

Parish News

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Year 4 & 5

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 celebrating 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.

Project Compassion 2017: Our Parish contributed \$4741.00. What a fantastic result of generous hearts, one which I hope we can improve on in 2018.

Weekly Diary : 19th — 24th February 2018

Monday 19th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
 Tuesday 20th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
 : 10.30 am. Anointing Service at Tricare Bayview Aged Center.
 Wednesday 21st : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Thursday 22nd : 09.30 am. Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle, followed by Rosary.
Friday 23rd : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
: 5.30 pm. Stations of the Cross
 Saturday 24th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 24th : 5.30 pm. : 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B
Sunday 25th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 2nd 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 : February 24th/25th 2018

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino	Joelle Braun Monique Labutte	Helen Topham, Dot Baker, Rino Serra Rachelle Broughton, Clive Broughton	Mia Braun
7.00am Trudy Andrews	Danielle Carter Asha Cameron	Rose Hessen, Jackie Cameron, Margaret McNamara Michael Nicholson, Danielle Carter	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Ronnie Wilson	Tatiana Austin Julius De Luna	John Lynch, Pam Nelson Jane Howard, Marie Roberts	John & Matthew Healey

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 3 (19/2/18)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
\$1159.30	\$1770.95	\$155.00	\$59.25

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)



1st Sunday of Lent Year B 18th February 2018—Issue No. 260

WHAT IS OUR FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM?

Lent comes to us with an urgent invitation from the Church to re-visit the spiritual fundamentals. And they are well displayed in the story taken from Genesis 3, which deals with the creation of human beings and their subsequent fall from friendship with God.

We hear that *“The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life.”* Our bodies are indeed made from the earth, from the lowly stuff of matter. But we are more than mere matter, for God blew into us a life akin to his own and ordered: minds that seek absolute truth, and wills that desire goodness itself, and souls that will not rest until they come into the presence of the fullness of beauty.

The book of Genesis tells us that God placed his human creatures in the midst of a garden and gave them free rein to eat of practically all of the trees found there. It means that God has created all the things that make human life rich and full. The God of the Bible is in a good relationship to human beings. His glory is that we be fully alive, for he made us solely for the purpose of sharing his joy with us.

The tree the fruit of which the original couple was told to refrain from eating is the tree of *“the knowledge of good and evil,”* which is to say, a form of knowing that is the unique prerogative of God. Since God is himself the unconditioned good, he alone is the criterion of what is morally right and wrong. Therefore, the eating of the fruit of the forbidden tree is the act of arrogating to oneself what belongs in a privileged way to God. It is to make of the human will itself the criterion of good and evil, and from this subtle move, misery has followed as surely as night follows the day.

Notice how wickedly and cunningly the serpent tempted Eve: *“God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil.”* The basic sin, the original sin, is precisely this self-deification, this apotheosizing of the will.

The elemental dysfunction, the primordial mistake, the original calamity consists in the fact that the original couple arrogates to themselves the right to define their own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, of the mystery of human life. They make their individual freedom completely trumping objective value and becoming the indisputable criterion of right and wrong.

That is what is generally accepted throughout much of contemporary western culture. How many people—especially young people—today would casually hold that the determination of ethical rectitude is largely if not exclusively the prerogative of the individual? That’s the fruit of eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Just after the fall, the first humans realized that they were naked and sought to cover themselves, not so much as shame, but as deep and preoccupying self-consciousness. When we acknowledge that goodness and value lie outside of ourselves, in the objective order, we look outward, forgetting the self; but when we are convinced that our own freedom is the source of value, we tend to

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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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turn inward, protectively and fearfully.

What is fundamentally the problem, spiritually speaking? Why, deep down, are so many of us so unhappy? There is no better guide to answering these questions than chapter three of the book of Genesis.

Fr. John Khoái

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 9:8-15 *I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood.*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 25:4-9 *R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. According to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! **R.**

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:18-22 *The waters of the flood prefigured the baptism which now saves you.*

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison. In former times these did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. Baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:4 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Mk 1:12-15 *Jesus was tempted by Satan; and the angels waited on him.*

After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."



COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 90:4 The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norman Henry Smythe, Philip Egan, Linda Vasington

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernard Stretton, Michael Allan Penridge, 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 Boeheme, 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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