

## The Fourth Sunday in Lent in Ordinary time - YC 31st Mar 2019

**Entrance Ant:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning: exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First reading :** from the book of Joshua 5: 9 - 12

**Responsorial Psalm :** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading :** from 2nd Corinthians 5: 17 - 21

**Gospel Acclamation :** Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him; Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel :** according to Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11 - 32.

**Communion Antiphon:** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

### Sydney Archdiocese News

#### **One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies**

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 and 5 May this year. People will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to:

<http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

#### **2019 ANZAC Eve Mass of Remembrance**

Sydneysiders are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and retired members of the Defence Forces for Mass, prayer and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW, and the Australian army band Sydney will join the Cathedral choir, to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass.

Date : 24th April, Time : 5.30pm, Location: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

#### **Prayer Campaign Pentecost 2019**

In order to prepare for this new Pentecost, CHARIS is launching a major prayer campaign from this month. This campaign is simple and accessible to everyone. Each month (March, April, May) an address will be given by Father Raniero Cantalamessa, the Ecclesiastical Assistant to CHARIS, who will prepare us to open our hearts for a new outpouring of the Spirit. Go to <https://goo.gl/CXmNSC>

#### **Could you help a child in care?**

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. Tuesday 2 April 2019, 5:30pm-8pm Marist 180 36 First Avenue Blacktown NSW 2148

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*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,  
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In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God. The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God. The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving & receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.



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## Parish News

### Project Compassion (Caritas)

This weekend continues the Easter Project Compassion program titled "Give Lent 100%." Project Compassion works with partners around the world offering hope to people who are the most vulnerable and at risk of poverty. There are money boxes, envelopes and brochures in the foyer. The boxes can be taken home and returned after Easter.

### Parish council fund raising news

Thank you to all who have contributed to the collection of goods for our Trash & Treasure Stall. Please keep up the good work. While we still need homeware goods and children's toys, we do not have a great supply of CD's, DVD's and books and contributions would be greatly appreciated. All goods to be left in the crate in the foyer of the Church. At this stage we are unable to accept electrical goods or heavy furniture. For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

### First Holy Communion

All nomination forms for children receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist in June should now have been returned to the Parish Office. Parents and caregivers are required to attend a compulsory meeting on Sunday 5th May at 4:00pm in the Church to be given further instruction.

### Parish Working Bee

On Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from about 8.30am there will be a "working bee" to prepare the church and surrounds for Palm Sunday and the Easter Ceremonies. This will include preparing the palms around the Church area and clearing the hall for the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday night.

**Donations of Palms for Palm Sunday will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Church on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April.**

If you are able to assist in any way please leave your name and contact details on the list on the table in the rear of the church. For further information contact the Parish Office, on 9825 1679.

### Liturgy Change

Please note that Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament of a Thursday evening will now be held at 7:00pm, having changed from 7:30pm.

### Stations of the Cross

Will run in the Church each Friday evening at 7:00pm during Lent.



## Mass Times

### Weekends :

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm  
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

### Weekdays :

Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

**Adoration** : Thurs 7:00pm (except before first Friday of month)

**Reconciliation** : Sat 4:30 pm.

### **Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals**

By appointment.



## *Easter Timetable*

**Palm Sunday 13th Apr** Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9:30am

Weekday Reconciliation 15th, 16th, 17th April, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Holy Thursday 18th Apr 7:00pm only (no 7:00am)

**Good Friday 19th Apr Stations 10:00am, Passion 3:00pm**

**Easter Saturday 20th Apr Vigil 6:00pm**

**Easter Sunday 21st Apr 8:00am, 9:30am**

### **We Pray For The Sick**

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan, Steven Aboud, Sofia Abener, Johny Price, Jeffery Crouche

### **Recently Deceased**

Rene Rovillos

### **Anniversaries**

Valentine Vamadevan, Mark Cavallaro



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*