

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Mass Readings**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**First Reading Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O

Jerusalem. **R.**

**Second Reading Romans 8:31-34**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**Gospel Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**The gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to Lord Jesus Christ**

**Communion Antiphon**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



Children's Liturgy  
- Sun 18th February 2024

Congratulations to **Philips and Noelle Payet** as they celebrate **72th Wedding Anniversary** on Sunday 24th February 2024. God bless you'll

AGM Meeting on 25th February 2024 at 10:45am in the Parish Hall.

All are invited. - Fr. Joseph

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is at Adventist Church at 10:30am on 1st March, Friday.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B – 25 FEBRUARY 2024**



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**PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES**

Sat 24th	6:00pm	<b>Vigil Holy Mass - Soul of Filomena Lourenco</b>
Sun 25th	8:00am 9:30am	<b>Holy Mass - For the Parishioners</b> <b>Holy Mass—Soul of Lavinia Elliott, Rose and Louise Giovinazzo, Nonna Gina.</b> <b>72th Wedding Anniversary of Philip &amp; Noelle Payet . Interment Ceremony for Teodoro D. Gomez</b>
	6:00pm	<b>Holy Mass - For the Parishioners</b>
Mon 26th	6:00 pm 6:30pm	Rosary Communion Service /Holy Mass
Tue 27th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary Holy Mass
Wed 28th	6:00pm 6:30pm	Rosary <b>Holy Mass</b>
Thu 29th	10:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	<b>Holy Mass - Donovan Nursing Home</b> Rosary Holy Mass
Fri 1st	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass - <b>Anointing Mass</b> Adoration <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat 2nd	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Confession



**MATTHEW GIBNEY CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The students in years 3, 4 & 6 who are preparing to receive a Sacrament this year receive lots of guidance and support from the teachers and their families and ask the parishioners for their support with their prayers. Matthew Gibney staff congratulate the students who received the first-class Merit Awards and the Making Jesus Real Awards for Term One. The students have made an excellent start to the year and are working diligently, with positivity and enthusiasm. The hot weather has made it a challenging start to the term. However, our students and staff have been resilient and have made the necessary adjustment for the weather. It seems the hot week may be with us for a while longer. The P&F generously provided all students with an icy pole treat at the end of the day on Monday. Last week the students Matthew Gibney participated in a Waterwise Incursion to learn about the water cycle and water conservation.

For further information contact Matthew Gibney Primary School, 30 Munday Rd, High Wycombe on 62168400 or by email [admin@gibney.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@gibney.wa.edu.au).



**FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF MARCH SAINTS**

- MARCH 18** St. Patrick
- MARCH 19** St. Joseph
- MARCH 24** PALM SUNDAY
- MARCH 28** LORD'S SUPPER
- MARCH 29** PASSION OF THE LORD
- MARCH 31** RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**02 Mar - 04 Mar WEEKEND MARIAN LENTEN RETREAT**

Join like-minded people on a Lenten Journey following Christ and listening to the Holy Spirit like Mary. The program will include talks, fellowship, prayer, and silence. This Schoenstatt spirituality retreat will begin on **Saturday 2 March, 9am and finish on Monday 4 March 2pm, Vincentian Retreat Centre, 625 Nettleton Rd, Karrakup.** Cost: \$120 per participant. **RSVP by Friday 23 February.**  
**Further info:** please contact Sr M Luka, [srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au) or 0439 537 843; or Philomena, [pd@theseira.family](mailto:pd@theseira.family) or 0417 936 757.

**Lent Prayer Vigil 2024**

Right to Life Association of WA  
**Venue:** Parliament House  
 Annual Prayer Vigil- Monday to Saturday 7am to 5pm. Choose any two-hour slot.  
 Volunteer your time for a good cause.  
 Office: 9221 7117 or Steve 0417184 789

**For the Sick:** Lynette Arnold, Chris Muller, Phillippe and Noelle Payet, Clare Arnold, Bernadette Lach, Joan Andree, Doreen Webber, Theresa Hendroff, Rachel Kaciuba, Rudi Sirr, Justin Clohessy, Mary Aung-Sein, Florlito Tenido.

