



## *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*6th / 7th April 2019*

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### **Mass Times**

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:**

**Tuesday 9.30am**

**As I will be away with Xavier Yr 12 students on Retreat. A Liturgy of the Word including Holy Communion will be celebrated on Wednesday & Friday at 9.30am.**

**NO service Thursday**

**First Tuesday of the month: Mercy Place mass at 11.00am.**

### **RECONCILIATION**

**SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM**

**BAPTISMS—By appointment.**

**Preparation Course: 0411 883 661**

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### **Acts of Compassion - Day by Day**

Lent is a time for engaging with the God of compassion and letting go judgement of others.

A woman encounters Jesus and because of this encounter with the face of compassion she is transformed. The moment changed her.

- What would an encounter with Jesus be like for you?

Jesus bent down and wrote in the sand...he took a moment before responding.

When you are tempted to bite back at people, take a moment before you respond. Stop, breathe, think, respond.

- Am I quick to condemn others?
- Am I quick to condemn myself?
- How can I offer compassion and mercy to others this week? Can I be the face of Christ to another?
- How can I offer compassion and mercy to myself? Can I gaze upon myself with the same love that God does?

Go into the week consciously seeking out what you can learn from others.

- What are the gifts the people I come across offer me, through their words, their actions, their way of being?

*"One must come to know who one is before God, one's strengths and weaknesses, gifts and failings, in order that one may be transformed into a vessel of compassionate love and come to see the world with new and deeper vision" Ilia Delio, Franciscan Prayer, (p12)*

### **School Liturgies**

**Xavier High School - Stations of the Cross - Tuesday 9 April at 1.30pm on school grounds.**

**St Anne's Primary School - Holy week Liturgy - Friday 12 April at 11.30am at School Hall**

**All parishioner's welcome to attend both liturgies**

# Parish Community



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lorraine Dick, Charles Borg, Eva Toth, John Hickey, Margaret Donk, Pat Dignan, Clarence Ivill, Jan Hodge, Jack Carroll.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jean Adams, Elizabeth Simon, Heidi Yonson, Philip Liston, Meg McNamee, Mark Pennay, Sister Baptista, Kevin Corrigan, Joe Everett, Allan Roach, Ellen Phibbs, Otto Sproule, Colleen O'Reilly, David Miller, Pam O'Brian, Les Stewart, Phillip Percy, Steven Campbell, Rose Dynan, Rusty Stewart, Angel Taravillo, Kerry Faul, Frank Percy, Wal Tozer, Joan Godde, John Norman, Catherine Thompson, Patricia Fisher, Patrick Scammell, Sandra Gillett, Alice Frauenfelder, Norm Frauenfelder, Catherine McIntosh, Albert Maguire.

*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: 6th / 7th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Foley	Richard Parkinson
<b>Lector 1</b>	Ed Brown	Roy Thompson
<b>Lector 2</b>	Michael Byrnes	Jane Murtagh
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Anna Farrell Lyn Hamilton	Gemma Whitehead Richard & Trish Parkinson
<b>Cantor</b>	John van Lint	Bernadette & Wendy
<b>Musicians</b>	Val Hayes	
<b>Counters: Desmond Lum &amp; Jane Togher</b>		

Sat/Sun: 13th / 14th April

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Nano Clancy	Colleen Day
<b>Lector 1</b>	Justin Clancy	MACE Sisters
<b>Lector 2</b>	Brian Waters	Wendy McFerran
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Michael Regan Pat Hopkins	Carmel Butts Pamela McIntosh Sue McLaurin
<b>Cantor</b>	Catherine Cutler/Judy Lindsay	Anne McIntyre
<b>Musicians</b>	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
<b>Counters: Peter Toner &amp; Gordon Bryant</b>		

## Project Compassion 2019

### Prayer

*Creator God,  
You are our constant hope!*

*In the season of Lent, you call us to prayer, fasting and love of those who are marginalized.*

*As a community of faith and courage, let our gifts to Project Compassion be symbols of hope and solidarity with our one human family.*

*Accompany us as we journey with Jesus to bring 'good news' to all creation and ready our hearts to work for the common good of all your people.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name.*

*Amen*

## A Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."

# Parish News

## HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

**Holy Thursday** - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.00pm

**Good Friday** - Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (commencing St Marks Anglican Church, Gulpha Street)

10.30am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3.00pm

**Holy Saturday** - Easter Vigil - 6.00pm

**Easter Sunday** - 9.30am

**The Second Rite of Reconciliation** will be offered in our parish community on Tuesday 16 April at 7.00pm.

## **BONSAI UNDER LIGHTS—Fundraising Event for Murray Conservatorium Choir—12, 13 & 14 April 7-10pm**

Come join us for a stunning and unique event featuring Albury's largest and oldest collection of bonsai, accompanied by the soothing sounds of the Murray Conservatorium Choir and a beautiful display of botanic artwork. Valibo Nursery, 534 Urana Road, Lavington (entry via Barneys Rubble). \$15 entry includes wine & cheese. Choir performance Friday night only. See flyer in church

**The Eucharist** is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak (*Evangelii Gaudium*)

It is the current understanding of the church that holy communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds.

