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02 6746 1133
Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

18 April 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Recently Deceased:

Deceased: Terry Fitzpatrick, Kai Fitzpatrick

Anniversery: Edna Hewitt, Sarah Robinson, Pauline Henry, Sister Eunice Mary Kerr, Pasquale Pezzulo, Jim Bannigan, Marjorie Inwin, Valerie Fisher, Arthur Guinay, Gordon Thomson, Brian Keys, James Carpenter, Doris Harlin, Jean Makenham, Alexander Barr, Vincent Mitchell, Ron Barnett, Fr James Conroy, Doreen Conroy, Alan Reading, Gwenneth Ryman, Kevin George Allan Hamilton, Joan Carpenter, Vince Mitchell, Timothy Perkins, Donald Crossman, Annette & Brian Nesbitt, Paul Banister, Flora Woods, Emily Reading, Allie Scanlon, Mary Workboys, Marge Ryan, Raphael Howard, Mary Lawson, Pauline Murphy, Matthew Daniels, Esme Scanlon, Thomas Sippe, Troy Moore, Helen Plevey, Norman Nean.

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:

DI Dillon, Michael Hausfeld, Sister Pat Barley, Lisa Brown, Ray Lamb of Gunnedah, Les Ward, David Seiler, Rita Loomay, Bobbie Palon, Fr John Willis, Clare Crane, Bill Gleason, Billy Cadden, Ros Turon, Gavin Sewell, Ian Gallagher, Fiona Nolan, Gail Martin, Wendy Brown, Sue Thomson, Lucy Gigg, Flora Pat O'Neill, Tom Sanderson, Colleen Hyatt, Michael McCormick, Dan O'Donnell, Marie Dalton, Jack Dunn, Colin Gallagher, Andrew McManus, Ivy Taylor, Joan Greenlee, Rosalynn Chan, all the members of the Parish who are ill.

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 9.00am - Quirindi Catechists Mass
Tuesday No Mass today

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

Carooona: 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: Every first Friday of the month, after the 9.30am mass until 5.00pm.

Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.

Roster

24/4/2021 R: B Press
25/4/2021 R: M & J Easley
C: M & P Perkins

Coming Events

Mon 19 **Mass at 9.00am**
Tues 20 **No Mass today**
Wed 21 **Confirmation Lesson at 3.50pm**
Sun 25 **Good Shepherd Sunday, World Day of Prayer for Vocations & Anzac Day**
Tues 27 **Father Castelli's 61st Anniversary of Ordination Mass at 9.30 at Werris Creek**
Wed 28 **Confirmation Lesson at 3.50pm**
Sat 1 **Mass at Werris Creek at 4.30pm**
Sat 1 **Confirmation Mass at 6.00pm - Bishop will be here**
Sun 2 **Confirmation Mass at 9.30am - Bishop will be here**
Thurs 6 **CWL Meeting at 10.00am in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall**

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 Vince, 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.

Mass on Saturday Night will be at 6.00pm at St Brigid's and 4.30pm at Werris Creek

RAFFLE: The Raffle is back as a sign of getting back to a sort of "normal" again, tickets will go on sale this weekend for a \$40 Quirindi Pharmacy Voucher. Tickets remain at \$1. This may run for 2 months depending on the number of tickets sold. The last purchase with raffle funds was a 2nd hand microwave for the hall costing \$30.00. It works very well. It is hope that a battery operated blower for the Church, Presbytery and St Joseph Center yards may be purchased soon. It would be put to very good use.

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 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.

BE A MAN - online course in Masculine Theology - Join Fr Paul Chandler and the Maximus Team as we delve into the depths of masculine theology using Fr Paul's book, *Esto Vir*. The course will run over 5 Wednesday evenings: 21/04; 05/05; 19/05; 26/05 and 09/06, and will take place via Zoom from 7.30 - 9pm. Fr Paul will present a talk at each session based on the reading homework. There will also be small group and large group discussion and Q&A. Register here: www.sydneycatholic.org/bearman or for more information <https://fb.me/e/3Q0F5VDL>

Father Anthony Castelli will be celebrating his 61st Anniversary of Ordination on Tuesday 27th April commencing with Rosary at 9.30am followed by Mass and Morning Tea afterwards.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations - April 25

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

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.

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Easter Dues \$975.00

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them: 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

✠ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE CALL TO BE WITNESSES

Justice is often understood as fairness or even-handedness. The biblical tradition would not deny this but would tend to see justice as primarily about being in right relationship with God, oneself and others. Someone who is able to live in such a way would be seen to live in *shalom* (peace). On this Third Sunday of Easter these two dimensions are stressed. The first and second reading deal with Jesus as the just one who invites us to find and maintain balance in our relationships with God, ourselves and others. In the Gospel it is in relationship with the risen Jesus that we find true peace, as he leads us out of our fears and gives each one of us a new task – to be faithful and courageous witnesses.

Peter reaches out to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and re-opens the case for Jesus. He does not deny their mistake but states that since they acted in ignorance in killing Jesus the opportunity is still there for them to review their previous judgement and now accept Jesus as their saviour and come into right relationship with him. It is the Risen Lord who appears to the disciples and helps them to understand that even his brutal death was part of God's saving plan. Furthermore, his presence among them will lead them to overcome their fearful relationship to the world. A new relationship is called for since now they are given a new task, to be witnesses to the whole world.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

THE SAVING WORD

18 APRIL 2021

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

FIRST READING A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.'

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

✠ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9. R. v. 7

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

(*or Alleluia!*)

1. When I call, answer me. O God of justice; / from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; / the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. / Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, / for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 2: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John. *Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

✠ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Lk 24: 32

Alleluia, alleluia! / Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: / make our hearts burn with love when you speak. / Alleluia!