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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY 6.00PM.

SUNDAY 8.00AM AND 11.15AM

Our Vision

We are a Catholic Community who profess, celebrate and witness that Jesus lives, and to whom the Father sends His Spirit. We express that belief by living out and spreading the message of the Gospel.

23rd and 24th of March 2019

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C

Now that our Lenten journey is well underway, we move into a new phase of the season. So far we have been guided by the stories of Jesus' testing in the wilderness and his transfiguration on the holy mountain. In Year A the Gospels from the following three Sundays are all from John. They present Jesus as the living water, the light of the world, and the resurrection and the life. So central are these stories in the liturgical tradition, and so apt for the preparation of the elect for their baptism at Easter, that these Gospels and the readings that go with them may be read every year. They are alluded to in the scrutinies celebrated on these Sundays to test and strengthen the elect. In Year C the Gospel text is all from Luke, with the exception of one from John. Together with key stories from the old testament, and telling passages from Paul, they raise serious questions for us would be followers of Jesus to wrestle with along the way.

First Communion

On Sunday the 31st of March, we welcome our First Communion Children who will be received at the table of our Lord at the 11.15am Mass. We look forward to seeing them.

Sharing of Submissions to Plenary Council 2020

The Listening and Dialogue phase of Plenary Council 2020 closed on Ash Wed. If you have submitted a response to the Plenary Council and would like to share it with the parish community, please email it to Cheryl.tay@cam.org.au, or drop it off at the parish office by Sunday 31st March 2019. A compilation will be done and made available to the community thereafter.

SPARC Worship Night

**Saturday 30th March – 6.00pm Mass and starts at 7.15pm
At Ss Peter and Paul's Church**

Lent is a season in which we are called to stop whatever it is we are doing, no matter how important it might be, and intentionally enter into prayer, self-examination and repentance with the sole purpose of returning to God with all our hearts. This goes beyond the usual "What am I giving up for Lent this year" and really exhorts us to ask ourselves "How can I give all of myself: my dreams, my hopes, my fears, my life, my heart, to God?" As we prepare for Easter, we invite you to carve out some time to join us in preparing our hearts for this truth - that God loves us so much that He gave His all through Jesus that we might be saved.

Lenten Reflection and Discussion Afternoon

Our parish Lenten Reflection and Discussion program this year will be held every Tues 2pm to 3.30pm, beginning March 12th. Please put your name and contact details on the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to attend.

Donation of Palm or Olive Branches for Palm Sunday

This year, Palm Sunday falls on the 14th April. If you have palms or olive branches you'd like to donate to the parish for this occasion, please contact Cheryl at the parish office on Tues, Wed or Fri (9am – 3pm) by 29th March 19.

Rosemary Jolley

For parishioners who know Rosemary, we are sad to advise that she went home to God on the 20th of March 2019. Her funeral service will be here at SSPP on Tue the 26th of March at 11.00am

**LENT PODCAST SERIES: THE LENTEN PILGRIM |
Lent W3: The Woman at the Well**

In this third episode of The Lenten Pilgrim podcast series, Fr Elio Capra SDB discusses the gospel of John (4:5-42), where Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman at the well. As part of his reflection, Fr Elio refers to a sculpture located at Chester Cathedral (UK), reflecting on why such a modern piece of art has been placed outside the seemingly old cathedral (UK). He says, 'The woman is talking about water. H2O. Jesus is talking about something much deeper than that: "a living water that will well up to eternal life." The word "eternal", we think, is of an afterlife but it also means the "fullness of life". This water gives us a fullness of life now. ... There is also an intense gaze into each other. Her gaze is a gaze of longing. It's the gaze of a person who wants to love and to be loved. This is the longing in the heart of every human being that has ever lived: to love and to be loved. And so Jesus looks up at her. He is the one that can provide the living water that can fill our hearts with this love. ... The more we empty ourselves, the more Christ will be able to fill our hearts.' For other resources to use during the Season of Lent, please visit the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne

We cannot ignore the fact that there is as much slavery in the world today, as there was before, or perhaps more – said Pope Francis last month.

