

Parish News

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Year 4 & 5

Lessons 1 & 2 Monday 12 February from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm.
 Tuesday 13 February from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm.

Lessons 3 & 4 Monday 19 February from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm.
 Tuesday 20 February from 3.30pm to 4.30 pm.

Rehearsal 1 Monday 26 Feb from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm.
 Rehearsal 2 Monday 05 March from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm.

Celebration of Sacrament Thursday 08 March at 6.00pm

Stations of the Cross will be on all Fridays during Lent at 5.30 pm.—School will have Stations of the Cross at 12.30 pm. every Monday in the church.—The Way of the Cross has been an integral part of the devotional life of Catholics for centuries. Pope John Paul II said: *“The Way of the Cross of the Son of God was not simply a journey to the place of execution. We believe that every step of the Condemned Christ, every action and every word, as well as everything felt and done by those who took part in this tragic drama, continues to speak to us. In his suffering and death, Christ reveals us the truth about God and man.”*

RCIA candidates, sponsors, supporters, families and friends are invited to celebrate the Rite of Election on Feb 18th, 2018 at 3pm at St Stephen’s Cathedral Brisbane. This is a joyful occasion in which the Bishops, priests and deacons stand with the baptizes from Parishes across the Archdiocese, to support the Catechumens.

Weekly Diary : 12th — 17th February 2018

Monday 12th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
 Tuesday 13th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
 : 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Arcare Aged Center Hope Island

Wednesday 14th : 09.30 am. ASH WEDNESDAY, followed by Rosary.
 : 5.30 pm. ASH WEDNESDAY,

Thursday 15th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Friday 16th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
 : 5.30 pm. Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 17th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

Saturday 17th : 5.30 pm. : 1st Sunday of Lent Year B
Sunday 18th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 1st Sunday of Lent Year B

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of March will be on the 04th at 5.30 pm. : 3rd Sunday of Lent B.

Mass Duty Roster : 17th /18th February 2018

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino	Rachelle Broughton Clive Broughton	June Molloy, Rita Penridge, Pierrette Serra Helen Topham, Dot Baker	Mia Braun
7.00am Trudy Andrews	Christine McDougall Danielle Carter	Rose Hessen, Margaret McNamara, Michael Nicholson Colleen McCormack, Celine Lobb	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Michael Laidler	Jane Howard Rose Lopez	John Lynch, Marie Roberts Pam Nelson, Denise Moar	Matthew Cook

Last Weekend’s Thanksgivng Program

Next Week’s Counting Team: No. 2 (12/2/18)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony’s</u>
\$1331.15	\$1860.35	\$22.00	\$66.85

If we are generous in our giving, and if all of us are prepared to share the load, then together we can help our Parish to move forward. (Fr. John Khoai)



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 11th Feb 2018—Issue No. 259

To Pray is to Be Imitator of Christ

The liturgy of today talks about prayer. A leper pleaded Jesus on his knees. (Mk 1:40) The psalmist says: *“I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.”* (Ps 31:5) The Gospel says that Jesus withdrew to the deserts (Mk 1:45) to be alone with God. He attracted great crowds by his preaching and by his prayer, he got all the power to heal and save.

The opening prayer tells us the effect of the prayer: *“Grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling place pleasing to you.”* Paul urges the Corinthians (1 Cor 11:1) to *“Be imitators of Christ,”* meaning to become more like Jesus. In prayer we become one with God. Through prayer we become godlike; our imperfections are decreased, and his perfection within us is increased.

When we pray, we come to know the ways of God. When these ways become a part of our life, we call them virtues. God places these virtues in our hearts through meditation and reflection. Once there, they will emerge throughout the day in our words, thoughts, and actions, and give us the power to change. As we come to pray, we must approach God with an openness to change. As long as we are not prepared to change, prayer will achieve nothing in our lives, and we will be ruled by selfish passions and live in anxious unhappiness. Any joy in our lives will be short lived.

The first step must be to get to know the God we are going to imitate. In prayer we come to face with ourselves, with all our imperfections, faults, and failings. When we see our faults, we are really catching a glimpse of God – not in our faults, of course, but in the light that allows us to see our darkness.

Prayer is about uncovering and discovering truths about ourselves and truths about our God. Life is about allowing the truths we discover about our God to emerge within us and become truths about ourselves.

Prayer allows us to clarify why we are here on earth. It reminds us that there is more to our lives than the time we spend here. It puts us in touch with eternal realities.

God’s ageless call is the call to prayer. All men and women have universal desires for peace, joy, love, and happiness. We all experience that all these come from God through prayer. So why don’t we pray? If we desire peace, joy, love and happiness to be consistent in our lives, then why don’t we pray every day? God will bless you if you live what you discover in prayer, because when we live what we discover in prayer we become one with God. And when we are one with God, all that is his becomes ours! Jesus got all power to heal and to save as he is always with God in prayer.

Our task is to become one with God. The attainment of everything that we desire for ourselves, our neighbour, and our world is dependent on our becoming one with God. We become one with God by raising our hearts and minds to truth, goodness, and the things of the spiritual realm. We become one with God in prayer and so our life itself should be a prayer.

Put prayer at the absolute centre of your lives. Make a resolution today to pray each day. Ten minutes a day in prayer can change your life more radically than you could ever imagine. The secret is to pray consistently and perseveringly, like the dripping tap. Remember this: No vase can overflow if you never fill it up.

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
 1st Saturday of the month.
 Baptism Preparation at
 7pm 1st Thurs of the month



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Leviticus 13:1-2,45-46 *As long as they are unclean they shall live alone outside the camp.*

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: "When a person has on the skin of the body a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into a leprous disease on the skin of the body, that person shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. "A person who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of the head be disheveled and shall cover the upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.' A person shall remain unclean as long as the disease persists; and being unclean, that person shall live alone with a dwelling outside the camp."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:1-11 R. *In time of trouble, I turn to you, O Lord.*

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. **R.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 7:16 Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 1:40-45 *Jesus touched the man with leprosy and he was cured.*

A man with leprosy came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling said to Jesus, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.



After sternly warning him Jesus sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But the man went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, and people came to Jesus from every quarter.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 77:29-30 They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them: they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Philip Egan, Linda Vasington, Mary Theresa Walters

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian Smith, Brian Kehoe, John Grasso

SICK LIST: Letty O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Cologurie, Ann Morrison, Mary Cruickshanks, Gwen Zeitzen, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Nora M Cadawas, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boehme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston,

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

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