

# NEWSLETTER

## Third Sunday of Lent

While all four Gospels record the event of Jesus removing the money changers from the temple John, whom we will hear from this week, places it at the beginning of his Gospel. The money changers had a very practical role. The temple tax had to be paid by worshippers and the Roman coin, which bore the head of the emperor who claimed to be a God, was unacceptable as payment. The local coinage had to be provided and these merchants greatly overcharged the 'captive market' in the temple forecourts. The first three Gospels place this event at the end of the ministry of Jesus and it is used to justify the arrest of Jesus. By the time John's Gospel is written clear differences are emerging between Christian beliefs and those of our Jewish forbears. The death and resurrection of Jesus has made all the difference. When asked what sign he can offer to justify his behaviour in the temple Jesus says it will be his death and rising from the dead. In John's Gospel this is his central message and believing this is to truly be alive. There is no longer any need to offer animal sacrifice to God in the temple because Jesus is the new and everlasting Temple and to live with and in him is to offer all that is necessary to God.

Hopefully the days and weeks of Lent enable us to grow in our faith and especially our knowledge of Jesus and his love for us. How can we 'live in him' and be more aware of the love he has shown us? Am I grateful for the blessings received or do I take for granted who and what is truly a gift in my life? If a few tables are 'turned over' for me during these days, it may well be the grace of God very powerfully at work.

God bless you and your week,

Fr Kevin


We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



**Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially** Mick Shelton, Bernie Spoerlein, Meripa Toma Deir, Rony Romao Figueiredo and Sylvia Fane **recently deceased and also for** Rev Bryan Lee, Dulcie O'Connell, Dolores Reyes, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, John and Joan Momot, John Smith, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Kretschmer, McLachlan and Hanly families, Begley and Bourke families.



**Please remember the sick in your prayers** – Hazel Langthorne, Anita Xavier, Joy Ashworth, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Lance Tutanoa, Ray Moresi, Remy Rossi, Roy Hogan

 <b>Liturgy and Prayers this Week</b>		4 March – 10 March 2024
Monday	-	-
Tuesday	-	-
Wednesday	7:00pm	Mass
Thursday	-	-
Friday	8:00am 7:00pm	Mass + Adoration + Benediction Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
Readings – 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21		
Reconciliation	Saturday 9:30am and 5:00pm	
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass	
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.	

### **DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2024**

#### **Thursday 7 March**

**Playgroup** meet from 9am to 11am in the Parish Hall.

#### **Friday 8 March**

**Drop In Morning** 10am in the Parish Hall.

**Stations of the Cross** 7pm

#### **Sunday 10 March**

**REGIS** monthly prayer service 10:30am

#### **Thursday 21 March**

**Chrism Mass** at Cathedral 7pm

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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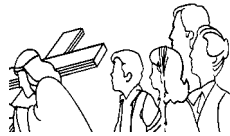
- **Collection Boxes at the church doors** - cash donations
- **Tap and Go device** – pre-set to \$10 donation at the door
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - please call the parish office or find the form on the website (Quick Links)
- **Direct deposit donation to our bank account** - BSB 064 786 A/C 100016732 (Ref: surname)

Another easy way to support the Parish is by using the Parish Giving App: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

**PROJECT COMPASSION** – This Lent, Caritas Australia will ask us to consider several stories of vulnerability and hope in action. Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law in Samoa. They had no access to clean water but with the help of Caritas a water tank was installed at their home. This has improved their health and living conditions. You can help improve lives for some of the most vulnerable communities on earth through your donations. **Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes and give generously this Lent.**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** continues to be celebrated in the church throughout Lent on Friday evenings at 7pm. Please consider joining as part of your Lenten discipline.



## PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2024

Please mark these important dates in your diary.

### **FIRST COMMUNION** (Year 4 children)

#### **Parent Workshop sessions**

24 April 7:30pm **OR** 26 April 9:30am

**Celebration of First Holy Communion 25-26 May**

### **CONFIRMATION** (Year 3 children)

#### **Parent Workshop sessions**

8 August 7pm **OR** 9 August 9:30am



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

An old lady offers the bus driver some peanuts, which he accepts. Every five minutes she gives him a handful more. The driver asks, 'Why don't you eat them yourself?' The old lady replies, 'I can't chew. Look I have no teeth'. 'Then why do you buy them?' the bus driver asks. Old lady, 'Oh, I just love the chocolates around them!'



## This week's goal: **ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS**

This week's goal refers to the need that the production and consumption of goods/food need to be without destruction of the environment. Consider purchasing fair-use as well as market second hand goods.

**PARISH BAKE STALL** - Craving something sweet? Join us after Mass at 6:30pm, Saturday or Sunday at 9am outside the Church for some homemade baked goods.



**FAMILY MASS** will be celebrated in the parish this Sunday 3 March at 8am followed by morning tea in the parish grounds. Everyone welcome.

**A RESURRECTED LIFE - Daily Reflections for Lent.** This pocket-sized resource will help guide readers through 5 to 10 minutes of daily contemplation inspired by a short text of Scripture from the day's Gospel reading, as well as reflections on how to put the Word into practice, and prayer. Copies are still available from the parish office at a cost of \$8 each.



Easter is the most important celebration in the Church's year as it commemorates the very foundations of our Christian faith. Please mark these dates in your calendar.

**Holy Thursday 28 March 7pm**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday 29 March 10am**  
**Stations of the Cross**

**Good Friday 29 March 3pm**  
**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

**Holy Saturday 30 March 7pm**  
**Easter Vigil Mass**

**Easter Sunday 31 March 8am and 5:30pm**  
**Easter Sunday Mass**

## IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



**A VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult, and wonder. Such is a vocation. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find out more or contact the vocation office on 1300 133 544 or [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com) Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

**TWO MINUTE HOMILY** by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily [here](#).

**QLD CHURCHES TOGETHER** – online ZOOM workshop series “**RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**”. Because Church communities are not immune from Domestic Family Violence. 6 March. 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Register via Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/COJMX> For further information please call 3369 6792.



**ST JAMES COLLEGE, BRISBANE** is a progressive multicultural Catholic co-educational college for students in Years 5–12 in the Edmund Rice tradition. **Enrol for YEAR 5 in 2025. INFORMATION Session 4 March.** Students from all backgrounds and abilities welcome. Bursaries and scholarships available. Enquiries - 3230 8600 or [MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au). [www.jta.link/SJC](http://www.jta.link/SJC).



# MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – *Exodus 20:1-17* *1 Corinthians 1:22–25* *John 2:13-25*

## GATHERING HYMN

### BLEST BE THE LORD

*Blest be the Lord; Blest be the Lord,  
The God of mercy, The God who saves.  
I shall not fear the dark of night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.*

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.  
He will protect me from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow of his wings  
I will rejoice to find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,  
Nor stand alone before the light of day.  
No harm shall come to me,  
No arrow strike me down, No evil settle in my soul.

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## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you,  
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault, through my most  
grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels  
and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This  
is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten  
Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God  
from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him, all things were made. For us and for our  
salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy  
Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the  
third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I  
look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of  
the world to come. Amen

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## SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

## 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, 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

### O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

O God, you search me and you know me.  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down you are before me;  
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar,  
And with love everlasting you besiege me;  
In every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
You have known its meaning through and through.  
You are with me beyond my understanding;  
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,  
Still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you;  
Even darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,  
Gave me life within my mother's womb.  
For the wonders of who I am I praise you;  
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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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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