**Contact Joela Sequeira, Parish Secretary for names to be added or continued to the Sick List, otherwise the names will be deleted after every two weeks. Thank you. Fr. Joseph**

**In Memoriam:** Sydney Footman, William Marshall, Gerald Butler, Danny David Drommer, Una Conway, Blossom Mary Fernandes, Joe Rebeiro, Arthur Bell, James Michael Finnegan, Mary Cecelia Samuel, Alberto De Souza, Terence Neale, Alan Cullen, Francy De Gry, Elizabeth Margaret McLaren, Emma Elizabeth, Pemberton, James Owens, Lavenia Elliott, Sr. Nance (Ultan) Kealy RSM, Peter Rodoreda, Nonna Gina, Filomena Lourenco, Lavinia Elliott, Rose & Louie Giovinazzo, Teodoro D. Gomez.

**NEW PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT | TARGET \$300,000.00**

**JANUARY '24 - \$16,502.00 | AMOUNT RAISED - \$187,213.98**  
 A big thank you to the families who have already donated. Would other families kindly consider our request and help us reach our target. There are brochures and a clearly marked Parish Fundraising Box in the Church foyer. EFTPOS terminal available for debit and credit card transactions with a printed customer receipt in the Sacristy after the weekend masses

**EFT Bank Details:**

National Australia Bank Limited  
 BSB No. 086-006  
 Account No. 90517-9623  
 Cheques Made Payable to:  
 St. Francis of Assisi Parish Fundraising

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!  
**Fr. Joseph (Parish Priest) and Joe Kaciuba (PPC)**

**Retreat Schedule-2024**

*"Come and See." (John 1:39)*

Retreats and Days of Recollection & Service at the Little Sisters of the Poor, Glendalough

These Retreats are open to Single, Catholic women, ages 18-35.

They provide an opportunity for silence, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and personal prayer.

Days of Recollection and Service

- February 11 (Sunday)
- May 18 (Saturday)
- July 28 (Sunday)
- August 31 (Saturday)
- September 14 (Saturday)

For more information about Days of Recollection and events hosted at our Home, please visit our website: [www.littlesistersofthepoor.org.au](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org.au)

To register or for more information, please contact Sr. Mary Lourdes on 0404 610 773 or email [srmarylourdes11@gmail.com](mailto:srmarylourdes11@gmail.com)

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Lenten Retreat

February 17  
 March 2 & 16

Easter Triduum

March 28-31

Discernment Retreat

April 19-21  
 August 9-11

Lectio Divina

October 18-20

Advent Retreat

November 22-24



**Second Sunday of Lent  
 24 & 25 February**



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines. Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family. "I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you." Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

24th/25th Feb	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
<b>Commentator</b>	Adrian D	Jennifer D	Adrian D	Youth Mass
<b>1st Reader</b>	Emmy S	Amanda A	Neha K	
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Jessie C	Kevin F	Marguerite W	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brian M	Clem	Edwin	David T
2nd/3rd March	6:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	6:00 PM
<b>Commentator</b>	George F	Joe K	Adrian D	Benjo C
<b>1st Reader</b>	Jan F	Sue D	Helga S	Paolo J
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Abigail R	Kevin F	Philomena T	Sarah M
<b>Acolyte</b>	Michael	Clem	Adrian	David T

	24th/25th Feb	2nd/3rd March
<b>Counters</b>	Maureen Ranford, Helga Sassenburg	Philomena Theseira, Brian Menezes
<b>Church Cleaner</b>	Christie & Greg Daly, Josie Day	Gina Nickles, Michelle O'Boyle
<b>Reading for</b>	Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Roman 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10	Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25



**Parish Centre Construction Update**  
 The Parish centre build is going very well, the trades are working inside the centre to render and plaster the walls and install the ceilings  
 Parishioners need to be careful when entering and exiting the carpark and to abide by any signs. Parents should ensure children are supervised around the works and when visiting the toilets. Be aware that there are some stormwater pipes that maybecome a trip hazard near the old Parish Hall. **Thank you., PPC**