



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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Mother Teresa Primary Schools and St John Paul II College

19-20 March 2022

Third Sunday of Lent | Year C



Holy Spirit Amaroo

Monday

No Mass
Office closed

Tuesday

9:15am Mass

Wednesday

7:00am Mass

Thursday

9:15am Mass
5:00pm Adoration

Friday

7:00am Mass
6:00pm Stations of the Cross
6:30pm Candlelight Vigil for
Ukraine

Saturday

4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
5:30pm Mass



St Francis Xavier Hall

Sunday Mass

8:30am
2nd and 4th Sunday of
each month

Knowing Where You Stand

I'm a sucker for the strays of the plant world. I cultivate a small, shade-loving garden on my balcony, and there's not a plant out there that wasn't rescued from someone else's garbage. I wouldn't call it an attractive collection of life forms, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that every single stick out there owes me one. Some of them recover from original rejection and flourish, even blooming to the astonishment of my friends. Others waver between life and death for a season or longer. I'm very patient with my orphans. But even I have a limit to the amount of time I can allow my confined space to be taken up by a plant that refuses to give back even a little life for my efforts.

I have great sympathy for the gardener who defends the life of the tree for a fourth and final year. But if the tree continues to exhaust the soil with no return, it will be cut down, and even the gardener will agree it's time to give the spot to a tree with more promise. Those of us currently exhausting the soil to no purpose should wonder what time it is, and where we stand in the gardener's forbearance.

Which aspects of your life – career, relationships, activities – are bearing fruit right now? How can you fertilise the parts that aren't?

Choose an area of your life that's least productive now – prayer life, marriage, job, or recreational time – and recommit that territory to God's will.

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Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 6:00pm in the church.

TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feel from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

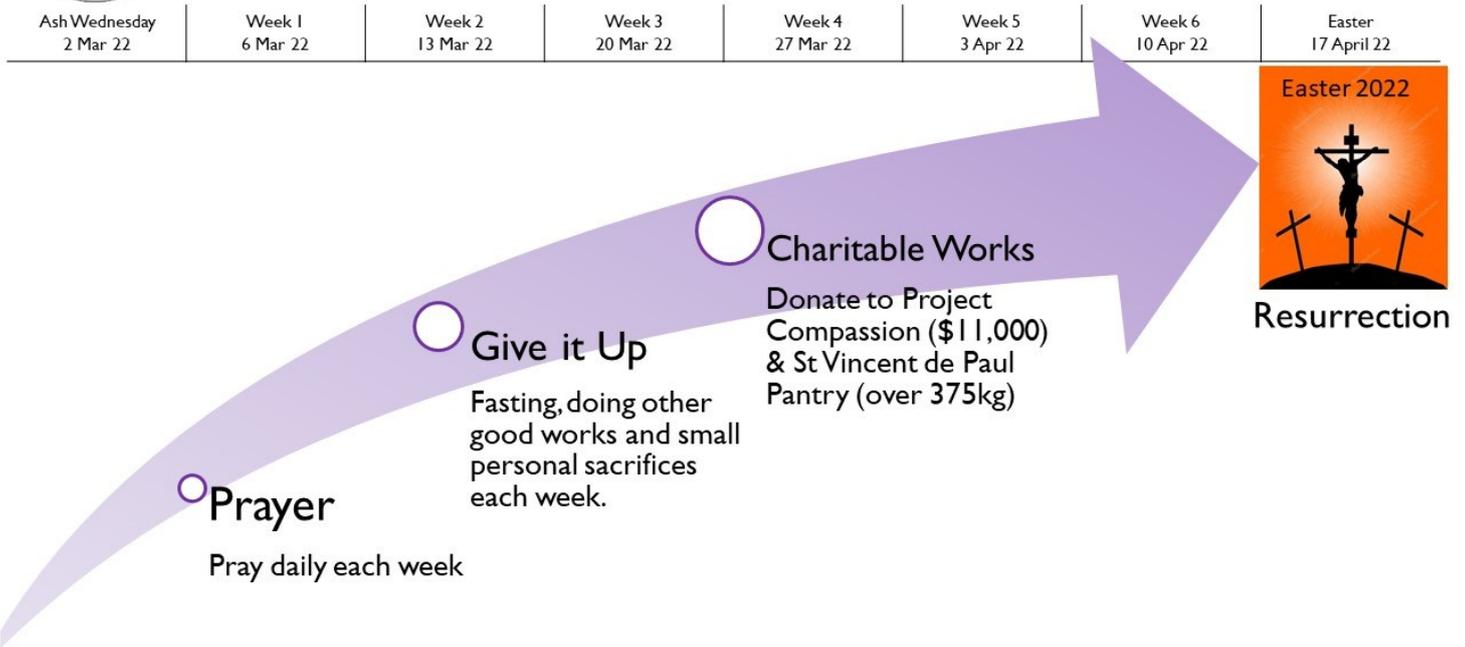
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become a spring welling up to eternal life. - *Liturgy Help*