Can't find slavery-free Easter eggs in your supermarket?

Ten years ago there was almost no slavery-free chocolate in our supermarkets in Australia. Now, because of public pressure and consumer demands, most supermarkets will sell some. Thank you for contributing to the demand for slavery-free chocolate, but we have a long way to go.

Good news: There is now slavery-free chocolate available in so many places. It tastes delicious and is no more expensive than other chocolate. Try ALDI, Haighs, OXFAM and leading supermarkets.

The Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne is also converting to slavery-free tea and coffee. Get on board!

Action: When you go to your local supermarket, look for chocolate that has one of these three symbols. If you can't find any, ask the manager if they stock any.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**Third Sunday of Lent
24th March 2019**



Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability. With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water system. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

The Nappy Collective

Our church is a collection point for The Nappy Collective this May, and we need your nappies!

The Nappy Collective gathers thousands of donated nappies, sorts them and distributes them to families in need through more than 200 organisations across Australia.

We'll have a box set up in the Narthex from Friday the 10th of May to Sunday the 26th of May. We'd love it if you could bring in any unused, disposable nappies you no longer need.

Maybe your child has moved up a nappy size, or has figured out toilet training (congratulations!), or you've got a handful of random nappies in the back of the cupboard that you don't know what to do with. Ask your friends with kids, too. Every nappy counts! Your nappy may go to help a mum fleeing family violence, an asylum seeker or refugee, or a family struggling with homelessness, mental illness, drug abuse or extreme financial hardship: people who may have to choose between buying nappies or buying food.

Find out more at www.thenappycollective.com. Or contact [insert contact name/phone/email if wanted].

Please note, The Nappy Collective can only take disposable nappies. If you have other items you'd like to donate – such as baby clothes, toys, cloth nappies or bottles – please consider donating them to an organisation like St Kilda Mums, or your local op shop.

LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP

DATE FUNCTION

On March 18th, 21 ladies attended Morning Melodies at the Cherry Hill Tavern where we were entertained by Vincent O'Connor presenting an "All Irish Affair". There was a lot of foot tapping and hearty singing to the old Irish tunes followed by a nice luncheon. A most enjoyable morning catching up with friends.

Our next function is outline below

3 APRIL: Stix & Stones Restaurant, 410 Main Road, Lower Plenty (9439 4888). Lunch Menu 1 course with choice of wine, beer or soft drink is \$25 and 2 course \$35 with a drink.

Anyone interested please book with Muriel on 0417 0550617.

Come and Join us!

Parish Groups

<p>VISITATION GROUP The next Visitation Group meeting is scheduled for Friday 5th April 2019 at 10.15am in the Parish Centre. New members are always welcome.</p>	<p>ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 9.30am..</p>
<p>SUPPORT GROUP- for widows, widowers and separated We will advise of the new date for this meeting in due course. For enquiries, please contact Peter - 0413 015 061 or 9840 6248 or padess53@gmail.com</p>	<p>MEN'S COFFEE CLUB Men of the parish who are shift workers or have retired, on holidays or simply have time on their hands, are invited to meet for a Men's Coffee Club Gathering. camaraderie! Meetings are held every Tuesday at 11.00am in the Drop In Centre. Tel: Kevin on 9848 7858.</p>
<p>1 in a 100 Appeal The next collection is due on Sunday the 31st March 2019 for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion Jerusalem and the Palestinians.</p>	<p>DROP-IN CENTRE Open every Monday morning from 11.00am - 2.30pm except during school holidays.</p>
<p>KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS Meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Drop in Centre from 7.30 – 9.30pm. New members always welcome.</p>	<p>PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS Monday and Thursday: 9.00-5.00pm Tuesday and Wednesday: 9.00-3.00pm Friday: 9.00-4.00pm</p>
<p>Ladies Afternoon Tea: Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month at the Drop In Centre at 2.00pm. Call Bernadette for more information on 0414 879 270</p>	<p>Ladies Monthly Luncheon Ladies Monthly luncheon will be held on the first Wednesday of the month. Please contact Muriel O'Gorman on 9840 7484 .</p>

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Parish Priest: Fr Jerald Mariadas
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 Principal: Mrs Patricia Vandekolk
Pastoral Worker Cheryl Tay: Cheryl.Tay@cam.org.au
Rosary: Monday to Saturday after
 Mass/Communion Service

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after morning Mass until 10.30am
Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30am and 5.30pm
 and any weekday after Mass

Baptisms: On 2nd and 3rd Sundays of every month
 at 12.45pm by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be held in our
 Church on Friday 5th April 2019 from 7.30-8.30pm.
 There will be Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet and
 Reconciliation.

