

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R** For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither. **R**
O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R**

A GREAT DAY TO CELEBRATE..... COMING UP

The 50 Years of Golden Jubilee for our Church of St Francis of Assisi is due on 30th March, 2024. A Thanksgiving Mass to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our Church which was blessed on 30th March 1974, will be held on Sunday 7th April, 2024 with a combined Mass at 10.00am followed by a Brunch. Emeritus Archbishop BJ Hickey will celebrate with us praying the Mass. All parishioners are to note this date and join the happy celebration. You may remember, a few years ago we celebrated the 60th Anniversary of our Parish and now 50th Anniversary of our Church. Perhaps, the New Parish Centre will stand as a memorial of the Golden Jubilee of the Church, all due to the generosity of our parishioners past and present.

Thanks be to God. Fr Joseph
30-03-1074 - 30-03-2024 Thanksgiving Mass on 07-04-2024 Divine Mercy Day.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B – 10 MARCH 2024



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PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES

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| Sat 9th | 6:00pm | Vigil Holy Mass - Commitment Mass. Soul of Norman Stephen. |
| Sun10th | 8:00am | Holy Mass - Soul of Anna Marie Holmes. Commitment Mass |
| | 9:30am | Holy Mass - Souls of Nonna Gina, Milton Moreira, Mecia & Francisco Barreto. Commitment Mass |
| Mon12th | 6:00pm | Holy Mass - For the Parishioners- Commitment Mass |
| | 6:30pm | Rosary Holy Mass / Communion Service |
| Tue 13th | 6:00 pm | Rosary |
| | 6:30 pm | Holy Mass |
| Wed14th | 6:00pm | Rosary |
| | 6:30pm | Holy Mass |
| Thu 15th | 10:45am | Holy Mass - Donovan Nursing Home |
| | 6:00pm | Rosary |
| | 6:30pm | Holy Mass |
| Fri 16th | 9:00am | Holy Rosary |
| | 9:30am | Holy Mass |
| | 6:00pm | Adoration |
| | 7:00pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Sat 17th | 9:00am | Holy Rosary |
| | 9:30am | Holy Mass - Souls of Filomena & Antonio Simao |
| | 10:00am | Confession |

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PARISH CHAIRPERSON - JENNIFER DASS

Many thanks to all for taking the time to read my (not so) brief message. I am humbled by the nomination to the role of Chairperson of our St. Francis of Assisi Maida Vale Catholic Parish. It will be big shoes to fill, and is an honour and privilege to serve you wonderful parishioners. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to Joe Kaciuba, previous Chairperson for 6 years and the past Parish Pastoral Council for all their amazing work for the Parish.

A little about me. Born in Mumbai, India, I moved to Dubai with my parents when I was a toddler and lived 27 wonderful years in Dubai. My husband Suraj and I migrated to Perth 13 years ago, and are blessed with two sweet and cheeky kids Karina,9 and Jayden,7, who are our world, like kids are for any parent. They entertain and challenge us at the same time! I'm blessed with a very loving family and supportive husband, doting parents and my younger sister, brother-in-law and godchild.

I live my professional and social life underpinned by values of Respect, Honesty, Humility, Courage, Initiative and Teamwork.

I am a solution's focused professional, with 18 plus years of combined experience in the WA public sector (11 years) and previously in the private sector (7 years) working internationally. Currently in a full-time public sector management role, I also run a small event planning and styling business over the weekends, when I can, and love trying out new recipes, volunteering, travelling and watching Netflix! ■

I have been with our Parish for 11+ years. My earliest involvement with our Parish was as part of the social committee organising Feast day celebrations, Christmas and other social events. I currently read and commentate at the 8am mass on Sundays and as required over Christmas, Easter and other occasional masses. I've enjoyed organising recent fund raising events with an amazing and committed team of volunteers. All events were successful thanks to the awesome generosity of all of our parishioners.

The friendships I have developed over my 11+ years in the Parish with fellow parishioners, whether through parish activities and/or by just getting to know the people I attend mass with, has been very enriching and a great source of support (coupled with fun times and good humour).

