

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless, From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord whospeaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.** A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.** Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R.**

Second Reading **Hebrews 5:7-9**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the

source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel **John 12:20-33**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B – 17 MARCH 2024



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PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES

Sat 16th	6:00pm	Vigil Holy Mass - For the Parishioners
Sun 17th	8:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Mass - Thanksgiving from Geraldine & Mervin Bergeon Holy Mass - Souls of Nonna Gina Holy Mass - For the Parishioners
Mon 18th	6:00pm 6:30pm	Rosary Holy Mass - St Patrick Feast
Tue 19th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary Holy Mass— St Joseph Feast
Wed 20th	11:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Mass - Karingal Aged Care, High Wycombe Rosary Holy Mass
Thu 21st	10:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Mass - Donovan Nursing Home Rosary Holy Mass
Fri 22nd	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Adoration Stations of the Cross
Sat 23rd	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Confession

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.

St Brigid's College Scholarship

Applications are invited from students entering Years 7 and 10 in 2025 to sit the St Brigid's College Scholarship Examinations. For further information and to download an Application Package, please visit the College's website: <https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/scholarships/>

Applications close at 4.00p.m. on Thursday, 28th March 2024. The Examination date is Monday, 15th April 2024. Please return the completed Application Form to the Principal's Assistant via email to Guerinoni.pauline@stbrigids.wa.edu.au.

FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF MARCH SAINTS

- MARCH 24 PALM SUNDAY
- MARCH 28 LORD'S SUPPER
- MARCH 29 PASSION OF THE LORD
- MARCH 30 HOLY SATURDAY
- 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 new parish centre ceilings have been completed and the contractors will shortly start on the exterior rendering of the building and after that the windows and external doors will be installed and we will then be at lock-up stage. 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

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, Shanelle Murray.

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: Peter James Hegney, Michael Giovinnazzo, Charlotte Findlay, John Campbell, Feliciano Noronha, Thomas Doyle, Giuseppe Mancuso, Anne Yoke Lau Chai, Norman Llewellyn Walters, Doris Cowell, Maureen Berkers, Gerrard Murphy, Kathleen Conway, Eva Kelly, John Edward Magee, James Owens, Nonna Gina.

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 Monday & 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

Parish Centre Diary		
Sun 17th	9:30 am	Children Liturgy
Tue 19th	4:00pm 5:45 pm	PREP Legion of Mary
Wed 20th	4:00pm	Ukulele group
Thu 21st	9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00pm	Craft Group Legion of Mary RCIA Bible Study
Fri 22nd	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



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
 16th/17th March**



Partnership in action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse. Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities. Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection. 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.

17th/18th March	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	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
24th/25th March	6:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	Graham B	Amanda A	Matt W	Benjo C
1st Reader	Armelle P	Gale M	Tibor A	Sarah M
2nd Reader	Dinu T	Dianne C	Renato B	Paolo J
Acolyte	Adrian	Josef D	Brian M	Lester R
	16th/17th March		24th/25th March	
Counters	Brian Menezes, Evelyn Ramos		Cora Zefera, Denise Burnaby, Pier Walker	
Church Cleaner	Sue Dodgson, Amber David		Pastor Family	
Reading for	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33		Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47	