



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

SERVICE TIMES			
Holy Family	Mass	Wed - Fri	9am
		Tue	7pm
		Sat	5pm Vigil
		Sun	9am and 5pm
	Adoration	Tues	7.30pm
	Benediction	First Friday of each month	9.30am
	Reconciliation	Tue Sat	6.30pm - 7pm 9am - 10am
Holy Trinity	Rosary	Mon	7pm
	Mass	Wed	6pm
		Sun	8am

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Wednesday, 14 February

Holy Family



9am

Wednesday, 14 February: 7pm Holy Trinity Wednesday, 14 February: 6pm

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What's On In Our Parish

- 14 February Ash Wednesday Mass 9am & 7pm (Holy Family), 6pm (Holy Trinity)
- 17 February Church Cleaning Team "B"
- 18 February Parish and School Welcome Mass 9am
- 24 February Ministry Workshop 9.30am to 11.30am
- 2 March Parish Movie Night 6.30pm
- 16 March Ministry Workshop & Training 9.30am to 11.30am
- 18 March Mass for St Patrick 9am
- 19 March Mass for St Joseph 7pm
- 22 March Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Liturgical Dates

- 14 February Ash Wednesday
- 22 February The Chair of St Peter the Apostle
- 17 March St Patrick, *Bishop*
- 19 March St Joseph, *Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

With joyful hearts, during January and February, we welcomed the newly Baptised to our Holy Family parish community: Zoe Steven, Isabella Joseph, Thomas Fleming-Rivera.





We pray ... For peace in the world and especially for people suffering because

of war, violence, exploitation or abuse.

For those affected by natural disasters.

For all the forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory.

For the sick and homebound: Margaret Rose Mellish, Celine Dion, Trevor Clancy, Peter Anthony Jacobs Snr, Father David Catterall, Erwin Andrade, Gina Macalalad, Marie Crotty, Sybra Hunt, David Harrison, Ann Marie Praud;

Our sick relatives, friends and parishioners and all who have nobody to pray for them. May the saving power of the risen Lord bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies and send strength to their carers. Amen.

For our recently dearly departed: John Ward, Luz U. Lopez, Mary Vaz, Vincenzo Barletta, Patrick McNamara, Dominic Merlino, Yvonne Bell, Filippo Carmelo D'Antone, Draga Milicevic, Elian Pascal, Noal Bornstein, Dewi Suyati, Ron Perry, Ferdie Melder, Richard Gallaty, Paul Collins; Margaret Mary Clifford, Victor Jack Parkins, Lionel Dunkley, Mary Brown, Yolande Herisson, Patiariki Joseph, Val Morris, Margaret McNamara, Eugenia Villarosa, Kevin Sequeira, Dawn O'Donohue, Jolanta Swierk, Mary King, Joaquim Iopes, Anthony (Tony) Heginbotham, Lally Sabater, Lesley McFarlane.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Angelita Z Molano, Remedios Ladera, Hubert Pereira, Queenie Pereira, C. Peter, Ezio Epifania, For all children who have passed away; Members of the Hay family.

Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers of thanksgiving and personal intentions: Rita Bartley.

Registration Now Available Ministry Workshop and Training

On Saturday, 16 March from 9.30am to 11.30am, Sr Monica and her team will be running a Workshop and Training Course for <u>anyone</u> interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound.

Please registration via the parish website.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2024

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 3 or above, and has been Baptised, they are eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in our parish.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held on Friday, 22nd March 2024.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, 2nd June 2024.

Additional information and registrations forms are available from the parish website .

Sacraments of Confirmation

If your child is in Year 6 or above, has been Baptised and has received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. *The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, 10th November 2024.* Additional information and registration form will be available in August 2024.

FRIDAY WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Please join us in the Parish Meeting Room every Friday evening from 7pm (for approximately 1 hour). The focus is on the coming Sunday readings. Text will be provided or you are welcome to bring your own bible. *During Lent we will gather at 7.45pm after the Stations of the Cross.*



Season of Lent 2024

Stations of the Cross and Lenten Program: Every Friday during Lent (*commencing Friday, 16 February*), Stations of the Cross will be held at 7pm followed by the Lenten Program at 7.45pm





Lenten Program 2024: Copies of the 2024 Diocesan Lenten Book, "Pieta" are available for purchase from the table in the Church foyer for \$4.50.

Pieta is a full colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings.



Project Compassion Sunday: 10 & 11 February

AUSTRALIA Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, by visiting <u>caritas.org.au/project-compassion</u> or by calling 1800 024 413.

