

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

NEWSLETTER

Sat 6th March/ Sun 7th March 2010

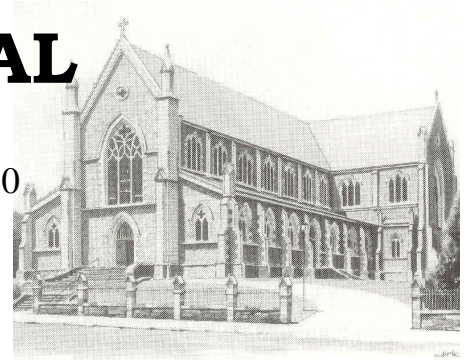
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – Year A

Entrance Antiphon:	My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.
First Reading:	Exodus 17:3-7
Responsorial Psalm:	If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Second Reading:	Romans 5:1-2,5-8
Gospel Acclamation:	Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Look, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Gospel:	John 4:5-42
Communion Antiphon:	Whoever drinks the water that I shall give him, says the Lord, will have a spring inside him, welling up for eternal life

PARISH NOTICES

We hold up and remember all those who have died recently:

Cedric Phillips, Anne Lawrence (Brisbane),

And those who have Anniversaries:

Mary Florence Ranger, Bernie Grunke, Ray Dixon, Stan and Nita Davis, George Phie, Joan Byrnes, Roman Llamson

We hold up in Prayer all those who are sick including those in our Newsletter:

Father Kevin Noble, Father Peter Murphy, Father Bernard Kane, Father Peter Collins SSS, Sr Geraldine Hambling csb (Victoria), Peter McEniery, Rita Moran, Joscelyn (Power) Hjort, Troy Reid (Perth), Sandra Sequiera, Thea Sophia Adamczak, Jennifer Stark, Kath Rafter, Dan Carroll, Melanie Ross (Nowra), Bill McErlean, Tracey Harman, Robert Taylor, Harry Jones, Kate Gibbs, Jim Barry, Elizabeth Simpson, Jane Denning, Paul Ashton, Robert Thompson, Noel Francis, Bryan Flemming, Patricia Fitzgerald, Steve Rees, Mary Parker, Sam Thiik, Stephen Cusack, Alan Padget, Bienvenido Llamson, Laurie Kronk, Pat Thompson, Dermot Healy, Betty O'Callaghan, Kev Griinke, Margaret Collins, Patsy Quinn, Les McGinley, Keith Bell, John Keightley, Catherine Keightley, Mary Saunders, Molly Hackwood, David Smith, Isabel Giuffrida, Madeleine (Moran) Wallace, Evangeline Laudon, Marina Flores, Maria Flores, Jesus Flores, Ambrosio Flores Jr, Margaret Hadden, Margaret Perkins, Carol Perkins, James Cook, Bob Jones, Joanne Canas, John Remeus, Dawn Remeus, Diana Rose Marasigan, Ernesto Flores.

Weekday Mass Times St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday	6.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	6.30 am Mass
Wednesday	6.30am Mass
Thursday	6.30am Mass
Friday	6.30am Mass
Saturday	6.30am Mass

Weekday Mass Times St Thomas More's Parish

Monday	9.00am Mass
Tuesday	5.30pm Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass

VOCATIONS: Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be. (Exodus3:18, 13-15) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, please phone Father Jamie Collins 4625 3021 or Father Michael Cooney 4662 4011.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

This Saturday morning (6th March) and next Saturday (13th March) at 10.00am, the children who are part of our Sacramental Programme will be Celebrating for the first time. Please remember them and their families in your prayer. In the next few months the children will be preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

This Newsletter contains a copy of the letter from Archbishop Wilson to the Catholic Women of Australia on behalf of the Catholic Bishops, to mark both this International Day and the 10th Anniversary of the Report into the participation of Women in the Catholic Church in Australia "Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus".

