

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

A reading from the 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 136

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up 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 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 first 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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, He gave us
His only Son, that all who believe in Him
might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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 believed 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4, 12-15
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-30



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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We follow the words of our patron,
St John Vianney, who said "He is here".

We recognise Christ is in the Word,
the Eucharist, and in us His people,
with a special reverence for Him
in the poor and marginalised.

We are called to make Christ present
through our prayer and charity.
We seek to grow in our spiritual lives and
create a community

where everyone is welcome;
the young and the old, together to
experience the loving presence of God.

We believe He is here amongst us
and we joyfully go out
to make Him present to all.

09/10 March 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Let Us Pray:

Clothe me in the light of your mercy and grace so I might share your love with others. Amen.

Follow the Light of the World into Eternal Life

God's love is more than we can ever imagine. Through God's infinite and merciful love, He sent his only beloved Son, Jesus, to Earth to teach us how to love. He sacrificed his Son to suffer and die a cruel death on the cross to save us from eternal death and damnation for our sins and the sins of Adam and Eve. He sent the Holy Spirit to guide us out of darkness and promised that if we believed, we would be rewarded with true happiness in heaven.

What an amazing gift this is! Through our faith and commitment to Jesus, we can be assured that God, who knows everything about us, including our faults and imperfections, loves us and promises us salvation rather than judgment for our failings! But what is meant by the words "everyone who believes in Him?" The action word "believes" is much more than merely saying, "I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior." Real belief in Jesus involves turning one's life over to Jesus and His teachings. It means making Jesus the center of our lives. It's a commitment to surrender one's selfish ways and to love others the way Christ loves. It is still true today that many people continue to stay in the darkness rather than have their sins exposed in the light. Sometimes it is self-denial, and they are afraid to confront their own sins. Other times, they don't want to admit to others that they are struggling. They fear that changing will be too hard. If only they would trust our most gracious and merciful God, who forgives and restores our souls when we offer our lives to Him.

We show belief when we come into the light and see, accept, and live in the truth of Jesus and His teachings. When we are true believers, our works of love will be Christ-like. Those who believe in Christ love Him and want to be like Him. Our good works will be done out of pure love and gratefulness for our God. Our belief, our faith in Christ, will go hand in hand with our actions, our works, to save us, and we will reach out to bring the Good News to others, too.

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FOR YOUR DIARY

11 Mon	No Mass
12 Tues	3:30pm First Reconciliation Class WK4 No Mass
13 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 7:30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
14 Thurs	No Mass
15 Fri	9:30am Mass with SJV School Students. <i>Parishioners are welcome to attend.</i> 11:00am Mass at Lota House 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
16 Sat	9:00am Lenten Reflection Groups 10:00am First Reconciliation Rehearsal 4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass (SJV)
17 Sun	7:00am Mass (St Jude's) 9:30am Mass (SJV) 11:00am 'A Talk on Prayer' by Fr Ray Sanchez

PPC MEETING SUMMARY

A summary of the recent PPC meeting, held on the 28th of February, is now on the noticeboard at both churches for your perusal.

HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP

ST RITA'S PARISH VICTORIA POINT

Warmly invites you to a Lenten Retreat on **Saturday the 14th of March from 9am-12:30pm.** Morning tea is provided and everyone is welcome.



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS BRANCH 46 WYNNUM MANLY Next General Meeting

Catholic men 18years and over, are invited to attend the next Branch 46 Meeting of the Knights **Tuesday 12 March commencing 6.30pm** Guardian Angels Parish Ctre, Chestnut St Wynnum

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jillian Rideout Belletty, Phillip Hunt, Tyler Whitton, Margaret Ewers, Ellen Snell and Trevor Rose.

ANNIVERSARIES: Victor Berger, Paul Bouton, Brian Cahill, Frances Cassell, Gina Clair, Alice Condon, Stephen Connor, Maxwell Cooper, Barry Edward Creevey, Louise DeWeger, Beatrice Fox, Keith Furner, Colin Freebody, Norman Hare, Trevor Hankins, John Harrison, Kevin Hatton, Kathleen Howard, William Jackson, Brett Ledwidge, Margaret Lawder, Mervyn Lewis, Mary Massie, Alec Mathams, Thomas Murphy, Geoffrey Peake, Bernard Peterson, Ann Riseham, Ivy Rafter, James Retchless, Valerie Smith, Patrick Tranent, Reginald Thurlow, Anastasia Tripcony, Edward Vinson, Bill Warlow, Kevin Woodgate, Anthony Wright, Wilfred (Bill) Weise.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jack and Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavrilla, Maureen Handcock, Leesa Scott, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Emma Walters, Natasha Skitmore, Stacie Stonier, Patrick Nofokifolau & Brian Prove.

