



# St Brigid's Parish Catholic Church

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Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

## 14 March 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Gillian Thomas;

Deceased: Terry Fitzpatrick

**Anniversary:** Peter Daniels; William Sevil; Kevin Green; Charles Lanry; Patrick McNamara; Kal Fitzpatrick; Ken Heath; Gavin Carlisle; Gregory Trudgett; Neville Green; Phyliss Lord; Anthony Conlan; Tish Egan; Brian Redgrove; Len Dalton; Felicity McGrath; Barry Hill; John Garriffy; James Cooper; Marcus Plevy; Roger Gleeson; Brian Purcell; Gordon Near; Jim Jones; Ron McGrath; Patricia Gleeson; Matthew McGrath; Donald Davidson; Anthony (Malley) O'Donnell; Helen Plevy; Sylvia Green; May Barr; Allan Pengilly

**May, their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace, Amen.**

**And for those who are ill:**

Michael Hausfield; Sister Pat Bartley; Lisa Brown; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward; David Seiler; Rita Looney; Bobbie Palon; Fr. John Willis; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Godden; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Marfin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigi; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Ivy Taylor; Joan Greentree; Rosalynn Chan; **all the members of the Parish who are ill.**

**Other Intentions:**

### Roster

20/3/2021 R: W Rheinberger

21/3/2021 R: D Davidson & M Corbould

C: J Daniels & K Sweep

### Coming Events

Tues 16 Mass at Eloura at 2.00pm

Wed 17 St Patrick's Day - Mass at 9.30am at St Brigid's and 11.00am at Werris Creek

Wed 17 Confirmation Lesson at 3.50pm

Fri 19 Solemnity of St Joseph - Mass at 9.30am

Fri 19 Stations of the Cross

Wed 24 Confirmation Lesson at 3.50pm

Thurs 25 Confession at St Brigid's with visiting priests

Fri 26 Stations of the Cross at 5.00pm

Tues 30 Chrism Mass at Armidale Cathedral at 11.00am

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### The Sacred Liturgy

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday 8.15am - Quirindi - Catechists Mass

Tuesday Mass at Eloura at 2.00pm

Wednesday 9.30am - Quirindi

Thursday 11.00am - Werris Creek

Friday 9.30am - Werris Creek

Friday 9.30am - Quirindi

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses

5.00pm - Quirindi

6.30pm - Werris Creek

Sunday: 8.00am - Willow Tree

9.30am - Quirindi

Caroona: Mass on 21st March 2021 at 11.00am

**Baptism:** At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.

**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday at 4.15pm - 4.45pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every first Friday of the month, after the 9.30am mass until 5.00pm.

**Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.**



**Project Compassion** - Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.**

### LENTEN PENANCE

During Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choices. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

### DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) prayer - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.

(b) self-denial - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.

(c) helping others - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

### Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**Reconciliation** will be held at St Brigid's on Thursday 25th March at 6.00pm with visiting priests.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** - will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd May 2021. Lessons have commenced and are taking place in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall each Wednesday at 3.50pm and the Reflection Day on Friday 30 April when the candidates are to meet with Bishop Michael. Our Parish-based program involves Fr Vines, Parents, Candidates and Catechists. It places a strong emphasis on family involvement as we recognise that parents / guardians are the main educators in the faith for their children. Please pray for the children preparing for this sacrament.

**Bishop O'Mahony Sesquicentenary Mass** Bishop Kennedy invites all parishioners to join with him on Thursday 25th March at 11am for a Celebratory Mass and Blessing of the Memorial Stone for the 150 year Anniversary of Bishop O'Mahony's installation as first Bishop of Armidale. Please RSVP to the Chancery Office phone: 6771 8700 or email: [chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au).

### Coronavirus - The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. If you are unwell, stay at home and get tested as soon as possible.
2. Please check-in with your details by scanning the QR code using your smart phones or by the log sheet.
3. Sanitise your hands before entering and when leaving the church.
4. Please observe physical distancing inside the Church, at the foyer and immediate surroundings.
5. People from the same household may sit together.
6. Before and after Mass celebrant and faithful alike should minimize any time spent together, and particularly avoid gathering in large groups.
7. This church bulletin notice is for single use only. Kindly take this home with you or put it in the bin after use.



# Breaking Open the Word

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
In 3: 16  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! /  
God loved the world so much, he gave us  
his only Son, / that all who believe in him  
might have eternal life. / Glory and praise  
to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL**  
In 3: 14-21  
A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to John.

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be  
saved through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses  
lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that  
everyone who believes may have eternal life in  
him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he  
gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes  
in him may not be lost but may have eternal  
life. For God sent his Son into the world not  
to condemn the world, but so that through him  
the world might be saved. No one who believes  
in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses  
to believe is condemned already, because he has  
refused to believe in the name of God’s only  
Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced:  
that though the light has come into the world  
men have shown they prefer darkness to the  
light because their deeds were evil. And indeed,  
everybody who does wrong hates the light and  
avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed;  
but the man who lives by the truth comes out  
into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that  
what he does is done in God.’

✠ The Gospel of the Lord.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

## FIRST READING

2 Chron 36: 14-16, 19-23  
A reading from the second book of Chronicles.  
*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in  
the exile and liberation of his people.*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people  
too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the  
shameful practices of the nations and defiling  
the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for  
himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of  
their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger  
after messenger, since he wished to spare his  
people and his house. But they ridiculed the  
messengers of God, they despised his words,  
they laughed at his prophets, until at last the  
wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people  
that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of  
God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set  
fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything  
of value in it. The survivors were deported by  
Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve  
him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia  
came to power. This is how the word of the Lord  
was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah,  
‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest,  
until seventy years have gone by, it will keep  
sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia,  
to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken  
through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit  
of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation  
and to have it publicly displayed throughout  
his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia,  
“The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all  
the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me  
to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah.  
Whoever there is among you of all his people,  
may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

✠ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 136. R. v. 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever  
forget you!

# THE SAVING WORD

14 MARCH 2021



1. By the rivers of Babylon / there we sat and  
wept, / remembering Zion: / on the poplars  
that grew there / we hung our harps. R.

2. For it was there that they asked us, / our  
captors, for songs, / our oppressors, for joy. / ‘Sing  
to us,’ they said, / ‘one of Zion’s songs.’ R.

3. O how could we sing / the song of  
the Lord / on alien soil? / If I forget you,  
Jerusalem, / let my right hand wither! R.

4. O let my tongue / cleave to my mouth / if I  
remember you not, / if I prize not Jerusalem /  
above all my joys! R.

## SECOND READING

Eph 2: 4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Ephesians.

*When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.*

God loved us with so much love that he was  
generous with his mercy: when we were dead  
through our sins, he brought us to life with  
Christ – it is through grace that you have been  
saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a  
place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through  
his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how  
infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by  
grace that you have been saved, through faith;  
not by anything of your own, but by a gift from  
God; not by anything that you have done, so  
that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s  
work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the  
good life as from the beginning he has meant  
us to live it.

✠ The word of the Lord.

Christopher Monaghan CP