EASTERFEST YOUNG CATHOLICS GROUP - DISCOUNT TICKETS

By purchasing your Easterfest tickets through Young Catholics, you can receive a 10% discount on all 3-day passes. \$90 adults, \$72 children; \$252 families. Call or email Jessica Ryan for details 46382946 or jryan@twb.catholic.org.au

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR POSITION

Expressions of interest are invited for the position: Education Officer – State School Religious Education. This is a position within the Faith Education and Curriculum team. The role statement and further information is available on request at the Parish Office. Expressions of Interest close on Monday 8 March 2010 and should be forwarded to the Assistant Director, Faith Education and Curriculum, Catholic Education Office
PO Box 756 Toowoomba 4350

PROJECT COMPASSION THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

To bring about the kingdom of God, we must be transformed within ourselves and our community. This week's story takes us to East Timor where Domingas is being supported in a Caritas-funded Family and Community Violence Prevention Program. Domingas, like many women in her community, was the victim of violence and abuse. The program has provided her with ongoing counselling and a small grant to enable her to build a business and give her economic independence. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to support women survivors of violence and to work for just relationships.

PROJECT COMPASSION GUEST

This weekend at our Vigil and Sunday 7.00am Mass, Nicole Booth will speak to us about her recent experience in Cambodia on a visit sponsored by Project Compassion. Nicole, married to Julian, mother of Lawson, works in the Catholic Education Office in the area of Indigenous Education. We are delighted to welcome Nicole to our Community.

LENT

- Praying the Scriptures in Lent: Copies of the Resource Book (Lectio Divina) are available on the tables.
- Stations of the Cross: Are recommended as a private Devotion in the Cathedral anytime during the Season of Lent. Prayer booklets on the Stations are provided on the tables.
- **Evening Prayer of the Church: will be celebrated each Thursday evening during Lent at 5.30pm.**
- Mass of the Chrism: Tuesday 23rd March 5.30pm.
- Communal Rite of Reconciliation: Friday 26th March at 12.15pm
- **RCIA Rites:** This year we are welcoming three people into our community of Faith. This involves a Rite of Election (Saturday night 20th February), three special Scrutiny Prayers (on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent) and two special Eucharists for the Presentation of the Creed (Friday 12th March 7.00pm) and the Our Father (Friday 26th March at 7.00pm).
- Scripture Readings for the Sunday Masses during Lent will be taken from Year A. The Gospel Readings from Year A are reflected in the RCIA Prayers. (Please see notice below).
- Music during Lent: The music to be sung on the Sundays of Lent has been chosen to reflect the Scripture Readings of the day and the Season of Lent. Please note three special matters: (A) during the Penitential Rite we will be saying the Confiteor (I confess...) and singing the Kyrie (Lord Have.....); (B) After Communion there will be a period of quiet instead of the usual Song after Communion; (C) When there is a Special Prayer associated with the RCIA Candidates, there is a sung refrain "Blessed be God".
- **Easter Ministers:** Between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday we will need a range of Ministers to help with the Celebration of these Easter Liturgies. Please give some early thought to your availability and then let us know when you can be involved.
Special Folders are available on the tables this weekend for you to write your name! Many thanks.

YEAR A READINGS ON SUNDAYS DURING LENT

During Lent this year we will be using Year A Readings on Sundays as we will be welcoming two Catechumens and two candidates into our St Patrick's Community at Easter. There will be special Rites during Lent and the Year A Readings are reflected in the prayers for these Rites. Please note: this change does not affect weekday Readings.

The Season of Lent

The Forty Days of Lent

As time went on, other important aspects of the meaning of Lent began to open up. By the year 325 when the first great ecumenical Council was convened at Nicaea, we find reference to the 40 days of Lent, as something taken for granted (*cf Canon 5*). What were the origins of this 40 day period? In the late 200's, in the Egyptian desert, a monastic devotion sprang up in which monks undertook forty days of fasting, penance and prayer. It was not specifically a preparation for Easter but a time spent **in union with Christ in his own forty days spent in the wilderness** after his baptism in the Jordan. The Gospels reveal that the same Spirit who came down upon Jesus in his baptism then immediately “drove him out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan” (*Mk 1: 12-13; see also Mt 4: 2 and Lk 4: 1-2*).

So this spiritual movement of tapping into Jesus' own life, mission, and self-abandonment spread outside the monastic world and became a major aspect of preparing for Easter for everyone. In the beginning there was no exactness in the counting of the forty days. As we have seen, Sundays in Lent were never counted as fast days, because of the unique character of Sunday. In many places, the “Forty Days” simply began on the 1st Sunday and continued on through the 5th Sunday until it reached the special time of Holy Week, when it deepened and became more intense. Lent in the Eastern Churches begins on the Monday before the 1st Sunday.

