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Mass Times

Tues 2 April: 5.30pm Mass

Wed 3: 8: 40 am Rosary
9am Mass

Thurs 4: 9am Mass

Fri 5 9am Stations of the cross
9:15 Mass

5.30pm Adoration/Vespers

Sat 6: 9am Mass (First Saturday)

5pm Reconciliation

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7: 9am Mass

5pm Mass

Sacristans

6pm: Tony Craddy & Brian Carmody

9am: Anne Scicluna & Ray Bemelman

5pm: Des & Barbara Macormack

ROSTERS 6/7 April

Church Cleaning:

M deSmet & J Maher (8-12 April)

Welcomers

6pm K Conway

9am C Connell

5pm Volunteer

Readers

6pm M Bridges, Susan Smith

9am M Lowe & A Brown

5pm K O'Sullivan, Volunteer

Commentator

6pm M Weatherall

9am C Lowe

5pm J O'Sullivan

Extraordinary Ministers

6pm J Wain, C. Burrows, A Rogers, B

Wilson

9am G Norris, M Trojkovic,

L Stevens, A Skinner

5pm D Gorzalka, B McCormack

Computer Screen 6pm D Coffey

9am T Jackson

Morning Tea: Cashman/Toyer family

Children's Liturgy: Tara Cashman

LAETARE SUNDAY (Rejoice)

Lent is a season of Forty Days. This Sunday marks the midpoint between the start of the season and the end. Traditionally, it is called *Laetare Sunday* (Rejoice Sunday). It is a sign of what liturgical authors call "anticipatory joy"—a reminder that we are moving swiftly towards the end of our Lenten fast, and the joy of Easter is already on the horizon.

This is reflective in the popular Lukan story of the Prodigal Son, whose return brought a lot of joy and rejoicing to his family after making an unloving choice by robbing his dad of valuables. This is the joy that comes with repentance and reconciliation with God, self and others. Perhaps, the story of Gandhi Junior might be helpful.

In his memoirs, Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Indian nation, humbly and frankly acknowledges that, when he was fifteen, he stole a little piece of gold from his brother. A few days later, he felt very guilty and decided to come clean by confessing to his father. So, he took a paper, wrote down his fault, sincerely asked his father for forgiveness and promised never to repeat the offence. Taking that note to the bedroom of his father, the young Gandhi found him ill in bed. Very timidly he handed the note to his father without saying a word. His father sat up in bed and began reading the note. As he read it, the senior Gandhi was so deeply moved by the honesty, sincerity and courage of his son that tears began to stream from his eyes. This so touched the son that he burst into tears as well. Instinctively both father and son wrapped their arms around each other and wordlessly shared their mutual admiration and joy. This notable experience made such an impact on Gandhi that years later he would say, "Only the person who has experienced this kind of forgiving love can know what it is."

This is precisely what happened when the repentant prodigal son returned home. Such is God's merciful forgiveness and benevolent love for all who resolutely turn over a new leaf, especially during this Lenten season. During this weekend, we are therefore, invited to recall God's graciousness and to rejoice because of it.

In many ways we have been dead, but through God's grace we have come to life again; we have been lost but have now been found. We have every reason to rejoice in anticipation of the joy of Easter.

-Rev. Martins

2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday 3rd April at 6pm in the Church - all are welcome to come along. Bring your Lenten nails and stones.

Weekly/Monthly Activities & Up Coming Events

Weekly Events:

Singalong: Every Monday at 1pm in the Church.

RCIA Process/Faith Formation: Every Wed 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room

Rosary: Every Wednesday at 8:40am in the Church.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 9am in the church.

Adoration/Vespers: Every Friday at 5:30pm in Church

Craft: Every Thursday 10 -12pm in the Parish Meeting room.

