

Parish News

Year 4 Sacrament of the Eucharist

Enrolment night	Monday 26 March at 6.00pm
Lessons 1 & 2	Monday 30 April at 6.00pm Tuesday 01 May at 3.30pm
Lessons 3 & 4	Monday 14 May at 6.00pm Tuesday 15 May at 3.30pm
Rehearsal 1	Monday 21 May at 6.00pm
Rehearsal 2	Monday 28 May at 6.00pm
Celebration of Sacrament	Sunday 03 June at 9am Mass

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.”*

Weekly Diary : 19th —24th March 2018

Monday 19th : 08.00 am. Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by Novena
Tuesday 20th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
 : 10.30 am. Anointing Service at Tricare Bayview.

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd : No Mass. Fr. John will be at Clergy Convocation in Brisbane.

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. : Palm Sunday Year B

Sunday 25th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : Palm Sunday Year B

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of April will be on the 01st at 5.30 pm. : Sunday of the Resurrection B.

Mass Duty Roster : March 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 Michael Laidler	Tatiana Austin Joe Dorego	John Lynch, Pam Nelson Jane Howard, Marie Roberts	John & Matthew

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 4 (26/3/2018)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
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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)



Holy Family Catholic Parish
Runaway Bay



5th Sunday of Lent Year B 18th March 2018—Issue No. 264

THE CROSS ALLOWS TO SEE WITH THE HEART

In the mystery of the death on the cross, two truths intimately connected are revealed: the truth about God and the truth about man. St. Bernard of Clairvaux writes: *“The penetrating nail for me was like a key that opened me so that I could see the Lord’s will.”* Through the wounds of Jesus’ body, the entrance to the secret of God’s heart is open. The Cross is the supreme revelation of what dwells within the heart of God.

To the highest question that the human being can ask: *“Who is God?”* the Church, in the light of the Gospel, replies, *“Look for the answer in the Crucifix,”* and your desire to see Jesus will be satisfied: You will not only meet the Crucified, but recognize him in his true identity of Messiah and to believe in him.

The truth about man and his value is shown to the eyes of our hearts by the Cross, on which Christ has paid with his life the ransom for ours. He has thus shown the great value of our life, because for the life of man he gave his life. Christ has shown with the gift of himself that he believes in man and in his value. The Cross however not only shows the “faith” of Christ in man but shows Christ as a model of life to follow, imitating him to look like him.

What happened on the cross, and that happens again sacramentally at every Mass, changed at the root our human condition: we are no longer condemned to eternal death, because dying on the cross Christ has redeemed our death. Because of his Resurrection, we know with certainty that our humanity has definitely entered the Trinity, holy and inexhaustible source of happiness. Thanks to the Cross we are forever in God.

In the crucified humanity of Jesus shines the love that God is, the love that is “life of our life.” (St. Augustine) Let’s continue on the path of penance of Lent so not to oppose our indifference to this great love, but to accept Christ fully as the goal to which all things tend, the splendour before which every other light pales, the infinite beauty which alone can fully satisfy the human heart.

In short, today’s Gospel reiterates that Christianity was born from the Cross and cannot do without it. Jesus becomes King of the Universe on the cross and not after the success of the multiplication of the loaves. Christianity is born from a pierced heart. When we talk about the power of the heart, is to the Heart of Christ that we must look at: a heart, which is the measure of the love of God and therefore of our love. Our action as Christians has to be measured with that Heart.

What is required of every disciple is not only a matter of following Christ with one’s whole heart, but of living and expressing this *by conforming one’s whole existence to Christ* in an all-encompassing commitment which foreshadows the eschatological perfection. In the world we are called to testify the importance of a heart donated completely to God, because through this offered heart God loves mankind.

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.

Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 *The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and remember their sin no more.*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt— a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 51:1-2, 10-11, 12-13 R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. **R.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:7-9 *Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all.*

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 12:26 Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL John 12:20-33 *If a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 12:24 Amen. Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But it dies, it bears much fruit.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frances Miriam Meinrath, Joan Hillier

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary McAloon, Paul O’Connor, Liwanag C de Luna, Justin Tobin

SICK LIST: Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O’Sullivan, Elizabeth Cologurie, Ann Morrison, Mary Cruickshanks, Gwen Zeiten, 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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