

LET'S DO IT FOR



Last year we collected for Caritas \$3496.00. That would have given Caritas the funds to provide

- To establish a community Piggery house in the Solomon Islands or
- To provide (2) education assistance for secondary students in Mozambique or
- Provide (3) families the resources to build a strong structured house in the Democratic Republic of Congo

So let us see if we can surpass last year's total and maybe help out the Djilpin arts Centre in the Northern Territory to train (4) art workers to run the Centre.

To help achieve that goal, we are providing two NEW opportunities to raise not only funds but also awareness to the plight of those struggling.

The Radiance of his Kindness

Once a man was caught stealing, and was brought before the king, who gave orders that he be hanged. However, as he was being led to the gallows, the man told the governor that he knew a wonderful secret. He claimed that he could plant the seed of a pomegranate and make it grow and bear fruit overnight. He said he was willing to reveal the secret to the king. The execution was halted, and the man was brought back before the king. There the man dug a hole in the ground, and taking a pomegranate seed said 'Your Majesty, the seed must be planted by a person who has never taken anything that didn't belong to him. I being a thief cannot do it'. Then turning to one of the king's officials he said, 'Maybe you would like to plant it'. But the official refused, saying, 'In my younger days I kept something that didn't belong to me'. Then the man turned to the king's treasurer and said 'well then, maybe you would like to plant it.' But the treasurer too refused, saying, 'Over the years I've handled a lot of money. Now and again I might have kept a little for myself.'

And so it went on. Finally there was only the king left. Turning to him the man said, 'Perhaps your Majesty would do the honour of planting the seed.' But the king said, 'I'm ashamed to say it, but once I kept a watch that belonged to my father.'

Then the thief said, "All of you are great and powerful people and want for nothing. Yet none of you can plant the seed, whilst I who have stolen a little because I was starving am about to be hanged.'

The king pardoned him. That story would have ended very differently if the king had not been prepared to listen. Instead, thanks to his patience and to the imagination of the condemned man, no one died and all learned a salutary lesson.

Flor McCarthy SDB



St Gregory's Parish Faith Community

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St Raphael's (main church), St Gregory's (no weekend services),
and St Patrick's Michelago.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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2 & 3 April 2022

VISION: Our Parish is a vibrant community inviting everyone to encounter Christ.

MISSION: To go and make disciples, to be a servant to each other and to be a people who reach out to those in need. We are guided by the LIFE of Jesus; sustained by the LOVE of God; and inspired by the LIGHT of the Holy Spirit.



REFLECTION

The scene in the Gospel was a dark and ugly one.

But Jesus illuminated it with the radiance of his kindness.

The lovely thing about kindness done to us

is that it continues to benefit us long afterwards,

through the memory we have of it.

And the lovely thing about a kindness we do to another

is that it benefits us as much as the one for whom we do it.

When we treat another person kindly

a sweetness falls like dew into our heart.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday
5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday
9.00am Mass
Sunday 5.30pm Mass

Monday
No Mass

Tuesday
5.30pm Mass

Wednesday
12noon Mass

Thursday
7am Mass

Friday
12noon Mass
11.00-11.55 Exposition &
Adoration Not during Lent

Baptisms
St Raphael's Church
Sundays .10:30am

Marriages By
appointment
Reconciliation by
appointment

Michelago 2nd Saturday of
the month 5.30pm or 6pm
during Day Light
Saving's time

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 11.15 AM FRIDAYS DURING LENT

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL NOT BE ADORATION ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT

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Please pray for our sick :

Phillip Roy Anderson
Carmelo Bautista
Florence Bowell
John Church
Elaine Cliff
Mary Coombe
Emmanuel Corpuz
Juliet and Rommel Estabillio
Helen Fraser
David Goldsmith
Gary Grady
Corazon Guemo
Patricia Hardy
Julia Kovacevic
Mary Lea
Mary Ian McAdam
Anthony McGlynn
Gywen McIntyre
Anne McTernan

Ron Morony
Rita Notte
Loretta & Geoff Percival
Regina Paredes
Hayden Paterson
Maria Picker
Trishy Mary Rankin
Nathan Reynolds

Dora Sartor
Jack Sealey
Mary Skidmore
Elisabeth Smyth
Miyako Sturgess (Tokyo)
Rosario B Surmielida
Madeleine Thriff
Ljubica Vricic
John Warner
George Forbes House Residents

May they rest in peace:

Gina Mogentale (Italy)
Laura Zarzycki
Katarina Jozing
Anna Ulanowic
Giuseppe Colbertaldo
Harry Campbell
Leone Leyshon
Sergio Corich
Elaine Bateup
Fr Henry Byrne
Fr Laurie Blake
Paul Foy

Anniversary of Death:

Michael Horton (1 year)
Bryne Connor
Trevor Domaschenz

Baptism:

Blake Gordon

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.

- C. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
- L. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
- C. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
- L. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God

and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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!

Gospel John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

© liturgy help



**Here are next weekend's Mass readings: Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Luke**

Let's prepare for Easter.

ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - For the month of March we will donate to Caritas.

We are turning your silver into a pot of gold.

Collection for March so far is \$148.00 Total running balance is

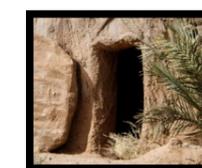


Many thanks for your continuing generosity!



'Spread the Word'

- ◆ **Easter Rosters** - If you would like to assist at the Easter services , roster sheet is available at the events table.
- ◆ **2nd Rite of Reconciliation** - Wednesday 6th April at 7pm in St Raphael's Church.
- ◆ **Chrism Mass** - is on the 11th April, 5pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. All parishioners are cordially invited to the beautiful liturgy. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated.
- ◆ **Lenten wrist bands** - gold coin donation
- ◆ **Anointing mass** - Friday 22 April at noon
- ◆ **21 – April (7:30 pm) "Book launch: Recovering the 'True Church': Challenges for Australian Catholicism beyond the Plenary Council"**. Paul Collins has returned to the future of Australian Catholicism, and will discuss this at his book launch, in conversation with Beth Doherty and Joan Warhurst. Parish Centre, Holy Trinity Church, 5 Strangways Street, Curtin. Refreshments will be provided and copies of the book will be on sale.



Easter Triduum service times

Holy Thursday, 14th April at 6.30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until 9.00pm

Good Friday, 15th April at 10am

Stations of the Cross St Raphael's Church

Good Friday, 15th April at 3pm

The Lord's Passion

Saturday, 16th April at 6.30pm

Easter Vigil

Sunday, 17th April at 8am & 10am

The Lord's Resurrection!

No Easter Sunday night Mass