Ash Wednesday

It was not until the 500's, in the Gallic Church of northern Europe, that Ash Wednesday and the following three days before the 1st Sunday of Lent were added. This made up the forty days and also focused attention on the *modus operandi* of Lent: **fasting, prayer, charity and identification with the poor**, as today's lectionary readings reflect in the days following Ash Wednesday. What began as the rituals of reconciling penitents before Easter, and sprinkling them with ashes, was first extended to the clergy and then to everyone. Gradually the custom of Ash Wednesday spread throughout the Church in Northern Europe and finally to Rome. Now it has become the custom to burn palms saved from the previous Palm Sunday and to use these ashes for the Ash Wednesday rite.

*Written by Bishop David Walker DD,
With the support of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Commission
for Mission and Faith Formation*

International Women's Day 2010

Sunday 7th March

Dear Catholic Women of Australia,

The year 2009 marked the 10th anniversary of the report into the participation of women in the Catholic Church in Australia, *Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus*. This publication was an important moment in the recent history of the Catholic Church in Australia. It represented the real desire of the Bishops to *hear* your concerns, to *learn* from them and to *respond* to them. The Social Justice Statement of 2000 was the first step towards a response, outlining in a series of recommendations, practical measures towards ensuring that every person feels valued, included and respected in the life of the Church.

Ten years on, we take this opportunity to reflect prayerfully with you on the blessings and challenges that have emerged in that time in the area of women's participation in Church life. We also look forward with hope to what can be achieved together in the future.

We wish to honour you and to thank you for the precious gift that you are to the Church in Australia. Each member of the Body of Christ brings their own God-given gifts to the fundamental task in front of us all – to seek to build up God's Kingdom in our own place and our own time. As women, you bring to this holy enterprise a special gift, which Pope John Paul II famously described as “the genius of women”. We see this genius brought to vibrant life all around us, both in the Church and in the wider world. It is there in the face of a young woman setting out on the journey to explore her vocation and find her place in the world. It is there in women, married or single, whose faith inspires them to excel in their profession. It is there in wives and mothers who nurture and love their offspring and bring them to know the love of Jesus Christ. We see it in the service and devotion of women with a vocation to the religious life as well as in those very many unsung women who are carers or who serve the poor, the outcast, the lonely, the sick in the spirit of true social justice modelled by Christ. We see it too in those women who play a vital role in the new ecclesial movements emerging in the life of the Church.

This anniversary also provides us with a chance to reflect on the journey we all take in union with women of the Old and New Testaments, pioneering women of Australia, and Religious Sisters past and present, including Blessed Mary MacKillop, from whose final resting place we gather to write this letter. In the year of the Centenary of her death we joyfully await the news of her canonisation. Holiness of life is the greatest service any of us can give our Church and our world.

We acknowledge the work of the Council for Australian Catholic Women and the Office for the Participation of Women in honouring their twofold mandate to act as a focal point for ongoing dialogue and integration of ideas pertaining to women and

their participation in the Catholic Church in Australia, and to assist in the implementation of the decisions and recommendations arising from the Bishops' response to the *Woman and Man* report. Many initiatives have been undertaken, both nationally and at diocesan and local level. Among these are the Women's Interfaith Fellowship, parish kits to help us celebrate International Women's Day each year, the Women Matters e-newsletter which gives voice to the many initiatives being undertaken by you in the dioceses and parishes around Australia.

We are pleased to also note that progress is being made on one of the key recommendations of the *Woman and Man* research report – that concerted effort should be made to increase women's participation in decision making bodies of the ACBC. A 2008 update of the 2005 review of membership of advisory councils and other bodies connected with the Bishops Conference saw a welcome increase in the balance of women and men, clergy, religious and lay members on these councils. By then, 40 per cent of the non-episcopal positions were held by women. We pray that this percentage will continue to grow, not only within the ACBC, but in dioceses and parishes too.

We also pay tribute to the very many women in positions of leadership in Catholic education, health and social welfare services. We thank you for the profound contribution you make to the life and mission of the Church.

In launching the Bishops' Response to the *Woman and Man* report in September 2000, Archbishop Francis Carroll noted that the report "revealed hurts and frustrations experienced by many women in the church even as it recorded the happy fulfilment of others". Today we wish to reaffirm our commitment to nourishing the positive experience of women in the Church, while addressing the negative in real and constructive ways. We make this commitment to you in full awareness of our communion with the Universal Church, our faithfulness to its traditions and our adherence to its teachings.

