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3 April 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: John Lindeman, Tim Callinan, Tony Ham (Queensland), Betty Pengilly, Stuart Squires, Margot McCarthy.

Deceased:

Anniversaries: James Meredith, Lucy Moran & Jim Moran; Pauline Henry; Sister Eunice Mary Kerr; Pasquale Pezzulo; Jim Barnigan; Marjorie Inini; Valerie Fisher; Arthur Quinry; Gordon Thomson; Brian Keys; James Carpenter; Doris Harkin; Jean Makahan; Alexander Barr; Vincent Mitchell; Ron Barnett; Fr James Conroy; Doreen Conroy; Allan Reading; Gwenneth Audrey Ryan; Alan Hamilton; Joan Carpenter; Vince Mitchell; Timothy Perkins; Donald Crossman; Arnette & Brian Nesbitt; Paul Banister; Fiona Woods; Emily Scanlon; Ailie Scanlon; Mary Worboys; Madge Ryan; Raphael Howard; Mary Lawson; Bill Perry; Pauline Murphy; Matthew Daniels; Esme Scanlon; Thomas Sippe; Troy Moore

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: Theo Gleason, Jerry McGinniskin; David Henry; Pat Reddy; Dawn & Colin Graham; Brian Lobley; Noel Leech; Mary Smith; Ray Lamb of Guineedah; Billy Godden; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lisa Brown; Clare Crane; Bill Gleason; Lucy Gight; Joan Greenlee; Jennifer & David Bonsey (from Esmer's sister & brother in law) all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

Roster
10/04/2022 R: H Passfield
R: D Ryan
C: D Ryan & T Vereyken

Flower/Altar Roster for April P Perkins & A Scott

Coming Events

Sun 3 Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass with the raffle to be drawn
Thurs 7 Catholic Women's League Meeting at 10.30am in the Parish Hall
Sun 11 Father Vince's Farewell lunch at Quirindi RSL 12.00 noon for 12.30pm

Planned Giving \$507.00 + \$0.00 = \$507.00

First Collection \$273.20

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 8.15am - Quirindi
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

Carona: 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

Project Compassion Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope for All Future Generations. 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.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 924 413.

Light to the Nations (LTIN) 2022 LTIN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with up to 1,000+ as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varraville from 14th-17th April 2022. Visit www.ltin.org.au for more information and register today. Contact regoo@ltn.org.au or ring Therese on 0432 228 250.
Disciples School of Mission - 20th - 24th April Are you aged between 18-40 and searching for an adventure in 2022? If so, then join us for the Disciples School of Mission. This 4-day live in course, held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varraville, calls people from across Australia and beyond to be equipped for youth ministry and evangelisation. Be renewed in your own journey, equipped for missionary youth ministry, and formed in the Catholic faith - you won't regret it - it's an adventure! For more information visit discipleschoolofmission.com.au or ring Fiona on 0411 144 208.

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.

Holy Land Collection - Good Friday This is a unique day when we recall the love of Jesus unto death for us, when he shows us the extent to which God is in solidarity with our suffering humanity. Can we use this occasion to recall our need to be in solidarity with those suffering around us, and in a particular way with the suffering Church of the Holy Land, still so affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic? Normally each year's Holy Land Collection (Good Friday) supports 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions, helps keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through to Grade 12 students. Supports 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers. Helps rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian Families. Provides senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth. Creates 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians. Preserves 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets. Envelopes are at the back of the Church. Thank you for supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection.

Easter Timetable

Confessions at St Brigid's After every 9.30am Mass on Friday or Saturday 4.15pm - 4.45pm
Holy Thursday at Werris Creek Mass of the Last Supper at 3.00pm
Holy Thursday at St Brigid's Mass of the Last Supper at 7.00pm followed by adoration at the altar of repose
Good Friday at St Brigid's 9.00am Stations of the Cross
Good Friday at Werris Creek 11.00am Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
Good Friday at St Brigid's 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday at Werris Creek 5.00pm Liturgy of the Light & Vigil Mass of Easter
Holy Saturday at St Brigid's 7.00pm Liturgy of the Light & Vigil Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday at Willow Tree 8.00am Mass
Easter Sunday at St Brigid's 9.30am Mass

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

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.

Saints to Remember
St Isidore - Memorial - 4th
St Vincent Ferrer - Memorial - 5th
St John Baptist de la Salle - Memorial - 7th

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 with humbly prayer, 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 & 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Jn 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

LIVING WATER

To the people of Israel in exile, Isaiah speaks of a new highway that God is making in the wilderness, a highway that would change the face of the wilderness forever. No longer desolate, the people would have what they needed, and their thirst for vindication and homecoming from exile would be satisfied.

On the road to Damascus, Paul's world had been changed forever. He had come to see that, for him, the living water that Jesus the Messiah offers is the only prize worth striving for. As a Pharisee, he had sought perfection through faithfulness to the Jewish law. He had come to appreciate that, as beautiful as the Jewish law was, Jesus' death and resurrection had opened a new pathway to God's grace. He knew he was not perfect. In response to his experience of the Risen One, he set out to travel that road with all his heart and love as a missionary and apostle.

The episode of the woman caught in adultery is another moving example of how the living God can break into our world and provide water in the desert of the human heart. Surrounded by rejection and mistaken self-righteousness, this woman is isolated and faces the threat of a brutal death. As her accusers call for her execution Jesus writes in the sand. Ever so gently a new highway is being laid and we are invited to walk it. By not condemning or judging, Jesus shows how, we too, can walk this path and provide living water for each other.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

3 April 2022

Isa 43:16-21

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / it seemed like a dream / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, / carrying seed for the sowing; / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. **R.**



Phil 3:8-14

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as

useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come: I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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