**30th and 31st of March 2019
 4th Sunday of Lent**

Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3,11.32		Projector Operators
6.00pm Readers Commentator	Abigayle Rechtman, Josie Lim	Boris Diaz
8.00am Readers Commentator	Muriel O'Gorman Greg Sleeth	Hannah Sleeth
11.15am Reader Commentator	Alicia Ann Patrick Wendy Davis	Jordan Lim
Altar Servers	6.00pm	Xavier and Ashley
	11.15am	Amelia and Dominic
Money Counters	Group 4: Dorothy and Rosanna Merriweather	Julie Sykes

Children's Liturgy On the 1st and 3rd Sundays, at
 the 11.15am mass, except
 during school holidays.

Our Prayers are asked for those **who died recently:**

Rosemary Jolley, Joy Oxley and for those whose **anniversaries**
 occur at this time: Ion Dadarlat, David Larkin, Rosie Volpi, 
 Alessandro Giussani, Pasqua Serruto, Angelo Riccioni, Giovanni
 Battista Riccioni, Elvira Ercolani, Kasnawi Siaril, Tanya Balnaves,
 Michelina Coviello, Concatta Salvatore, Olwyn Ryan, Giuseppe
 Monterosso, Betty Salm, Noel Walsh, Gina Carrazzo, Elsie Larson ,
 Ken Toomey, Betty Warnock, Mary Summergreen, Ann Lambert,
 Aalia Marcos, Cruz Marcos, Luigi Ricciotti. **For those who are
 sick:** Madeline Gilmore, Dan McMahon, Teresita Leung, June
 Webster, Ann Tobin, Joel Pemberton, Angela Selva, Anthoula
 Miras, Danny and Alice Zanon, Margaret Jansen, Teresa Talia,
 Gaetano and Inez Paolini, Mong Kee Lim, Mary Ritus, Lois Norton
 Old, Caroline Tang, Salaka Hewamaduma, Priyanthi Perera,
 Josh Davis, Maree Spinks, Joyce Foo , Peter Wilkinson ,Pamela
 Bruce , Anthony Calcagno, Imogen Giffening , Chin Lan Chan ,
 Audrey O'Connor , Monica Hiew, Tai Thomas , Maraka Stilo,
 Philip Tay ,Petrina Tay , Pat Carty, Marie Simpson Khek Hong Tan,
 Choi Yeng Chew , Marie and Graham Simpson , Joseph K Y Lee
 Catherine Poon and Anthony Formosa.

**MASS TIMES for partner Parishes of
 Our Lady of The Pines, Donvale
 & Ss Peter & Paul, East Doncaster**

<i>NB. "CS" indicates Communion Service only</i>	OLOP	SSPP
Monday	-	9am CS
Tuesday	-	9am Mass
Wednesday	9.00am Mass – Rosary after morning mass	9.00am CS
Thursday	9am CS	9.00 Mass
Friday	9am Mass	9.am CS 7.30pm – Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5pm VIGIL	9am Mass- 6pm VIGIL
SUNDAY	9:30am	8am, 11.15am

Communion Minsters

6.00pm	8.00am	11.15am
Lucia Dorissa, Loraine Lednar, Nevisa D'Souza	Michael Liddy	Wendy Davis, Verna Carter Nicole Morabito

Did You Know

- The son going to 'a distant country' shows that
 he has turned his back not only on his father but also
 on his faith. He has left his true heritage behind. His
 repentance and return becomes all the more
 poignant.