



St. Joseph's Parish, Grenfell

3rd Sunday of Lent - 24 March 2019

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: 9.00am
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 4th Sunday during School term
WEDNESDAY: Mass at 10.00am
Note: A Funeral Mass takes priority over Wednesday mass
RECONCILIATION: 8.45am till 9.00am every Sunday
BAPTISMS: Telephone or email office in Young
WEDDINGS: At least 6 months' notice - Telephone or email office in Young
WEEKEND MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY'S, YOUNG
SAT/SUN: 6.00pm (SAT) & 9.00am (SUN)

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK: SUN. 24 MAR 2019

ACOLYTE: Nev Stokes or John King
MUSIC: Di Franks
READERS: Terry Carroll and Di Franks
SPECIAL MINISTERS: Chris Lynch and Sr Mary Corkeron
COUNTERS: Terry Carroll and Peter Butcher
(CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND MORNING TEA)

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: SUN. 31 MAR 2019

ACOLYTE: Nev Stokes or John King
MUSIC: Liz Carroll
READERS: Glenys O'Connor & Jennifer Bell
SPECIAL MINISTERS: Mary Moffitt and Chris Lynch
COUNTERS: Peter Butcher and Jennifer Bell
CLEANING: Debbie Williamson, Sharon Eppelstun, Phillipa Baker

LENT

Do You Want to FAST this Lent? - Pope Francis

Fast from *hurting words* and say *kind words*.

Fast from *sadness* and be filled with *gratitude*.

Fast from *anger* and be filled with *patience*.

Fast from *pessimism* and be filled with *hope*.

Fast from *worries* and *trust in God*.

Fast from *complaints* and contemplate *simplicity*.

Fast from *pressures* and be *prayerful*.

Fast from *bitterness* and fill my heart with *joy*.

Fast from *selfishness* and be *compassionate* to others.

Fast from *grudges* and be *reconciled*.

Fast from words and be *silent* so I can *listen*.

The culmination of the Lenten season is Holy Week and the Mother of all Liturgies and our Christian identity, the *Triduum*. In Latin the *Triduum* means "three days". And while there seems to be three separate liturgies over these days, the Church actually speaks of *one continuous liturgy*. On *Holy Thursday*, in the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood there is no final blessing nor dismissal. Rather, we are invited to keep vigil at the side of Our Lord. On *Good Friday*, a peculiar loneliness seems to consume our day. There is no "opening" nor is there a "conclusion" to the Friday liturgy. On *Holy Saturday* again we wait, yearning for the presence of the One who for so long we took for granted. And then, at the Easter Vigil... our hearts rejoice as the sanctuary is once more flooded with light! He has done just as He promised He would. These days speak of the *Promise* that God has given *you* in Jesus. The promise to cast darkness from our lives, despair from our hearts and finally to destroy the last enemy, death itself. We are called therefore to participate in all three parts of this one liturgy. This one extended liturgy defines us as Catholics and Christians. Experience these days in the *Triduum* in a way that you never have before. Allow yourself to journey through these days like His disciples, and to feel the agony of His passion; the mystery, confusion and silence of His absence' and finally on that Night of Nights, the Promise and Joy of His Rising from the dead!

5TH SUNDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

On Sunday, 31st March at 2-00pm, St Joseph's will be hosting the 5th Sunday Ecumenical Service in the church. We invite all parishioners to attend and participate. After the service, there will be an offering taken up which will be donated to both the Association of Churches and a charity of our choice. We will then provide afternoon tea to all those attending. Depending on the weather, it will either be held outside the church or in the work sacristy, which will need a clean. As there will probably be a reasonable number of attendees from the other churches, we ask parishioners to offer to help with the running of the service and with providing afternoon tea. If you can assist, please contact either Mary Moffitt on 6343-1575 or 0419 440-692 or Di Franks on 6343-2230 or 0418 619-740.

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY

Grenfell PPC has purchased a set of DVD's entitled "The Bible and the Virgin Mary". It is part of the "Journey through Scripture". The program is designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of scripture while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. To be held in St Joseph's Primary School library in Grenfell on Wednesdays from 10am - 12 'clock. Evening sessions (if needed) will be on Wednesdays from 6-00pm - 8-00pm. The initial session will be two hours, but the following sessions will be only one hour. If you are interested in attending, please contact either Mary Moffitt on (0419) 440-692 or Di Franks on (0418) 619-740.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Give Lent 100%". This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. As Pope Francis said, "The future does have a name... and its name is hope." Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%. Please give generously.

PRAYER REQUEST

Prayers are requested for Kathy Collier, daughter of Gladys Harvey, who is seriously ill.

VISIT FROM SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Anyone who would like to receive holy communion at home or in the MPHS should contact Mary Moffitt (6343-1575 or 0419 440-692) so that she can notify the Special Ministers of the Eucharist to visit them on Sunday.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Myrl Reeves

PRAY FOR OUR TOWN SERVICE

The Family Church will be holding a Pray For Our Town service on Sunday, 24th March at 2-00pm. All churches are encouraged to attend and participate in the service by preparing prayers for special intentions. St Joseph's have been asked to say a prayer for "hospitals, doctors and nurses" and "families". Anyone who will be attending and would like to say these prayers, please notify Mary Moffitt on (02) 6343-1575 or (0419) 440-692 so she can inform the Family Church who will be presenting the prayers on our behalf for their flyer.

MEMORIAL BOOK

To have names placed in the book, please fill in the names of the deceased members of our parish and our relatives in the folder at the church rear. Please fill in the sheet by PRINTING their name and date of death. These will be placed in a memorial book which can be added to each year.

GRENFELL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS (18th March 2019 - 31st March 2019)

Please contact Tania Biddle on (0422) 855-090 or Margaret Baker on (0427) 438-267 if you or your family require assistance with funeral preparation arrangements.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STREET STALL

Thank you to parishioners who supported the street stall last weekend with cooking, jams, books etc. donations big and small and working on the stall over two days. Congratulations to Peter Butcher, winner of the \$100 voucher to be spent in the store of his choice in Grenfell. Through the efforts of parishioners and the outstanding support of the community, \$1,368-25 was raised. What a great effort!

WEBSITE

Please feel free to check out our information and Bulletins on the website. Just go to: cg.org.au/grenfell, and download view for the latest Bulletins.

MPHS BIRTHDAY PARTY

It is St Joseph's Parish's turn to provide morning tea for those residents of the Multi-Purpose Health Service (MPHS) who are celebrating their birthdays in March. This will be held on Thursday, 28th March at 10-10am. We usually provide the birthday cake and other small items such as slice. The residents enjoy having a chat over a cuppa for about an hour. If you are able to assist, please contact Mary Moffitt on 6343-1575 or 0419 440-692.

COUNTING ROSTER

Please note that the counting of the collections at St Joseph's Parish takes place after mass each week again.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

To be held on Saturday, 30th March at St John's Parish Hall, Young (8-00am for 8-15am start).

GUEST SPEAKER: Gary Worboys APM (Police Deputy Commissioner)

COST: \$15-00 per person

RSVP: Monday, 25th March to St John's Parish Office on 6382-1811 or email: stjyoung@bigpond.com

PLEASE EMAIL ANY MESSAGES FOR THE BULLETIN TO ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, AS THIS IS THE CLOSE OFF TIME FOR ALL ENTRIES. THANKS.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Joshua 5: 9-12, 2 Cor 5: 17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