As we look to the future, all of us who are part of the Body of Christ, are challenged to imagine new ways that women can participate more fully in the life of the Church. In this, we remain always open to the fresh stirrings of the Holy Spirit who dwells among us all, inspires us and leads us onward together in faith.

+ Philip Wilson .

Archbishop Philip E. Wilson
Archbishop of Adelaide
President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
www.catholic.org.au



MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER CENT SALE

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be holding a Pre-Easter Cent Sale on next Wednesday 10th March at St Stephen's Hall, Annand St., Toowoomba commencing at 9am. Entry is still only \$5 which gives you a sheet of tickets, a lucky door ticket and Buffet style morning Tea. A multi draw raffle with great prizes is available for \$2 a ticket. Our Trade Table has been refreshed with new Craft and there will be Jams, Pickles, Relishes and Cakes for sale as well. All monies raised go direct to the Missions.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Movers and Shakers is a week-long Christian Leadership Training Program for Youth and Young Adults aged 16-25 years of age. It is organised and sponsored by the Queensland Catholic Diocesan Youth Co-ordinators. Our Diocese is blessed to be hosting Movers and Shakers from 6th – 10th April at the James Byrne Centre in Highfields. For more information please see the notice boards.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL AND ST SAVIOUR'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RACE DAY

The **Race Day** (20 March) is fast approaching! **Have you purchased your tickets yet?** Tickets (\$45) are on sale each Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:00-8:30am at school, in the main foyer. Don't miss out!

- **RACE DAY SPONSORS:** Our 2010 Race Day will be a success thanks to the generous support of our sponsors. Our major sponsor is **DEAN LYONS BUILDING**. Their support is very much appreciated. There are a number of businesses and organizations who sponsor our race day, some with a link to the school and some, who just wish to join in the success of our Race Day. To this point we have these Sponsors committed to this year's Race Day: **Brammer Architects, Caltex Energy Qld, Clive Berghofer Land Sales, Condon Charles Lawyers, Cranbrook Press, FK Gardner, Hannas, Harvey Norman Electrical and Computers, Stonestreets Coaches, The Late Joe Brady**. Please **support these businesses** when the need arises. Their financial support of our Race Day is very much appreciated and has ensured the success of the 2010 Race Day!
- **MULTI DRAW RAFFLE:** Please consider **donating a prize** for the **Multi Draw** at the Race Day. The quality and value of prizes is always outstanding so we do rely on the generosity of parents. As yet we have minimal prizes and the Race Day is only three weeks away!
- Please remember that we need **volunteers** in **Race Day Week** to come to school and help **collate** and **wrap** the **Multi Draw prizes**. Please contact the School Office or any member of the Race Day Committee if you are able to help out.
- **RACE DAY AUCTION:** We will be holding an auction at our Race Day once again this year! Many great items will be up for auction! If you have anything you would like to donate for this auction please see the School Office or any member of the School Race Day Committee. Please contact the Parish Office 46371500 for tickets.

RE-LAUNCHING A YOUNG VINNIES GROUP IN TOOWOOMBA

Young Catholics is interested in re-launching a Young Vinnies group in Toowoomba for young people of all ages. Young Vinnies groups do similar work to St Vincent de Paul and offer a few different programs that can be adapted in local regions such as Buddies Days, Mini Vinnies, Teen Vinnies. Here is a link to the national site for Vinnies Youth (the term 'youth' can be adapted broadly!) to give you a better idea about what Young Vinnies is all about. <http://www.vinnies.org.au/youth-national> It would be appreciated if you could please take the time to think of friends or family members who may be interested in being a part of re-launching this initiative in Toowoomba or another regional area in our Diocese.

THREE SAINTS CELEBRATIONS – STANTHORPE

Three Saints Celebration will be held at St Joseph's Parish Stanthorpe on Sunday 2nd May 2010 with the Program for the day commencing at 10.30am. Mass in honour of Three Saints will be held at 1.00pm. For further information please see the notice boards.

