



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd / 3rd March 2019

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Tuesday: Mercy Place 11.00am. Includes sacrament of anointing.

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday 9.30am

Lenten Liturgy St Anne's School Hall 11.25am

Thursday & Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

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PASTORAL MESSAGE REGARDING CARDINAL GEORGE PELL

28th February 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

I reach out to each one of you in Jesus, by way of this simple Pastoral Message.

The revelations regarding Cardinal Pell over these last days have deeply shocked and disturbed us. We find in our hearts so many emotions and confusions.

We hold deeply in our hearts all survivors of sex abuse and their families. We pledge to do all we can to stand alongside them in prayerful, transparent vigilance.

Given that Cardinal Pell's conviction will now be subject to an appeal in court we best leave aside further comment on this matter.

Be assured of and comforted by my prayers and thoughts for you, my dear people, in this fragile time. Please find strength in your care for each other.

Together, let us turn as always to the Lord Jesus and our Mother Mary, during our Masses and our prayers to guard and guide us in this "vale of tears".

Please pray also for our priests, deacons and seminarians. They who seek to serve you with great pastoral care are in need of their own care in these days.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

Apostolic Administrator of Wagga Wagga Diocese

Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frances Bowtell, Jan Hodge, Jack Carroll, Sherrie Gavin, Louise Szabo, Tony Iverson, Bernie O'Keeffe, Lois Heazle-wood, Greg

Riley, Jim Brigden, Kathleen Birch, Kylie Dawson, Royce Boyd, Sr Pat Osborne.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Mills, Bill Stirling, Billy Clarke, Juanita Jervois, Ken Ovington, Geoff Frauenfelder, Pat Hagan, Graham Ledwidge, Jessie Klippel, Fr Tony Fitzgerald, Philippa Hailey, George Devcich, Denis Maloney, Henry Carter, Milton Mulholand, Thelma Conroy, Colin & Dianne Surridge, Esther Smith, Kevin Gordon, Vic Dolenc, Roy Quin, George McArdle, Tim Robb, Bridget King, Fred Brooner, Wildred Fallet, Ned McSweeney, Mary Jory, Dorothy Ryan, Terry Conway.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 2nd / 3rd March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Virginia Mitsch	Jane Murtagh
Lector 1	Barbara Godde	Sr Carina Morton
Lector 2	Volunteer	Ray Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Anna Farrell Lyn Hamilton	Pauline Willis Gemma Whitehead Sue McLaurin
Cantor	Brian Waters	Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher		

Sat /Sun: 9th /10 March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Kellie Gordes	Gavin Dykes
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Cathy Nyhan
Lector 2	Volunteer	Richard Parkinson
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Catherine Cutler	Peter & Dianne Treacy Kevin Kennedy
Cantor	John Van Lint	Simon Goss
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant		

Prayer for International Women's Day

Dear Lord,
You walk beside us, each moment of each day.
You know us by name, see each joy and sorrow.
You created within us a gentle capacity to love and nurture.
You gave us understanding and patience in a troubled world.
You laid upon us the responsibility to carry and care for new life.
You released us to run and dance, to sing and create.
You crafted in us sharp minds that are able to solve problems and see possibilities.
You desire each of us to live life to the full, embracing your love for us and extending grace to others.
You gave your life so that we could walk free to build your kingdom on earth as in heaven.
We lay our lives before you and trust in your unfailing love.
Guide us, heal us, touch us, and lead us,
To reflect more and more of your life within our own.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith."

Parish News

Statement from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

The news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia.

The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal's legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served.

In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable. (Feb 26, 2019)

Also provided is an article written by Fr Frank Brennan, a Jesuit priest and lawyer. It provides a reasoned and balanced view of a very complex case. Copies are available on the side table at the Swan Street entrance.

Project Compassion 2019

Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways Caritas Australia works around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Through a holistic approach Caritas is working with communities providing hope for a just and fair world regardless of their ethnicity, political beliefs, gender or religion. We are assisting women, children and men to break free from the cycle of poverty whilst ensuring they are the architects of their own development.

Project Compassion boxes/envelopes are available for collection at the church entrances.

Donations to Caritas Australia can also be made by phone 1800 024 413 or online at www.caritas.org.au

If you wish to claim your donation as a tax deduction the relevant information attached to boxes/envelopes needs to be recorded.

The Parish Pastoral Council meets this Thursday 7 March at 6.00pm in the hall.

Fight MND Day

Saturday 23 March 2019 at the Albury Sports Ground from 12pm in honour of Neale Daniher.