As a Parish member, I have gained a better understanding of how our Parish operates, and recognise the important role everyone plays in ensuring our Parish is an inclusive, welcoming, and dynamic environment for all current and new parishioners. As the newly appointed Parish Council Chair I am excited to build on and find opportunities to further enhance the profile and excellent work of our Parish!

As I settle into my new role, I encourage you to connect with me if you have any thoughts, ideas/suggestions, and/or questions about our parish and/or the "happenings" within it. You can reach me on Jennifer.dass@gmail.com or on my mobile at 0433 283 318.

Until next time! God's blessings for us all.



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



LEGION OF MARY

Invites _____
 To the
ACIES CEREMONY: 2024
 at
St. Columba's Church
 20 Almondbury ST, Bayswater
 On Sunday 24th March @ 2:00pm

RSVP:

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 may become a trip hazard near the old Parish Hall. Thank you., PPC

NEW PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT | TARGET \$300,000.00

FEBRUARY '24 - \$13,669.45 | AMOUNT RAISED - \$200,883.45
 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 Jennifer (PPC)



LENTEN SUNDAYS - March 3rd, 10th, 17th, March 24th - Palm Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday

Holy Week

March 25th, Monday - Mass 9.30am

March 26th, Tuesday Mass - 9.30am

March 27th Wednesday Mass - 9.30am

Priests will be available for Confessions Tuesday & Wednesday evenings 6pm to 7.30pm

March 28th, Maundy Thursday - 7.00 pm Service

March 29th, Good Friday - Live Stations 10am Good Friday Passion Service - 3:00 pm

March 30th, Holy Saturday - 7.00pm Easter Vigil Service

March 31st, Easter Sunday Masses - 8am, 9.30 am, 6 pm

HAPPY EASTER

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: Elsie Veronica Harkey (St Camillus), Josephine La Fontaine, Carmelo Messina, George Butler, Arthur Gilligan, Helen Waghorn, James Vinneir, Anne Kelly, Stephen D'Costa, Marissa Berendina, Antonio Giovinazzo, Daniel Patrick O'Dea, Mary Cunningham, Henry Soucek, Anna Marie Holmes, Albert Ford, Frances Soucek, Anna Marie Holmes, Nonna Gina, Milton Moreira, Mecia & Francisco Barreto, Filomena & Antonio Simao, Norman Stephen.

| Parish Centre Diary | | |
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| Sun 10th | 9:30 am | Children Liturgy |
| Tue 12th | 4:00pm 5:45 pm | PREP Legion of Mary |
| Wed 13th | 4:00pm | Ukulele group |
| Thu 14th | 9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00pm | Craft Group Legion of Mary RCIA Bible Study |
| Fri 15th | 10:00am | Morning Tea |

I invite you to attend the **Chrism Mass** which I will concelebrate with the Priests of the Archdiocese of Perth at St Mary's Cathedral on

Tuesday 26 March at 7.00pm

Timothy Costelloe SDB
Most Reverend T Costelloe SDB, Archbishop



Fourth Sunday of Lent 9th/10th March



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees. Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry. 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 or by calling 1800 024 413.

| 9th/10th March | 6:00 PM | 8:00AM | 9:30 AM | 6:00 PM |
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| Commentator | Graham B | Jennifer D | Matt W | Philip M |
| 1st Reader | Imelda B | Amanda A | Neha K | Margaret O |
| 2nd Reader | Armelle P | Frances A | Renato B | Lauren M |
| Acolyte | Lester R | Michael | Brian M | Vince P |
| 16th/17th March | 6:00PM | 8:00AM | 9:30AM | 6:00 PM |
| Commentator | Ashley A | Joe K | Helga S | Benjo C |
| 1st Reader | Wyonna P | Gale M | Tibor A | Margaret O |
| 2nd Reader | Joash J | Kevin F | Marguerite W | Lauren M |
| Acolyte | David T | Clem | Vince P | Adrian |

| | 9th/10th March | 16th/17th March |
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| Counters | Ingrid Dekker, Bill Pocock, Betty Flynn, Christine Peters | Brian Menezes, Evelyn Ramos |
| Church Cleaner | Liz D'Leno, Doris Rodrigues, Wendy Pinto | Sue Dodgson, Amber David |
| Reading for | 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4 -10; John 3:14-21 | Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33 |