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

20 March 2022 - Third Sunday of Lent

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 Sevil; Kevin Green; Charles Lantry; Patrick McNamara; Kai Fitzpatrick; Ken Heath; Gavan Carlisle; Gregory Trudgett; Neville Green; Phyllis Lord; Anthony Conlan; Kathleen (Tish) Egan; Brian Redgrove; Len Dalton; Felicity McGrath; Barry Hill; John Garrity; James Cooper; Marcus Plevsey; Roger Gleeson; Brian Purcell; Gordon Nean; Jim Jones; Ron McGrath; Patricia Gleeson; Matthew McGrath; Donald Davidson; Anthony (Matey) O'Donnell; Helen Plevsey; 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; Dawn & Colin Graham; Brian Lobley; Noel Leech; Mary Smith; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Billy Godden; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lisa Brown; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Lucy Gigli; Joan Greenlee; Jennifer & David Bonsey (Anne Eason's sister & Brother in law) **all the members of the Parish who are ill.**

Other Intentions:

Roster
26/3/2022 R: B Press
27/3/2022 R: D KerKlaan
C: Volunteers

Flower/Altar Roster for March R Harris & K Murphy

Coming Events
Wed 23 First Confession Lesson in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall at 3.50pm
Fri 25 Stations of the Cross at 11.30am
Wed 30 First Confession Lesson in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall at 3.50pm
Thurs 31 The Sacrament of First Confession at 6.00pm at St Brigid's Church
Fri 1 Stations of the Cross at 11.30am

Planned Giving \$412.20 + \$50.00 = \$462.20

First Collection \$229.45



Message from Bishop Michael Father Kingsley Etoh, Parish Priest of St Brigid's Quirindi and Administrator of St Thomas More, Werris Creek. Father Etoh's appointment is effective from 25th April 2022 coinciding with Father Vince Amaro's departure.
Father Kingsley was born in Nigeria. He started his formation to the priesthood right from the minor seminary, but withdrew after obtaining a bachelor in Philosophy. He worked briefly in Nigeria before travelling to Equatorial Guinea. Spent 9 years working in Equatorial Guinea before deciding to go back to the seminary. An Australian based religious order accepted him and sent him to Rome to begin studies in Theology. After one year in Rome, he was invited over to Australia for his one year compulsory novitiate program. At the end of the novitiate year, Father discerned that he was not called to live that type of religious life. He applied to the Bishop of Armidale and was accepted. He continued his studies in theology at the seminary in Wagga Wagga. Bishop Michael Kennedy ordained him a deacon in March 2016, and in December the same year, he was ordained a priest. Immediately after ordination, Father worked as an assistant priest at the cathedral in Armidale for six months. Then he worked in Glenn Innes as an assistant priest for three years. In February 2021, he was posted back to Armidale as assistant priest, where he has been until his recent appointment as parish priest at St Brigid's Quirindi and Administrator at St Thomas More Werris Creek.

Saints to Remember
St Turibius of Mogrovejo - Solemnity - 23rd
St Oscar Romero - Memorial - 24th
The Annunciation of the Lord - Memorial - 25th

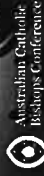
Holy Thursday Washing of Feet volunteers required for the washing of feet on Holy Thursday Night. If you would like to volunteer please let Bernie know as soon as possible. I need 12 people. Thank you.

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.

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; you are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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 11.30am

Project Compassion
Janice 44, is a proud Wagilag woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.

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 lent.catholic.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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=QNB4fAMgY>

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.

Breaking Open the Word

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

■ The word of the Lord.

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!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Luke.

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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CALL TO REPENT

For the people of Israel, the Exodus was understood to be the series of events that forged them as a people. When Moses is commissioned to go to the people and tell them what God is about to do for them, Moses asks for God's name. In reply, he is given the riddle of God's name in Hebrew that means 'I am who I am, I have been who I have been, I will be who I will be'. Moses and the people are invited to enter into a mystery. On the journey towards the land of promise, they will discover who God is, and who they are as God's people.

Paul uses the example of Israel's time in the desert to lead his wayward converts of Corinth to partake in the celebration of the Eucharist in a fitting manner. Some of them felt that they could eat meat that had already been sacrificed to idols, while others were scandalising their brothers and sisters by being drunk when the poor arrived for the Eucharist. They are forcefully reminded that even the people of Israel in the desert who ate the spiritual food and drink that God provided could be punished. In other words, there is no room for any complacency or arrogance that would justify us disregarding others.

In the Gospel too, Jesus challenges the complacency of his hearers. He makes use of contemporary events in Jerusalem to shock and unsettle. Ultimately, we are reminded of God's forbearance and mercy but are also called to make the most of the present opportunity to repent.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / C

20 MARCH 2022

FIRST READING

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord. / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. R.



2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, / gives judgement for all who are oppressed. / He made known his ways to Moses / and his deeds to Israel's sons. R.

4. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / For as the heavens are high above the earth / so strong is his love for those who fear him. R.

SECOND READING 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the

Corinthians

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.