

God gave his only Son to save us

Jesus Saves Us

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Draw or write some of the ways we can see God's love in the world today.

Write a prayer about how you would like God to help you.

Dear Lord,



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Stations of the Cross hold significance for Catholics around the world because they provide a structured and symbolic way to meditate on the events of Jesus Christ's Passion, from his condemnation to his burial.

There are 14 Stations of the Cross. There is the 'traditional' set popularised by St Leonardo da Porto Maurizio (d. 1751), who was also involved in establishing the set of stations in the Colosseum. In 1975, during a Holy Year, the Vatican's Congregation of Rites produced a revised version of the Stations of the Cross. While the number of stations remains the same, those stations without scriptural foundation have been omitted, namely the falls of Jesus, Jesus meeting his mother Mary, and Veronica wiping the face of Jesus.

TRADITIONAL STATIONS

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus takes up his Cross -
3. Jesus falls the first time
4. Jesus meets his mother
5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the Cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls for the second time -
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem -

9. Jesus falls for the third time -
10. Jesus is stripped of his garments (sometimes called the 'Division of Robes')
11. Jesus is nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus dies on the Cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the Cross
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb
15. On Easter Sunday, Jesus rises from the dead

REVISED STATIONS (1975 -)

1. The Last Supper
2. The Garden of Gethsemane
3. Jesus before the Sanhedrin
4. Jesus before Pilate
5. Jesus is whipped and crowned with thorns
6. Jesus carries his cross
7. Jesus is helped by the Cyrenean
8. Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus is stripped and nailed to the Cross
10. Jesus and the Good Thief
11. Jesus speaks to Mary and John
12. Jesus dies on the Cross
13. Jesus is buried
14. Jesus rises from the dead

Source: <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/>

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bayswater



HOLY MASS

Weekend

- Saturday: 9am Morning Mass; 6pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

Weekday

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am
(Benediction & Adoration on First Friday at 8:30am)
 - Tuesday: 7:30pm
(Adoration, Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction at 6:30pm)
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary:** 30 minutes before weekday Masses

SACRAMENTS

- **Baptism** 2nd Sunday of every month, 11:15am (2 months advance notice)
- **Baptism Preparation** 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:30pm.
- **Reconciliation** Tuesday: 6:30pm & Saturday: 9:30am and 5:30pm
- **Marriage** Minimum 6 months advance notice is required
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Call the Parish Office

PRESBYTERY

- Parish Priest: **Fr. Sabu Thomas Adimakiyil VC**
- Secretary: **Millicent Cabisidan (Peachy)**
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OFFICE HOURS

- Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm
- Friday 9am - 12pm

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VISION

Our parish be a faith-filled, caring and sharing community that will actively embrace multiculturalism and team building reaching out to joyfully demonstrate God's love to the wider society.

MISSION

That our parish hold spiritual and social programmes to cater to all levels and interests of parishioners, drawing in toddlers, youth, elderly, and new families into the orbit of the parish.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.'





FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10 MARCH 2024

'We aim a Safe and Inclusive Parish'

YEAR B / 2



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-33

RESPONSE

Create a clean heart
in me, O God.

ACCLAMATION

GLORY TO YOU, WORD OF GOD, LORD JESUS CHRIST!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
GLORY TO YOU, WORD OF GOD, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

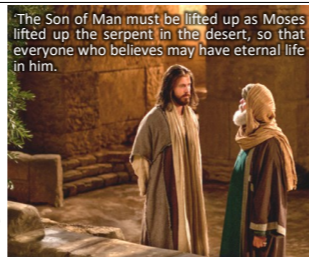
WE ARE CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO LIVE THE GOOD LIFE

This fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as 'Laetare (Rejoice!) Sunday', and our readings today suggest many reasons for rejoicing. The First Reading from Chronicles describes the destruction of Jerusalem and the days of exile. But God, working through the Persian king, Cyrus, not only brings the Jewish people home to where they belong but also helps them rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem.

St Paul in the Second Reading writes that God, whose nature is Universal Love, brought us back to life in and with Christ Jesus through the gift of his infinite grace. Our good works and our lives lived in all their fullness are a grateful and authentic response to all we have been given by God.

The Gospel tells us that the resurrection of Christ Jesus, who was 'lifted up and exalted' on the cross, brings salvation to all who believe in him and in his teachings. Christ's Passion, for all its injustice and brutality, is a glorious revelation of God's love for all of humankind, and the source of our healing. Jesus calls us to live by his truth and light, where we can dwell in the flow of God's energy and love.

Source: Excerpted from the Scripture reflection courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK available at www.australiancatholics.com.au. Image from <https://thecharnohome.blogspot.com/>



'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.'

LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING: 2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

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

- By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. (R.)
- 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.)
- O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! (R.)

- 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: EPHESIANS 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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 had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of the Lord.