To include a name in our 'Of Your Charity' list, the Privacy Act requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative. Names on the recently deceased, anniversaries and our sick parishioners are reviewed at the end of each month.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

This year we are offering Lenten Reflection Groups **Saturday morning at 9:00am in the church** All materials provided. Please join us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten Season
Friday evening at 6:30pm

A TALK ON PRAYER BY FR RAY SANCHEZ

'2024 The Year of Prayer'

Coinciding with the declaration by Pope Francis of '2024 The Year of Prayer' we are pleased to present speaker Fr Ray Sanchez who will be giving an insightful on Prayer on

Sunday March 17 at 11am, in the Parish Hall
(Morning Tea provided)

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR 17 MARCH

Volunteers are required to assist with the set up/pack down of chairs and to assist with catering.

A NOTICE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all those who currently volunteer with our parish. We are currently in the process of updating 'The Volunteer Register'. This register is vital in making sure our records are in compliance with the Archdiocese volunteering requirements. A **volunteer register** book is now available in the foyer of **SJV** and **St Jude's** church. Please fill in your details and the roles you undertake. If you would like to submit your personal information privately, please contact the parish office. Your details from this register will be submitted to the Archdiocese for their volunteering records. We will also help you to update your training and any other requirements with your volunteering role that may be out of date.



QUEENSLAND IRISH CHOIR ST PATRICK'S DAY CHOIR CONCERT 2024 TODAY!

Commemorate St Patrick's Day by enjoying a great afternoon of Irish Music, Song and Dance.

At Chermside-Kedron Community Church this Sunday the 10th of March at 2pm! Doors open 1:30pm. Adults \$25, Children under 15 years \$10. For all enquiries please contact 0439 455 487.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024 RECONCILIATION IMPORTANT DATES

*Classes are held in the parish hall at
3.30pm on Saturday or 8.00am on Sunday*

Reconciliation Rehearsal: Sat 16 Mar at 10.00am

Reconciliation Ceremony: Sat 23 Mar at 10.00am

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COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

The Parish Pastoral Council is pleased to announce that plans are continuing to create a Columbarium at St John Vianney's Church. Designs and costings are currently being looked at.



ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

Lent has begun and the **Annual Chrism Mass** will be celebrated in St Stephen's Cathedral on

Thursday the 21st of March at 7:00pm.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GROUP - THE ROSE CAFÉ

Extend a warm welcome to the ladies of our parish and invite them to attend their first function of 2024 with guest speaker Chris Keith.

\$10pp includes guest speaker and afternoon tea.

2pm Saturday 16 March

Bayside Uniting Church

420 Wondall Road, Manly West.

Please book via Andrea Gillis on 0427 965 624.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

On Tuesday the **19th of March at 7:00pm** the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held at SJV.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
NOT ON TODAY
Sunday 10th March 2024**

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 09 Mar	Maureen B	Sacramental Candidates		Mikaela, Denis, Jen	Anjoline	AG	B
Sun 10 Mar	June M	Sacramental Candidates		Trish, Mark, Margaret H	Therese	PS-K	
Sat 16 Mar	Jane O	Gerardina R	Alison G	Carmel S-K, Colleen, Mikaela	Pam	DH	C
Sun 17 Mar	Katherine Mck	Helen C-B	Steve P	Margaret H, Jasser, Carolina	Donna	SN, SCV	

This parish is Child Safety Aware and complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Safeguarding policy is situated in the foyer of the church. **STOPLINE CONTACT:** Phone 1 300 304 400 Email A0B@stopline.com.au

For the Children

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The light of the world

While Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover celebration, one of the Pharisees, called Nicodemus, came to see him secretly one night. Nicodemus believed in Jesus and wanted to know more about this extraordinary man.

LET US PRAY

Jesus, you are the light of the world. You promised that if we stay close to you, we will never be lost in the darkness. Help us to stay with you always.