Walking in their Footsteps - 2022 Lenten Program



Walking in their Footsteps—Week 3 Update

Great support from the Parish for the program over the last two weeks. Your enthusiasm with taking the prayer home is appreciated. We hope you found the sacrifice this week reflective. Finally thanks for the **73kg** of donations to the pantry. We are just on target on our way to **375kg at 101kg**. **Please continue to support us this week with your pantry donations.**

This week we ask that you:



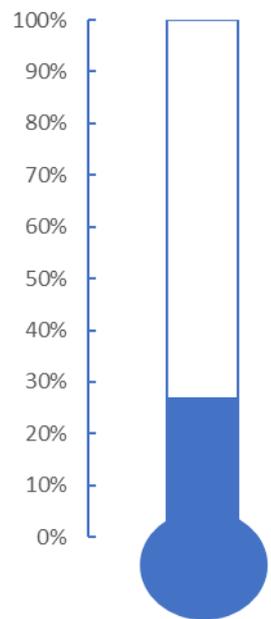
Continue to **pray our [Parish prayer](#) each day** this week at home and join us for the Holy hour on Thursday and/or Stations of the Cross on Fridays



This week we ask you to dedicate one hour per day this week to **'no screen time'**. So put away those phones, TV, tablets, laptops and other devices for one hour each day and reflect.



Keep up making donations to Caritas' Project Compassion and support the [Parish Vinnies pantry](#). This week we are looking for 70kg of donations at **Mass** to take our total to over 170kg.



Vinnies Food Donations

Your support is appreciated and please continue to support us each week as we prepare through faith and good works for the Resurrection.

Lent Week 3 Prayer - For Peace in Ukraine

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen.



Week 3: Janice for Australia

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture,

providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

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 or by calling 1800 024 413.

Please keep the following individuals in prayer.....



For those who are sick

Baby Aarya
Katie Charlton
Ronald Robles
Patricia Lebon
Glenn Mowbray
Gabrielle Eagles
Roland Zocchi
Graham Seymour
Mark Williams
Sr Marie
Laurie Hancock
Jasna Market-Simpson
Nikola Market
Kathy Morris
Heather Hickey
Fr Paul Uwedimo
Muhammad Redza
Charlie Prasad
Gail
Concepcion Libunao
Lita Libunao
Silvio Market

Recently Deceased

Departed brothers and sisters
in Ukraine

Anniversaries

Estefania David
Adela Tuazon
Lai Thi Nguyen
Jo Malouf
Sharon Wing-Au
Claudio Dairo Sr
Pona Mariner

We include those who are members of our Parish or relatives. Please email contact the parish office or click here to request prayers.

[Prayer Requests](#)

Candlelight Vigil of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine



All are invited to our Vigil of prayer for Ukraine.

When: Friday 18 March 2022

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Holy Spirit Church

Our prayers can make great things happen! This is an opportunity for us to gather and pray for peace and show our solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

All are welcome, you do not have to be Catholic to come along and light a candle in support of peace.

"When a believing person prays, great things happen." - James 5:16

Chance Encounters

Those ubiquitous Post-It notes you use every day – to make a page, write a quick note to yourself, or place on a co-worker's desk – were a mistake. The 3M Company was trying to come up with a new kind of glue mixture and instead they created a glue that didn't really stick. How absurd! Such blunder! ... What a scathingly brilliant idea! You can almost hear the creators saying, "Just give us one more chance. We know this isn't quite right. But maybe we can make it work".

So, too, Jesus, as our advocate, says to God, just give this poor soul one more chance. Yes, there have been mistakes, but some good may come out of him or her yet.

Today's gospel is about second chances. And we all need them – at our jobs, in our families, with our friends, with our communities. Who among us is without sin? Not one of us. So, what distinguishes one sinner from another? Jesus tells us it's the level of repentance.

Ask for the second, third, fourth chance you need to be productive and fruitful. Let people know you are trying. Seek help. Don't succumb to despair. See your mistakes as golden opportunities to become that much better.

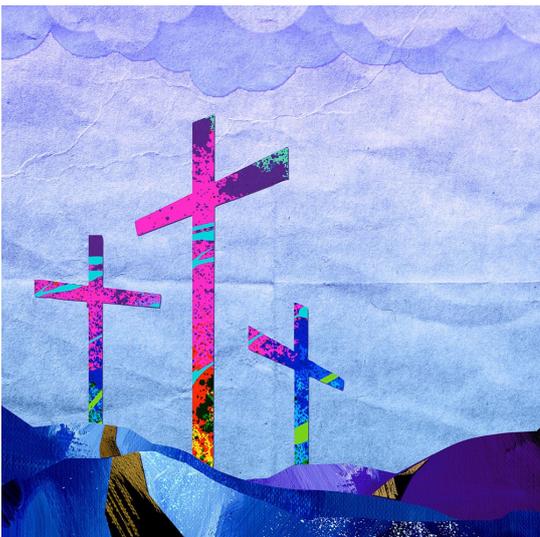
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Holy Week Sign Up

We need your help!

