

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Luke 15:18  
**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**  
**I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:**  
**Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.**  
**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**  
**Your brother here was dead and has come to life.**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back

safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**  
**You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**  
**Is 43: 16-21; Phil 3: 8-14; Jn 8: 1-11.**

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### MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.  
 SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.  
 MONDAY: No Mass.  
 TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.  
 FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.  
 Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.  
 RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.  
 Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.  
 Marriage: By appointment.  
 Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C) 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### 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: Joshua 5:9-12**  
**A reading from the book of Joshua**

**The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.**

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps Ps 33:2-7**

**RESPONSE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
 his praise always on my lips;  
 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
 The humble shall hear and be glad.

**RESPONSE.**

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
 from all my terrors he set me free.

**RESPONSE.**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
 let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
 and rescued him from all his distress.

**RESPONSE.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**  
**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

**God reconciled us to himself through Christ.**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**26 / 27 MARCH 2022 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	A STANTON	G MOODLEY
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	V PERERA	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: WONG FAMILY & NIARA PAREKALAM	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 5: P HO F HO	A STANTON	
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER– no flowers during Lent	MARCH ATAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

**2 / 3 APRIL 2022 – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	A SHEEKA	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GRP 1: JAMES D’MELLO, IAN PILENA & AIDEN SHEEKA	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 6: S RATH	P BRODERICK	R LEUNG
Altar Flowers	K PERERA / T CHAMISA– no flowers during Lent	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

**PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:**

**Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have recently died especially Michael Stack. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.



**Holy Week Ceremonies and Easter Masses**



**PALM SUNDAY - 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Saturday Vigil: 6pm, Sunday 8am and 10am.

**WEEKDAY MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK**

Monday to Wednesday - 9am Mass followed by Reconciliations from 9.30am.

**HOLY THURSDAY – 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Mass of The Lord’s Supper at 7.30pm with prayers and adoration till 9.30pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY – 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Stations of the Cross at 10am.  
The Passion of Our Lord at 3pm.

**EASTER MASSES – 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Vigil at 6.30pm – followed by Supper in the School Hall  
Sunday Masses at 8am and 10am.

**Pope Consecrated Russia and Ukraine.**

A prayer of consecration was said by the Pope in St. Peter’s Basilica during a penitential celebration at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Rome (1:30 p.m. EST) on Friday, March 25, the feast of the Annunciation. On the same day, [the same act of consecration](#) was performed by priests and bishops from around the world, notably also in Fatima, by the Pope’s representative.



The consecration is a plea for peace, bringing to God “the cry of pain of all those who suffer” and entrusting “the future of humanity to the Queen of Peace”. If you were unable to attend a local Mass, you can join the Pope and all the priests in a time of personal prayer during which you can pray the text of the act of consecration. Copies of the prayer will be in the foyer.

**Project Compassion – Don’t forget your almsgiving this weekend!**

**Fr Roberto is away this Saturday.**

Fr Roberto will be away this Saturday as he will be attending a special convivencia. Saturday morning Mass was said by Fr Marlon and the 6pm Vigil will be celebrated by Fr Gerry Prindiville.

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation:**

The **THIRD** session of the programme is this **Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** in the Church.

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation:**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 4pm to 7pm in the Church.**  
**And Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 4.30pm to 6.30pm in the Church.**



**Anointing of the Sick THIS week.**

Fr Roberto will anoint the sick and elderly parishioners after each Mass THIS weekend.

**Stations of the Cross.**

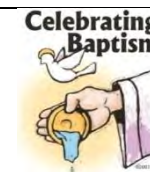
Stations will continue on **Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> April** and will run throughout Lent every Friday evening at 7.30pm.

**Lenten programme.**

Our sessions continue on **THURSDAY the 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm** in the Church and will run throughout Lent. You are welcome to come!

**Baptisms this weekend**

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Archer Flack and Chloe & Skylar Yu. We congratulate their parents Michelle & Justin and James & Jaehee and their families.



**Volunteers for Holy Week Roster are needed.**

Our Holy Week volunteer roster sheets for all our Easter Services are in the foyer. So add your name if you able to help at any of the Masses.



**EASTER VIGIL SUPPER.**

Please don’t forget to put your names on the clipboards for the Easter supper:

- Setup volunteers
- Tell us what food you will be bringing on the night – savoury or sweet dishes.



**Palms branches are needed.**

This year we request you bring your own sprig of palm or olive twig when you attend Mass for Palm Sunday on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> April. Please note that we will have a small supply of palms for those who forget to bring their own.



**Working bee.**

Our next working bee will be held on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am. We will be cleaning the church and preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter. It’s always a great opportunity to meet other parishioners. Morning tea will be served.



**Eucharistic Ministers in Holy Week.**

Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers may be called up at any of the Masses if they are needed. Please be available.

**Stations of the Cross at Rookwood.**

An initiative of the Ryde Network Family Educators you are invited to Join us in the walking of the Stations of the Cross at Peaceful Waterway Memorial Gardens in Rookwood. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10am - 12 midday Please invite any family or friends who may appreciate this beautiful opportunity. To book go to: [www.trybooking.com/BYFJB](http://www.trybooking.com/BYFJB)