After consultation with the parish pastoral council it has been decided to offer communion under both kinds at all masses during Lent.

## **Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors for Easter Ceremonies**

If you are available for any of the Holy week ceremonies could you please put your name down on the roster sign up sheet placed on table at front of church (Swan St side).

**We congratulate Justin Clancy** on his election to the NSW seat of Albury. While the media has reported various reasons for his success they failed to mention his outstanding personal integrity. May all elected candidates continue to work towards good governance across our whole state. May they be particularly attentive to the needs of the marginalised, weak and vulnerable in our community and empower them to have a voice that is valued.

Regarding the sentencing of Cardinal George Pell.

**Still available** 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.



This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Chaz Lawrence Bockman son of Ryan & Melanie; Alfie Jack Jacobs son of Nicholas & Ashlea.

## **CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER—Please make note of change of day**

Practice continues next **Wednesday** 10 April at 7pm. New singers MOST WELCOME to join with our regular faithful singers. Contact Val on 0422 953 771 for more info.

## **'LUNCHTIME FAVOURITES'**

Lachlan McIntyre - Voice; Paul Tasker - Piano

Tuesday April 9, 2019, 1pm

St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Kiewa St. Albury  
Programme: Classical favourites and hits from *South Pacific*, *My Fair Lady* and more. Come have your salad with Sondheim, your sandwich with Schumann, or an apple with Auber!

## **Parish Morning Tea**

Our parish morning tea will be at the conclusion of our celebration of Eucharist this Sunday. Thank you to the Deanshaw Family group for hosting this event. We need volunteers to help co-ordinate our next month's morning tea on 5 May. Please add your name to the roster at the Mate Street entrance.



## **Communal Lenten Journey**

Our Lenten discussion groups using the programme designed by Michael McGirr concludes this week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.00am in Sacred Heart Parish Hall. All welcome to participate.

## **Sacred Heart Parish Mother's Group**

Would you or someone you know with little ones at home, be interested in joining a Sacred Heart Parish Mother's Group? If there is enough interest the group will meet monthly to have a chat and a cuppa. Please contact Jane Ward 0419 277 926 for more details.

Gratitude is extended to the students and staff of Xavier High School for their liturgical leadership in our celebration of Eucharist last Saturday evening. Many thanks to Ed Brown, Director of Faith & Mission for his co-ordination of the various liturgical components and the shared pizza afterwards. We are working on a return date for next term.

# Liturgy of the Word

*Fifth Sunday of Lent—Year C*

*Readings: Is 43: 16-21; Phil 3: 8-14; John 8: 1-11*

*Responsorial Psalm:*



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

## Gospel Acclamation:

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!

## Project Compassion Stories— SALMA—BANGLADESH

Salma lives with her husband, Masud, in the rural community of Gazipur, two hours from Bangladesh's bustling capital.

She was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013.

In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are still tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick, she experienced abdominal pain and couldn't eat. She sought the help of a midwife called Pronoti, trained by Caritas Australia's Safe Motherhood Program.

Pronoti helped Salma safely through two pregnancies, thanks to her comprehensive training in midwifery, antenatal and postnatal care. The program has reduced maternal and infant mortality in the area by almost 70 percent.

Over 400 women have been trained in midwifery since 2008 – and they have given over 28,000 women antenatal checkups and delivered more than 15,000 babies.

Now 24, Salma smiles as she watches her one-year-old boy and six-year-old daughter play together. She is pleased that they are growing up strong and can focus on their hopes for the future.

"If the Safe Motherhood Program had not trained midwives like Pronoti, many of us would have to go to the private clinics 11 kilometres away," Salma says. "Some of us women and our babies might die because of that." "We are poor and so it is easy to get discouraged about the future. However, if we have hope, we have the courage to try and do things that seem difficult or impossible at the time."

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers around the world experiencing extreme poverty and injustice. That our continued support will bring about better health care to nurture life and well-being.



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