RALLY FOR LIFE

This rally, organised by Cherish Life Queensland will be held in Brisbane (Queen's Park, cnr William, Elizabeth and George Streets, Brisbane CBD) 13th March beginning 2.00pm, to express clear support for the sanctity of all human life. For those who wish to attend, a bus will be leaving from Holy Name at 11.30am and will arrive back at 6.00pm. Bookings please ring 46331447 or 46301282.

VOLUNTEERING AT TRAMS (Toowoomba Refugee and Migrant Support)

If you would like to help refugees and migrants start a new life in Toowoomba, why not volunteer a few hours a week at TRAMS? Volunteers provide support to refugee families in their homes; help teach English, Cooking and Sewing at the Centre; provide childcare while parents access classes and help primary or secondary school students with their studies. All lessons are provided to small groups; no previous experience is required and all teaching resources are supplied. Phone 46329285.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

Our local conference always welcomes new members. If you are interested in finding out what this ministry involves, please talk to Florence Egan or Brian Walsh. Florence and Brian can be contacted through the Parish Office.

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

Mother's Prayers began in England in 1955 by two grandmothers who felt led by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children. It has spread through 700 countries and there have been many wonderful answers to prayers. Members meet once a week and as mothers learn to trust each other through their prayers and sharing together, their burdens become lighter. A Mother's Prayer Group at St Patrick's Parish Centre will gather on a Thursday afternoon at 1.00pm. For more enquiries please contact Christine Cary on 46663709. Thank you.

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

The De La Salle Brothers are offering young men (20 - 35yrs) an incredible volunteer opportunity in the remote indigenous community of Balgo Hills in Western Australia. Spend 2 weeks (15 - 29 May) learning about the Brothers' life and work whilst helping young people in need. Applications close 29 March. For details please visit www.delasallebrothers.com

TO GIVE AWAY! Two 18 litre plastic containers with a tap fitting. Please call in to the Sacristy after Mass.

PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM 7th March 2010 – 14th March 2010

Date	Readings – Year C	Mass Times	Parish Life
Sunday 7th March	Third Sunday of Lent – Year A Readings First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 Second Reading: Timothy 1:8-10 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	Project Compassion Guest: Nicole Booth Sunday 7.00am Mass International Women's Day 9.00am Mass RCIA: First Scrutiny 11.00am Baptism: Josie Harrington 1.30pm-4.00pm Missionary Sisters of Service Gathering 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 8th March	Monday of the Third Week of Lent First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-15 Gospel: Luke 4:24-30	6.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion	9.30am Staff Meeting 5.30pm Choir Practice – New members most welcome
Tuesday 9th March	Tuesday of the Third week of Lent First Reading: Daniel 3:25,34-43 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35	6.30am Mass	9.30am Diocesan Finance Board (Peter) 10.00am Craft Group in Parish Centre 12.45pm St Pat's Sth Tmba Indoor Bowls: Groom Pk Hall 1.30pm Liturgy Team Meeting 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 10th March	Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19	6.30am Mass 5.30pm Mass	9.30am Prayer Group in Parish Centre 7.00pm SVDP St Patrick's Conference Meeting 7.15pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 11th March	Thursday of the Third Week of Lent First Reading: Jeremiah 7:23-28 Gospel: Luke 11:14-23	6.30am Mass	10.30am Shalom Nursing Home Anointing Mass 1.00pm Mothers' Prayer Group in Parish Centre 5.30pm Evening Prayer: St Patrick's Cathedral 7.00pm Race Day Committee
Friday 12th March	Friday of the Third Week of Lent First Reading: Hosea 14:2-10 Gospel: Mark 12:28-34	6.30am Mass	9.00am Yukana Nursing Home Ministry Anointing Mass 7.00pm RCIA Group: Mass with Bishop Morris: Presentation of Creed: All Welcome
Saturday 13th March	Saturday of the Third Week of Lent First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14	6.30am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass	9.00am – 10.00am Reconciliation at St Pat's 10.00am First Reconciliation 11.30am Baptism: Leo Wicks 2.30pm Wedding: Adam Skinner and Paige Hagley
Sunday 14th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year A Readings First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 Gospel: John 9:1-41	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	9.00am Mass RCIA: Second Scrutiny 11.00am Baptisms: Isabel Biggs, Harper Eagleson 4.30pm Bingo – Cathedral Centre

