliation 7pm
HOLY THURSDAY 18 April - Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7pm
GOOD FRIDAY 19 April - Stations of the Cross 10am
 The Lord’s Passion 3pm
HOLY SATURDAY 20 April - Easter Vigil 7pm
EASTER SUNDAY 21 April - Easter Mass 8am and 5:30pm

SOME NOTES

PALM SUNDAY Bring your own palm branch to be blessed
HOLY THURSDAY Bring Project Compassion gift for the poor
GOOD FRIDAY Stations of Cross are outdoors on the oval
 Parish retiring collection in support of Holy Land
EASTER VIGIL Bring a plate for supper in hall. EVERYONE INVITED

PARISH ROSTERS – Looking ahead

Readers, Communion Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers
 31 March - Team 5 - please arrange a substitute if not available

Children’s Liturgy Roster
 31 March – Brenda Hawke and Viv Thompson

Hospitality Roster
 7 April – Jasmine Tan and Monica Parra
 28 April – Susana Morisaki and Angela Stephens

Casserole Bank Roster
 24 March – Team 4 please contact Peter Bolton

+ Liturgy this Week 25 March – 31 March 2019

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| MONDAY | 7:00am | The Annunciation of the Lord | Mass at Lourdes Hill Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne |
| TUESDAY | - | | - |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:00pm | | Mass |
| THURSDAY | - | | - |
| FRIDAY | 8:00am 8:30am 7:00pm | | Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross |
| SATURDAY | 9:00am | | Mass |
| SUNDAY | 6:00pm (Saturday); 8:00am; 5:30pm | | Mass: Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Children's Liturgy during the 8am Sunday Mass</i> |
| | <i>Readings – Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</i> | | |

OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER

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| RECONCILIATION | Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm |
| ROSARY/ANGELUS | Saturday before the 9:00am Mass |
| MEDITATION | Tuesday at 4pm Lourdes Hill Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne |

ENTRANCE HYMN

GATHER US IN

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness, vanished away,
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

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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

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

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

BE MERCIFUL

*Be merciful, be merciful, just as God is merciful to you.
Answer evil with good, answer hatred with love.
Be merciful as God is merciful.*

As a tender father, God is merciful; as a loving mother,
God is merciful, slow to anger, and full of compassion.

Show compassion to the lost and forgotten;
give comfort to the sick and the dying.
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Share your riches with the hungry and homeless,
and advocate for those in prison.
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

And, as Jesus taught us, love your enemies,
do good to the ones who hate you.
Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD

REFRAIN

*Create a new heart, Holy Lord, beckon our lives through your word,
open our eyes to your call, united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt, may we go forth in your name,
we pray our hearts change.*

The heart of the cross,
lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope,
promising truth.

Restless,
the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream justice brings life,
justice redeems.



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