Wrap with Love: 2nd Tuesday & last Wednesday of the month in Church

Men Alive: Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8am in Church

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5pm in Church

Monthly Events:

First Saturday: 9am Mass

Opal Mass: Every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 10:30am

Glen Mass: Every 3rd Thursday of the Month at 10:30am

Maranatha Mass: Every 4th Wed of the Month at 2pm

Baptism Preparation: Every last Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm, Church

Mass of the Sick: Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 5.30pm

Weddings and Funerals by arrangement

Up Coming Events -April

Wednesday 3rd: Lenten Reconciliation 6pm Church

Saturday 13th: 11.00am Croatian Mass

Monday 15th: Chrism Mass, Blessing of Oils 5pm Cathedral

Monday 22nd: 11.00am Croatian Mass

ARCHDIOCESAN/PARISH NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome Our New Parish Youth Minister

She is Juliette Pierre from Bundoora in Melbourne, Victoria from a catholic family and background. An engaging member of the Immaculata Youth Group Bundoora Parish, Melbourne. Juliette enjoys travelling, seeking opportunities, developing and sharing her knowledge. In her free time, she writes, explore new areas while playing soccer, volunteering, attending Catholic events and planning Youth Group sessions in the parish. Growing up in a musical household and in a Church Choir allows music to be a part of her everyday life. She value Faith and Catechism and intend to journey with the Youth to fulfillment of their gifts, talents and experience of God in their lives. As part of the New Evangelization she will work towards generating new fun and creative ideas to share the Word of God and assist the Youth in ways to develop a deeper connection with God. Juliette is excited about her role and looks forward to meeting with all the young people around the parish and in Carroll College and to make the faith journey with them.

Fr. Henry Byrne will be turning 90 next week and there is a card from the parish in the foyer for anyone who may like to sign it this weekend.

Parish Lenten Program 2019: Every Wednesday throughout Lent Morning session : 9.30am Evening session : 7.00pm. This will be held in the church meeting room. EVERYONE WELCOME ! **For more information please, contact: Bernie 0428227384 & Joe 44717383**

Carmelite Retreats for Easter: Praying with St John of the Cross

April 6: 10:00 am – 4:00pm; \$30 **Finding life and joy in today's world: A retreat using worship from Taize** April 12 – April 14 Cost: \$300 (concessions apply) **Holy week and Easter** April 17 – April 21 Cost: \$500 (concessions apply) For all details contact : 02 8795 3400; retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Friends of Maranatha AUCTION NIGHT Thursday 4th April - 7.00pm CWA Hall, Edward Road, Batehaven. Admission \$5, tickets at Maranatha Lodge office or from committee members. Refreshments are provided. Lucky door prize. Bring along an item to Auction, make up a table of 8 and join in the fun BYOG.

Fundraiser for Our Lady Queen on Peace school for children Vietnam - Bay Players production Dags an Australian Contemporary play by Debra Oswald 5th April tickets \$25 supper provided a tickets Carol Schor 44724837 Anne Scicluna 44711616

Disabled or unwell: If you are unable to process to receive communion, if you can be seated in the front centre pews a minister will come to you during communion – wheel chairs are welcome at the front of the church. Please ask the sacristan or welcomers if you need assistance.

Quote of the week: "An inspired form of giving. Love breathes life into the heart and brings grace to the soul"

-Mother Teresa

STONES AND NAILS Please take a stone or a nail from the bowl in the foyer and keep it with you (maybe in your pocket) throughout Lent.

Stones symbolize our hardness of heart and lack of response to his love. **Nails** symbolize that it was for our sins that Jesus was nailed to the cross. Return them on Good Friday or during the Lenten Reconciliation.



We Remember the Sick: Bella Duggan, Dennis Sheather, Mary

Henderson, James Lee, John Dillon, George Fitzgerald, Declan Holmes, Drago Bandur, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Patricia McLennan, Bill Giust, Timothy Gerrard, Allan Odium, John Jessop, Luke Ward, and those in our local nursing homes and Hospital.

Rest In Peace: Angeline Davis, B. Kestel, , Mirko Baresic, Maureen McPherson, TJ Brucic, Ivan Norris, Errol Carter and Robert Loftus

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PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent
31 March 2019

Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413



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