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02 6746 1133
Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

13 March 2022 - Second Sunday of Lent

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday No Mass today
Tuesday 9.30am - Quirindi
Wednesday 9.30am - Werris Creek
Thursday 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: Last Sunday of the Month

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: First Friday of the Month

Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays along with prayers to Our Lady of La Salette

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died
Recently Deceased: Brian Cornish, Stuart Squires, Margot McCarthy,
Deceased:

Anniversary: James Meredith, Lucy Moran & Jim Moran, Peter Daniels, William Savil, Kevin Green, Charles Lantry, Patrick McNamara, Kai Fitzpatrick, Ken Heath, Gavan Carlisle, Gregory Trudgett, Neville Green, Phylliss Lord, Anthony Conlan, Kathleen (Tish) Egan, Brian Redgrove, Len Dalton, Felicity McGrath, Barry Hill, John Garrity, James Cooper, Marcus Pavey, Roger Gleeson, Brian Purcell, Gordon Nearn, Jim Jones, Ron McGrath, Patricia Gleeson, Matthew McGrath, Donald Davidson, Anthony (Marey) O'Donnell, Helen Pavey, 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: Jenny McGinniskin, David Henry, Pat Reidy, Rohan Guest, Dawn & Colin Graham, Brian Lobley, Noel Leech, Mary Smith, Ray Lamb of Gunedat, Billy Godden, Gail Martin, Wendy Brown, Sue Thomson, Lisa Brown, Clare Crane, Bill Gleeson, Lucy Gijli, Joan Greenlee, all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

Roster

19/3/2022 R: W Rheinberger
20/3/2022 R: S Meade
C: M & P Perkins

Flower/Altar Roster for March R Harris & K Murphy

Coming Events

Mon 14 No Mass at St Brigid's Today

Sat 19 Armidale Diocesan Men's Gathering at McCarthy Catholic College at 7.30am

Sat 19 St Joseph's Day - Mass at 9.30am at St Brigid's

Project Compassion

Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkhand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business. Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family - and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with disability and paved the way for *All Future Generations*.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.

During Lent Confessions will be heard after 9.30am Mass on a Friday.
Usual Saturday Confessions 4.15pm - 4.45pm
Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 5.00pm

Catholic Women's League Quirindi Branch are holding an Easter Raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 and are available at the back of the church. Drawn 3 April 2022.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Lismore Diocese Flood Appeal

Most Rev Gregory Homering, Bishop of the Diocese of Lismore has commenced a Flood Appeal to meet the needs of people who have lost everything in the most devastating floods across his diocese in living memory. View his appeal on Youtube via the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Nnhd46AMgY>

If you wish to donate to the appeal, please use the direct deposit details below:

BSB: 037-889

Account number: 1061 5829

Account Name: DOL Flood Appeal

Please note that donations to the Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal are NOT tax deductible.

Father Vince Amaro. You are all invited to attend Father Vince's farewell. It will be on Sunday 10th April 2022 at Quirindi RSL Club 12 noon for 12.30pm. Two course meal for \$30.00 per person. RSVP 31st March 2022.

If you can please write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church and how many will be attending. **Money to be paid prior to the day** by either placing in an envelope and given direct to Bernie or put it on the plate or you can credit our account direct.

Account Name: St Brigid's Church Hall A/c

BSB 082 105

Account Number 001056915

Ensuring you put your name in the reference

A donation box for Father Vince is also at the back of the Church for you to contribute to if you wish.

Armidale Diocesan Men's Gathering 2022
Saturday morning 19th March at McCarthy College Tarnworth. For laymen by laymen! Extraordinary Speakers and open Q & A. Come for breakfast & home at lunchtime. Registration Now Open. Details on the cards and poster at the back of the church
Simply register online.
www.eventcreate.com/aramidale-diocesan-men-s-gat
Or call: 0427851651 or 0419011096 Bring a Friend!

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

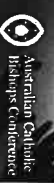
Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Saints to Remember

St Patrick - Solemnity - 17th
St Joseph - Solemnity - 19th

Planned Giving \$552.00 + \$50.00 = \$602.00
First Collection \$241.20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice
is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

OUR TRUE GOAL

As Abraham travels towards the land of promise he seeks a sign from the Lord. While he was told that his descendants will number as the stars, he and Sarah are childless and, not unreasonably, they look for assurance that God's promises will be fulfilled. In the awe-inspiring events that follow, he is encouraged to continue the journey as God confirms the promises already made by means of a covenant.

When Jesus journeys towards his own death the disciples stand in similar need of assurance and revelation. On entering the cloud they, like Abraham before them, are filled with terror. It is in this moment of uncertainty and confusion that they hear the Lord's voice calling them to see Jesus as God's chosen one and to listen to his message. Jesus' death is not the end of his journey and mission, rather, it is to be understood as the means by which he makes his saving exodus to the Father.

Located on one of the great trade routes, Philippi was a city of great strategic importance in the Roman Empire. Large numbers of veteran soldiers were settled there in order to secure it for Rome. The word that Paul uses for homeland/commonwealth is precisely the word used to describe such a colony of relocated veterans. In the midst of the changes, uncertainties, and journeys of life, Paul reminds his converts of a power greater than Rome – the power of Jesus to transform us and subdue all of creation. It is in Jesus that we find our true home and goal.

Christopher Monaghan CP

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

THE SAVING WORD

13 MARCH 2022

FIRST READING

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / Have mercy and answer / Of you my heart has spoken; / 'Seek his face.' **R.**



3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. / Dismiss not your servant in anger; / you have been my help. **R.**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 3:20-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

■ The word of the Lord.

Longer form, Phil 3:17-4:1