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from home*

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Office Hours: Monday & Friday 10am – 4.30pm

22nd & 23rd February 2020

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A

CELEBRATIONS: 24th February – 1st March 2020



Monday	9.00am	Mass of Monday Ord. Time week 76, yr II
Tuesday	4.30pm	Ceremony of making of Ashes 
	5.00pm	Mass of Tuesday Ord. Time week 7, yr II
	After Mass	Pancake Supper
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass of Ash Wednesday
	7.00pm	Mass of Ash Wednesday
Thursday		No Mass
Friday	4.30pm	Scripture Rosary 
	5.00pm	Mass of Friday after Ash Wednesday
	After Mass	Stations of the Cross 
Saturday	9.15am	Reconciliation 
Saturday	6.00pm	Mass of 1 st Sunday of Lent, yr A
Sunday	8.00am	Mass of 1 st Sunday of Lent, yr A
	10.00am	Mass of 1 st Sunday of Lent, yr A 



Ash Wednesday is a day of **Fast & Abstinence**



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

● **Lent** begins on this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday which is a day of **FAST & ABSTINENCE**; see noticeboard for details. Lent is a penitential season for the whole Church of prayer, self-denial and helping others. So join in prayer together with the **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays and as part of our self-denial and helping others, contribute to **Project Compassion** using the boxes provided.

● **Interest in a Social:** The Parish Pastoral Council is proposing a social gathering if there is enough interest. The proposal is for a BYO Finger Food Lunch on a Sunday in the Presbytery. If you would be interested in such a social event, then put your name on the list in the church foyer.

Lectors:

22nd Feb / 23rd Feb 2020

6.00pm P. Magri 8.00am N. Bosquet 10.00am ... D. Thirard

29th Feb / 1st March 2020

6.00pm P. Donnelly 8.00am J. Amore 10.00am ... A. Black

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

22nd Feb / 23rd Feb 2020

6.00pm ... K. Steele 8.00am ... M. Coyle 10.00am ... B. Ellwood

29th Feb / 1st March 2020

6.00pm ... M. Young 8.00am ... A. Wells 10.00am ... D. Foster

God's Housekeepers this Week: 27th Feb Group A 5th March Group B

Counting Teams:

February: Michael Beyer and Barry Bramwell **March:** David & Dely and Ian & Barbara Ellwood

Last week's Offerings:

First (Support of the Priests) \$735.40. Second (Support of the Parish/Hall) \$1123.80



➤ **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you are good and forgiving.

Lord, have mercy. All: *Lord, have mercy.*

⌘ Christ Jesus, you are the Saviour of us all.

Christ, have mercy. All: *Christ, have mercy.*

⌘ Lord Jesus, you show us the way of perfect love.

Lord, have mercy. All: *Lord, have mercy.*



FIRST READING: Leviticus 19: 1-2. 17-18

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

℟ ***Lord, you are good and forgiving.***

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

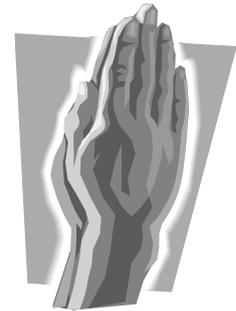
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All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

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But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

℟



➤ **SECOND READING:** 1st Corinthians 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to the little ones
The mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!***

➤ **GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

➤ **Gospel Acclamation**

For Ash Wed and rest of the week:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Please pray for those who are sick especially:

***John Coughlin, Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Maurice Sikorski, Denise Marmion, Mark Burns,
Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's
comfort and strength.***

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office.).

***Please pray for Fr Rod Pitts who died recently, and for Joe Valentino, Charles & Jane Farrugia
and Joseph & Carmen Magri whose anniversaries occur about this time, and for all who have
died. May they rest in peace.***

PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **AMEN.**

Responses during the Mass

Fr Joe. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. All: **And with your spirit.**

❖ Penitential Rite: see p2

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

❖ Homily then **Creed:**

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

❖ At the end of the preparation of the gifts:

Fr Joe: Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

(ALL STAND) now:

All: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Fr Joe: The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Comm. Antiphon: (Used only when there is **NO** Communion Hymn)
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

❖ Dismissal

Fr Joe: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday:

1st Sunday of Lent, Yr A

1st Reading: **Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17**

2nd Reading: **Romans 5:12-19**

Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11**

WORD of God – **are we Listening better ?**

➔ **Use these notes** to pray through Lectio Divina on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

Lectio: Our text continues the first teaching of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel – *the Sermon on the Mount*. Jesus continues with two more statements beginning; "*You have learnt*". He is presenting **his way** which goes beyond what they had learnt. Their learnings were first steps towards reflecting the ways of God's love.

Read: **Matthew 5: 38 - 48**

Meditatio: How do I respond to those who hurt me? Do I just do to others what they have done to me? Do I respond to being hurt by storing up anger and resentment? How have I broken the cycle of mutual violence with love? Do I waste time 'keeping the balance' rather than moving things on? Does my life challenge others to live better lives?

Oratio: Pray that we will grow towards loving as we are loved by God. Pray for those who are caught up in cycles of violence, anger or mistrust. Pray that hate may be overcome by courageous love. Pray that Lent will be a time of grace and renewal.

Contemplatio – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

After your prayer – Make time for the activities of Lent. ✍ Fr Joe

Coming Events in 2020

2020 – Plenary Council Year

- 25th Feb – 4.30pm Ceremony – Burning of the Palms, 5pm Mass followed by Pancake Supper
- 26th February – **Ash Wed**, 9am & 7pm Masses
- 12th April – Easter Sunday

● **Buy a Ticket** in our Combined Catholic Churches Raffle 2020. This is a Major Fundraiser for the Parish. There are **14 Prizes including 3 Cars**. Tickets are **\$2** each and can be purchased in the church foyer or from the Parish Office. Buy a ticket; support our Parish. ✍ Fr Joe

● **Sacramental Preparation** Children wishing to celebrate sacraments after Baptism need to contact Fr Joe as soon as possible.

▶▶ Cleaner for Presbytery: a paid job is offered for a parishioner to clean the presbytery – see Fr Joe.



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