POPE TELLS CHILDREN THEY CAN MAKE WORLD BETTER, ONE SMALL STEP AT A TIME

Making the world a better place for everyone starts with prayer and little steps like saying hello, sorry or thank you, Pope Francis said in a letter to the world's children. "Our world will change if we all begin with these little things, without being ashamed to take small steps, one at a time," he wrote in the letter that was released last week.

The letter included an invitation for the children to participate in the first World Children's Day meeting in Rome on May 25-26. At a news conference after the letter was published, organisers said 57,000 children from 60 countries already had signed up and they hoped 100,000 children ages 6-12 would attend the opening event at Rome's Olympic Stadium and Mass with Pope Francis the next day in St Peter's Square.

In his letter, Pope Francis told children that they are "a source of joy for your parents and your families, but also for our human family and for the Church, in which each of us is like a link in a great chain stretching from the past to the future and covering the whole earth".

Full report at www.cathnews.com

CARITAS JOINS FAITH-BASED AGENCIES TO CAMPAIGN FOR A SAFER WORLD

Caritas Australia has joined faith-based agencies to campaign for a "Safer World for All", calling for the Australian Government to help prevent global catastrophes by investing in foreign aid, building a fairer global economy and taking action on climate change.

The Safer World for All coalition consists of 25 humanitarian aid agencies and faith-based charities, including Caritas Australia. It is supported by the Australian Council for International Development, Micah Australia, and Global Citizen. The campaign launched with a panel discussion at the Global Citizen NOW conference in Melbourne this week.

"The world's most vulnerable communities face challenges on multiple fronts with many exposed to conflict, climate change and financial pressures, all at once," Caritas chief executive Kirsty Robertson said. "Without intervention, further hunger, poverty, and displacement is inevitable. Governments, such as ours here in Australia, can and must intervene to limit the damage." Full report at www.cathnews.com

STATION OF THE CROSS

- Every Friday of Lent at 7pm followed by a Holy Mass.
- Every Sunday of Lent after the 5pm Mass



ANOINTING MASS FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCHEON 16 MARCH AT 11AM

Please bring all elderly and sick members of your family and friends.

WORKING BEE ON 23 MARCH AT 9AM

In preparation for the Holy Week and Easter, we will need more volunteers to clean-up the Church and its surround. Please show up and participate.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES:

- ANNIVERSARY:** Michael Fyfe, Paul Mackellin, Philip Fitzpatrick, Trish Whitehouse, Bernadette Russo, William Donal Craig, Agnes Swoboda, Graham Walker, James Burke, Josef Mathys Verstappen, Monica Clarke, Margaret Ratcliffe.
- SICK:** Peter Lisle, Wendy Markby, Fiona Scudds, Elisa Iacovitti, Evelyn McDougall.

POPE MAKES EMOTIONAL PLEA FOR CEASEFIRE IN GAZA

Pope Francis on Sunday called for Israel and Hamas to reach an agreement for "an immediate ceasefire in Gaza", repeating "Enough!" and "Stop!" from the window of the apostolic palace.

Delivering his Angelus at St Peter's Square, the Pope made an emotional plea for a deal that would both free the Israeli hostages immediately and grant humanitarian aid to civilians in Gaza.

"I carry daily in my heart, with sorrow, the suffering of the peoples in Palestine and Israel due to the ongoing hostilities," Francis said.

Pope Francis said: "I encourage the continuation of negotiations for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and throughout the region, so that hostages can be freed immediately and return to their anxiously awaiting loved ones, and the civilian population can have safe access to due and urgent humanitarian aid."

Full report at www.cathnews.com

OF ALL VICES, PRIDE IS THE GREAT QUEEN

Pope Francis on Wednesday used his general audience to focus on the vice of pride, which the Holy Father argued was the "great queen" of all the vices.

He has relied on aides to read his public addresses since the Vatican announced he was suffering from "mild flu" symptoms in late February.

"Those who give in to this vice are far from God, and the correction of this evil requires time and effort, more than any other battle to which the Christian is called."

Pride is "evil," the Pope said, and is of a greater magnitude than vainglory, as it arises from "the absurd claim to be like God".

Highlighting the effects of pride in everyday life, the Pope noted it "ruins human relationships" and foments division instead of promoting fraternal solidarity.

At the end of his address, the Holy Father urged the faithful to "take advantage of this Lent to fight against our pride," adding "salvation comes through humility, the true remedy for every act of pride".

Full report at www.cathnews.com



LENTEN RECONCILIATION THURSDAY, 21 MARCH AT 7PM

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES AND QUARTERLY STATEMENT

ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

Thank you so much to your continued support to our parish.

CARE AND SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

On Friday 15th March at 9.45 am in Narthex
All are welcome!

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISOR

The Parish needs a volunteer Occupational Health and Safety Advisor.
Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

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This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.
— 1 JOHN 4: 2-3 NV