2019 Holy Week

Palm Sunday 13/14 April : 5.30 pm. Saturday - Solemn Mass of the Passion of the Lord

: 7.00 am. Sunday - Solemn Mass of the Passion of the Lord

: 9.00 am. Sunday - Solemn Mass of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Thursday 18 April : 7.30 pm. Celebration of the Lord's Supper

: 10.00 am. Stations of the Cross **Good Friday 19 April**

: 3.00 pm. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil 20 April : 6.00 pm. Easter Solemnity

Easter Sunday 21 April : 7.00 am. Solemnity of the Resurrection

> : 9.00 am. Solemnity of the Resurrection : 5.30 pm. Solemnity of the Resurrection

Weekly Diary : 01st — 06th - April 2019

Monday 01st : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena.

: 09.30 am. Anointing service at Tricare Labrador Tuesday 02nd : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharist Adoration

: 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Bupa Aged Care Center Runaway Bay

Wednesday 03rd : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary

Thursday 04th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

: 6.00 pm. Celebration of the 1st Confession for 51 children

Friday 05th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary. : 5.30 pm. Stations of the Cross Saturday 06th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

Saturday 06th : 5.30 pm. : 5th Sunday of Lent Year C

Sunday 07th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. + 5.30 pm : 5th Sunday of Lent Year C

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of May will be on the 05th at 5.30 pm.: 3rd Sunday of Easter C

Mass Duty Roster : April 6th/7th 2019			
Mass Co-ordinator 5.30pm Pierrette & Rino Serra	<u>Lectors</u> Pierrette Serra Jean Di Benedetto	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Helen Topham, June Molloy, Jean Di Benedetto Pierrette Serra, Rino Serra, Julie Dakin	<u>Servers</u> Mia
7.00am	Michael Nicholson	Bernadette Swindley, Rose Hessen	Brianna &
Michael Nicholson	John Carter	Danielle Carter, Michael Nicholson	Ashley
9.00am	Josephine Vaise	Pam Nelson, Ronnie Wilson, Yvette Valdez Robrigado	Jamili
Michael Laidler	Lynne Adamson	Rose Lopez, Joe Dorego, Averil Dorego	

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 1 (01/04/2019)

1st Collection 2nd Collection Piety Shop St Anthony's \$1011.90 \$1649.60 \$59.00 \$84.40

God is more moved by the offering of our heart, than by the gifts we bring to the altar. Let's give with happiness and we will receive more in joy.







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Reconciliation at 4.00pm Saturday of the month.

Baptism Preparation at 7pm 1st Thurs of the month 4th Sunday of Lent Year C 31st March 2019—Issue No. 323

LAETARE SUNDAY

This Sunday is called Laetare Sunday. Indeed, it is a day of rejoicing for the Church offers us the most consoling image of God's selfless love. We usually employ the term "prodigal" on the returning son who is wasteful, imprudent, irresponsible, self-indulgent, reckless. But it better depicts the overly-generous disposition of the father. He wasted his love on his two sons who both had shown nothing but contempt. His love for them is lavish, generous, liberal, unsparing, bountiful, wasteful: "prodigal!"

From this perspective the parable could be called the story of a Prodigal Father. The father's indulgent – prodigal – love overlooked the younger son's imperfect apology. In fact, the son was simply looking for lodgings. He had never expected complete restoration to his former life, yet he would have been overcome by his father's prodigality.

As the parable does not end with the younger son returning home to the warm embrace of his father but goes on to the elder son who represents another kind of sin and sinners. We tend to think of the elder son as a good boy who never left home; the son parents could be proud of. He did what he was told. He was compliant and reliable. He was respectable, unlike his younger, ungrateful and immoral brother. But this is not how Jesus wants the elder brother to be seen. He means to say that it is possible to be religious and still be wrong; to be correct but heartless, to be righteous but unattractive. It is possible to be a good person with a bad disposition.

If we obey the rules, work hard, accept our duties to family and community with a resentful heart, our goodness is shallow. If we tend to act with anger and jealousy when others are brought back into the fold, this is a sure sign that we are not fulfilled in our life or work.

In this sense, the elder is also a sinner. He stayed home and worked not for love but expecting to be rewarded for it. The sin of the younger son was more physical and public. The sin of the elder son was more internal and petty. The younger son has messed up his life. He acted on his impulses and passions. The elder son repressed them and grew resentful.

The genius of this parable is that it takes us into the essence of Christianity – the loving embrace of the eternal God with fallen, desperate humanity. It encourages us to "lean on God," the all-loving and forgiving God.

The father loved both sons with all his heart, no matter what they did with their lives. Nothing they did could diminish their father's love for them. They both are not to be dismissed as either good or bad. Simply, they were like us, sinners. The deepest need all of us have, as children of God, is to just come home and trust that we will be welcomed by a patient, ever-waiting Father.

Fr. John Khoái

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 Having entered the promised land, the people of God celebrated the

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, and entered the promised land, the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 34:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise continually shall be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. *R*.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. R.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. R.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Through Christ, God has reconciled us to himself.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake God made Christ to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 15:18 Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 This brother of yours was dead, and has come to life.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them a parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So the father divided his property between them.

A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. "When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. The young man would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. "But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have

bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you: I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. "Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe, the best one, and



put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. The slave replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then the elder son became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Lk 15:32 You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

St. Vincent De Paul Society, Holy Family Conference

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. (Matthew 25:35)

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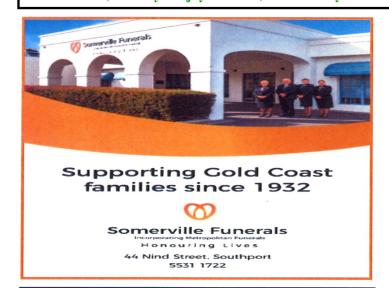
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

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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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PASCAL TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS 2019

Holy Thursday 18th April

7.30 pm. to 11.00 pm.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Adoration in the Marian Room

Good Friday 19th April

Day of Abstinence and Fast

10.00 am:

Stations of the Cross

3.00 pm:

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil 20th April

6.00 pm.

Easter Solemnity

Easter Sunday 21st April (First Sunday of Easter)

7.00 am.

Solemn Easter Mass

9.00 am.

Solemn Easter Mass

5.30 pm.

Solemn Easter Mass