Would you like to help out during the Holy Week? We want to hear from you! Please complete this online form and let us know your availability. There are lots of ways you can be involved in our special liturgies.

<https://forms.gle/SkgCnjWBmWJapYum7>



Upcoming Events

- * **Stations of the Cross**—Fridays during Lent at 6:00pm.
- * **27 March (10:00am) “St Matthew’s School Page 50th anniversary Mass”**
To mark the occasion an Anniversary Mass will be held at St Matthew’s Church. The mass will be held in compliance with COVID regulations. If you would like to attend please call our Front Office on 62542653
- * **3 –April (10:am – 3:00pm) “Holy Trinity Show N Shine”**
In the carpark of Holy Trinity Church, Transfiguration Parish, Strangways Street, Curtin. Organised by the ‘Canberra Street Machine Association’, the static display of iconic cars will evoke fond memories. Admission is free with donations to support the St Vincent de Paul Society’s ongoing relief efforts following the South Coast bushfires.
- * **10 April 2022 9:30am—Youth Mass at Holy Spirit Parish**
Please contact the office if you would like to be involved.
- * **11 April 2022 5:00pm—Chrism Mass**
Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 11 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher’s Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

Membership of the Archdiocesan Finance Council

The Archbishop extends an invitation to persons of good standing in the community who have the requisite qualifications and experience to nominate for membership of the Archdiocesan Finance Council.

The goal of the AFC is to ensure that the stewardship and administration of the temporal goods of the Archdiocese is in keeping with the spirit of the Gospel, the teaching of the church and the provisions of the Code of Canon Law. Meetings are held every three months with additional meetings as required.

For further information and the lodgement of expressions of interest please contact Ms Helen Delahunty helen.delahunty@cg.org.au

Closure date: 25 March 2022.

PARISH PIETY STALL

A big thank to Grace and our Legion of Mary group for taking care of the piety store every weekend at each Mass time. We have just filled the glass cabinet in the foyer with lots of new goodies. Please take the time to check it out. If you are after something that is not there, please let us know and we can order them for you.

Confirmation Gifts



A large variety to choose from.
Purchase now so that you don't miss out!



HOLY WEEK 2022



PALM SUNDAY 9-10 APRIL

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am and 9:30am (8:30am St. Francis Xavier)

RECONCILIATION SERVICE 12 APRIL

Tuesday 7:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY 14 APRIL

Thursday 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 15 APRIL

Friday 9:00am Walking Stations of the Cross

Friday 11:00am Stations of the Cross

Friday 3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion

(Please bring a flower to lay at the foot of the Cross)

HOLY SATURDAY 16 APRIL

Saturday 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY 17 APRIL

Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

Congratulations!

A quick cuppa and cake on St. Patrick's day to celebrate Trish Sargent's 80th birthday. Congratulations Trish!



Happy 26th Wedding Anniversary!

Tony and Chris Rose celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary this week on St Patrick's day!

May God keep blessing the two of you and may the love you have for each other keep growing with time.

Congratulations!





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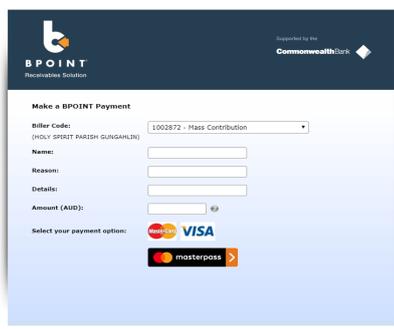
Thursday 31 March 9:15am followed by Seniors Morning Tea gathering.

10 Acts of Kindness to do before lent is over

1. Be kind to your server/waiter.
2. Call a friend you haven't seen in a while to say hello
3. Write a positive comment on a website, Facebook or blog.
4. Text someone you love Good Morning or Good Night.
5. Donate online to a cause you care about.
6. Ask a senior to share some stories about their past.
7. Give a friend an inspirational book.
8. Send a handwritten letter.
9. Bake cookies for a neighbour.
10. Send a thank you card to your local librarian or parish office staff. 😊

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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Online Mass Contribution (First and Second Collections combined)

We encourage you to continue to support our parish by making contributions to our First and Second Collections online. Follow the steps below to make a secure online donation.

1. Click on <https://www.holyspiritgungahlin.org.au/donations-payments/secure-online-payments/>
2. Select Biller Code 1002872 – Mass Contribution
3. Enter your payment details.

Parish Bank Account Details

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