MINISTRIES FOR MASS – Saturday 13th March/ Sunday 14th March 2010

	Vigil 6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
Co-ordinator	Trevor Cavanagh 46353915	Elizabeth Klimkowicz 46352682	Leo Lunney 46362004	Desley Salty 46131535
Welcomers	Peter and Eileen Castles Jo and Bernie Reilly, Mary Schwartz, Warren Saal, Patricia and Tony Allom	Merv Crichton Noela Fisher Joyce Keane Marie Therese Gould	Dawn O'Neil Joan Falvey Teresa Frelek	Avis Hunter Desley Salty Tiamie Salty
Readers	Trevor Cavanagh Joan Norris Debbie Klease	Val Murphy John Fisher Elizabeth Klimkowicz	John Evers David Wright	Jakov Vucak Cliff Hooper Avis Hunter
Communion Ministers	Frank Valentine Kevin Williamson Claire Seymour Pam Padget Alan Padget Carmel Cavanagh	Nola Fisher Bruce Kohn Marie Fitzpatrick Mick Fitzpatrick Elaine Sheedy Allan Beahan	Leo Lunney Pat Lunney Pauline Hickey Wendy Kelly David Wright Sylvia Andreatta	Mary Milton Desley Salty John Salty Sharon Toomey Ann-Maree Pawsey
Altar Assistants	Daniel Saal, Jacob Saal			Daniel Salty
Music	St Patrick's Choir	CD's	St Saviour's Choir	CD's
Collectors	Mal Kirby, Norm Fechner, Lindsay Fox, Denis Zeller, Bernie Reilly, Marty O'Reilly	Bob Hegarty, Merv Quigley, Merv Crichton, Pat Murphy Graham McCarthy, John Ryan.	Kevin Garrett, Arthur Hoffman Brian Strong.	Jim Harris, Jabour Hanna, Cliff Hooper, Robin Cooney
Counters	This Week: Maureen Biggin, Michael and Lorraine Hogan, Marge Harney, Jabour Hanna, Craig and Amanda Hogan. Next Week: Joyce and John Keane, Pat and Derek Schlyder, Darcy Brady, Ray Lewis.			Collections 27/28 Feb 10 PG: \$2237.55 Loose \$1689.55

ENTRANCE: In These Days of Lenten Journey

Refrain: In these days of Lenten journey
we have seen and we have heard
the call to sow justice
in the lives of those we serve.

1. We reach out to those who are homeless,
to those who live without warmth.
In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their dreams;
we will clothe them in mercy and peace.
2. We open our eyes to the hungry
and see the faces of Christ.
As we nourish all people who hunger for food,
may their faith in our God be renewed.
3. We open our ears to the weary,
and hear the cry of the poor.
To the voices that echo the song of despair,
we will show our compassion and care.
4. We call on the Spirit of justice
and pray for the righteousness' sake.
We will sing for the freedom of all the oppressed;
we will loosen the bonds of distress.

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PENITENTIAL RITE: Kyrie GA123

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: GA55

If today you hear God's voice,
Harden not your heart.

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Affirmation for RCIA Rite: Blessed Be God GA 163

Refrain: Blessed be God! O Blessed be God!
Blessed be God! O Blessed be God!
Who calls you by name! Who calls you by name!
Holy and chosen one! Holy and chosen one!

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PREP OF GIFTS: Beyond the Days

Refrain: Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.

1. Forty days and nights,
you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt
in the whisper of your voice.
2. Not on bread alone
are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life
to the yearnings of our hearts.
3. In your hands, O God,
we feel the touch of your guidance.
Keep us safe in your care:
may your gentleness be there.

4. On our Lenten path
We see the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope;
be the promise of our lives.

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COMMUNION: Eat This Bread GA 205/AOV1-125

Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

1. I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father.
2. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert
but this is the bread come down from heaven.
3. Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day.
4. Anyone who eats this bread,
will live forever.
5. If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life.

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RECESSIONAL: Sing of the Lord's Goodness GA 413/AOV1-131

1. Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom.
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us,
his love is forever,
Faithful to the end of days.
- Refrain: Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness.
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

2. Power he has wielded,
honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken,
one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.
3. Courage in our darkness,
comfort in our sorrow,
spirit it of our God most high;
solace for the weary,
pardon for the sinner,
splendor of the living God
4. Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with lute and harp;
praise him with cymbals,
praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

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