

16th March, 2025, 2nd Sunday of Lent / C

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St Therese Barellan

In our Prayers: Pope Francis, Barry Carroll, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

For our Deceased: John Staniforth, Vera Davies, John Mason, Kevin O'Dwyer,
Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence,
accidents & natural disasters.

March 22-23

Ariaiah Park 6.00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass

Barmedman 8.00 a.m. Temora 10.00 a.m. Sunday

Liturgy

Ardlethan 9.00 a.m. Barellan 10.00 a.m.

Reflection - *Strengthening our Faith.* In today's Gospel Jesus takes three of his disciples aside and reveals Himself to them in his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Sunday Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the Cross.

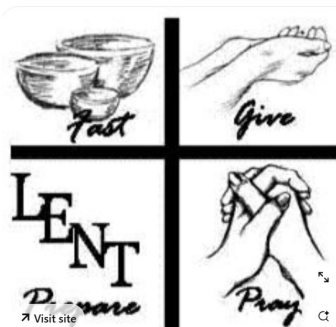
St Patrick and St Joseph— This week we remember and give thanks for Sts Patrick and Joseph. One of the most memorable prayers associated with St Patrick is the one known as St Patrick's Breastplate. It's a beautiful prayer to walk with, particularly during Lent:

*Christ, be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ where I lie,
Christ where I sit,
Christ where I arise, Christ in the heart of every person who
thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every person who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that
hears me.*



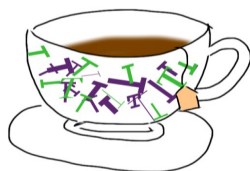
What is the meaning of lent? Why do we set aside forty days each year to voluntarily give up some legitimate enjoyments so as to prepare for Easter?...

There is yet another rich image in anthropology that can help us understand Lent, the image of our own tears as re-connecting us to the flow of life. The image is simple: Our tears are salt water, as is the ocean which is ultimately the origin of all life on this planet. What our tears do is put us back into touch with the physical origins of all life on this planet, salt water. The idea then is that, occasionally, it is good to forsake the joys of life for the salt of tears because only tears can deepen us and help us connect to our origins and grounding.



Farewell morning tea after mass today for Andrina and Alan

Please join us in farewelling a friend and a wonderful parishioner. May God bless her and Alan as they begin the next chapter in their lives.



Dates:

Palm Sunday	13th April
Good Friday	18th April
Easter Sunday	20th April



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Second Sunday of Lent
15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) is a 13-year-old primary school student from Samoa. Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result. Toefuata'iga's school community struggled without reliable access to clean water, which impacted students' education and hygiene. Teachers often had to leave the school to fetch water from nearby homes, disrupting lessons and adding strain to the community. When the water ran out at the school, students were sent home which meant they missed out on valuable learning time. Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia in partnership with Caritas Samoa, Toefuata'iga's school now has a 10,000 L water tank through a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

"Now that we have the water tank, things are so much better, we can stay at school all day, and I get to spend more time learning and playing with my friends. I'm happy that we don't have to go home early anymore." – said Toefuata'iga.

This transformative story is just one example of how Caritas Australia's Project Compassion creates waves of change around the world. Will you stand with students like Toefuata'iga this Lent?



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