Watch past and present football and netball stars take on legendary sporting family, the Danihers, to raise money for fight MND.



This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Mannix Andrew Dowell and Ava Anelise Dowell children of Jarrod and Sara.

And the celebration continues Last weekend the Central A community of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy celebrated with this year's Jubilarions Augustine Ryan 70 years, Cabrini Knott & Janice Dunn 60 years, Anne Hagan 50 years. We thank these women for their fidelity and service and for helping many to experience the gift of God's mercy.

Communal Lenten Journey

As part of our communal Lenten journey you are encouraged to participate in one of the Lenten discussion groups that will be operating within our parish community. We will be using a new reflection program by Michael McGirr, a writer and teacher. The Tuesday evening group begins this week 5 March at 7.00pm. The Thursday evening group begins this week 7 March at 7.30pm. Both groups will meet in Sacred Heart Parish Hall. All welcome to participate.

Lenten Apps for iPhone, Android & Tablet \$1.99. Search *Lent 2019 Compassion*. This app has been developed by the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Outreach Group

A meeting of members of the outreach group will be held in the Sacred Heart Hall after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 10 March. If unavailable to be present please contact Barbara Godde on 6021 7868.

Morning Tea

Our **Parish Morning Tea** to be held today at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist. Thank you to St Anne's School Community for volunteering to assist in the setting up and catering for this gathering.



Plenary Council 2020

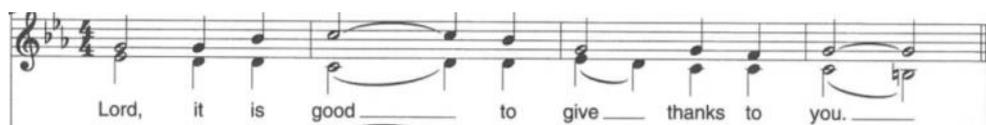
Have your say in the life and future direction of the Catholic Church in Australia. Submissions from individuals and groups **close** on 6 March (Ash Wednesday) at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au Or mail to PO Box 747, North Sydney NSW 2059

Liturgy of the Word

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Readings: Ecc 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15: 54-58; Luke 6: 39-45

Responsorial Psalm:



Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Alleluia Verse:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.**

Alleluia!

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Meeting with the St Egidio Community in March 2018, Pope Francis lauded their efforts ‘to help compassion grow in the heart of society – which is the true revolution, that of compassion and tenderness, which rises from the heart – to cultivate friendship in place of the ghosts of animosity and indifference’. Committed to befriending the poor, the St Egidio Community seeks to build a world where all are treated with dignity and respect.

Journeying through Lent with the Lukan texts, called at times the Gospel of Compassion, we are similarly challenged to ‘clothe ourselves with compassion’ (Colossians 3:12) which has many faces: kindness, tenderness, mercy, forgiveness and gentleness. Wandering in the wilderness, Jesus is tempted to abandon belief in a compassionate God and rely on his own powers in the face of adversity and loss, a temptation that we ourselves know. When life is difficult it is easy enough to seek solace in the ‘bread’ that does not satisfy rather than trust in God to provide.

The revelation of the divine during the mountain encounter with Jesus, Moses and Elijah shows that the compassion of God knows no bounds. We are invited into the blinding love of the all-powerful One whose compassion wants to bestow glory on all people. The gardener asking for another year for the barren fig tree to produce its fruit is the voice of the compassionate God who is always pleading our cause, always offering another opportunity for us to turn from our sin and the One who provides all that is necessary to be ‘fruitful’.

Compassion can often seem unreasonable, a weakness, even foolish in human terms. This is evident in the Prodigal Son parable, where the Father’s generosity knows no limits. Can we really be expected to keep welcoming back and forgiving those who disappoint, hurt and abuse our hospitality? Many parents are faced with the dilemma of compassion in how to love their children suffering from addictions and violent behaviours.

Nothing less than a revolution of tenderness can transform the violence and hatred of our world. Like the woman caught in adultery, many people’s lives are held in the hands of others, dependent on their justice and mercy. The compassionate Jesus reminds us that we are all in need of the mercy and forgiveness of God and each other. God needs us to be the face of love and compassion in our world. As we struggle to offer compassion to others, let us remember that we ourselves are in great need of this same compassion. May our time of reflecting on the Lenten readings be a time of drawing upon God’s infinite compassion ‘which never comes to an end; and is new every morning’. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Together, let us pray this ancient prayer of St Anselm (1033-1109) seeking a revolution of tenderness and compassion to transform our world. *Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us, in your love and tenderness remake us, in your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us. Amen.*

*The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane*