Roster for EASTER CEREMONIES

MASS COORDINATORS, READERS, COMMUNION MINISTERS and COLLECTORS.

Please contact the Parish Office at 07 55374320 if you are able to assist. Drop by the Office or email Audrey at rbay@bne.catholic.net.au. Thank you.

Readings for 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C/2

FIRST READING: Ex 3:1-8,13-15 : This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Ps 102:1-4,6-8,11 : The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 : All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Mt 17:5)) Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Alleluia! **GOSPEL:** Lk 13:1-9: Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Weekly Diary : 21st March – 27th March 2022

Monday 21 st Wednesday 23 rd	: 8.00am. : 9.30am.		wed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help tholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Meeting	
Thursday 24 th Friday 25 th	: 8.00am.	Mass followed by Rosary Mass Solemnity The Annunciation of the Lord Stations of the Cross		
Saturday 26 th Sunday 27 th	: 5.00pm. : 7.00 am. ⊣	⊦ 9.00 am.	: 4 th Sunday of Lent Year C/2 : 4 th Sunday of Lent Year C/2	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

<u>PRAYER</u>: 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)

Prayers have been requested for the following :

<u>RECENTLY</u> <u>DECEASED</u>: Jure Selak (George), Patrick Thomas Powell, Peter John Smith, Joan Manning</u>

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>: Bill McNamee, James Leslie Collett, Sol Betros, Anthony Abood, Trevor Norman, Liwanag C. de Luna, Henry Dyer, Michael Penridge, Peter Crowe, Jesus & Salustia Balasabas, Julie Victoria, Saneng David, Eulalia Vizon, Giuseppe Cini,

<u>SICK LIST</u>: Geoffrey Eaborn, Margaret Cotton, Frank Balinas, Lavinia Azucena, Marta Szysz, Riley Dodds, Mary Carrick, Kayden Chong, Ruth Stretton, Gerard Bijoux, Peter O'Rourke, Fr. David Wilson S.M., Rhalda Leonard, Sasha Whelan, Ann Daly, Bernard Murphy, Marie Roberts, Romulo Salilig, Peter Pape, Beverly Holley, Orazio Smeralda, Darren Pascoe, Peter Smith (Ashmore), Joe McAloon, Madeline Hodgetts, Marie Turnbull, Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, George Docherty, Christina Ang, Sofia Bean, Vivienne Mitchell, Shingo Sawabe, Sonia D'Angiolo, Riany Chandler, Juliet Wee, Jean Di Benedetto, Marie Dupois, Abigail O'Donell, Terry Owsnett, Ronald Sincock, Dolares Kelly, Mary McDonnell, Bill Walker, Courtney Blount, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Mary Ann Boeheme, Maureen Currie, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Ken Hannam, Gail Callaghan



3rd Sunday of Lent Year C/2

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Hours: 8.30am—3.00pm Monday—Tuesday 8.30am-1.00pm Wednesday-Thursday (closed FRIDAY)

Reconciliation: Please contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms Every 2nd & 4th Saturday & Sunday at 11am. Please contact the Parish Office.

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We need to be mindful of the people of Ukraine at the moment. There are millions of people who do not have a quality of life. Men, have to stay and fight, women and children are forced to leave their homes. Plus it is terribly cold and there is little water or food. The next time you go out for a walk, just say a little prayer for these people.

This of course has a flow on affect, especially with fuel and airline prices, groceries, of every type, every item we spend money on.

We also remember all those people who have been affected by the floods. There are still many people without homes or power.

Fasting for Lent

I learnt the hard way that fasting needs to be moderate. I was not eating well, so I eventually had to go to hospital. Thanks for all the texts and prayers. It's not going to happen again. Thank you.

And just finally, please have a read of Laurie Wood's reflection (see page 3) it offers an insight into everything which is going on at the moment.

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Sunday 20th March 2022

HELLO! From Fr Marty

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." "Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring. "Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven." "Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."21, 2022



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Main points about restrictions lifting.

Stations of the Cross 5.30pm, Friday up until Holy Week. Groups can meet again in the board room. The Sacramental program will occur this year. Reconciliation will take place again in the Reconciliation Room. We can now leave the church via the main doors.

Here are the following times to consider for the next couple of weeks.

Any weekday mass which does not fall on a Thursday is always 8am.

Mass times

Saturday 19th of March 5pm St Joseph Sunday 20th of March is the Third Sunday of Lent Friday 25th of March 8am Annunciation of the Lord Tuesday 29th of March 6pm Second Rite of Reconciliation



So put this newsletter on your fridge, or screen shot it on your phone!

HOLY WEEK Mass times

In terms of crowds, we really don't know what this is going to look like. So we must plan for Stations, Good Friday, Easter Saturday night and then Easter Sunday (7am & 9am).

Show The Way

Show The Way, is a charitable organisation who also supports the homeless. They provide over 150 meals every Monday night and place food boxes at a low cost. They run a small op shop in Southport to support this endeavour. So if you have anything you would like to donate to the shop, the address is 5 Windmill St Southport. You can find them on FB under Show The Way.



Gospel Reflection

What Jesus has to say in the gospel reading today is another one of his gems that shows a mature spirituality. We can sometimes be naïve in praising God when we enjoy happy or good times and then turn around and go crook on God when things are going against us. How often do we hear others and ourselves say, 'why me Lord?' or, 'why are you doing this to me?' Jesus is saying here that good times or bad are not sent by God as rewards or punishments. Very often good people suffer terribly while the unscrupulous can enjoy prosperity and good times. Innocence and guilt are not quantifiable things that have direct outcomes in the form of observable rewards and punishments. One of the conclusions of the book of Job, which deals, among other things, with the question of why innocent people suffer, is that there are no answers that human beings can comprehend where God is concerned. Job questions God but then comes to recognise that he was trying to fathom issues that were far beyond his understanding. He ends with the realisation that there are no answers to many of the big questions in life.

The parable Jesus tells is easily applicable to the spiritual life. The fig tree is lucky, in a sense, to have someone who can see its potential and who is loath to give up on it and cut it down. The gardener pleads with the owner to give the tree another chance because he wants to give the tree some nourishment that will encourage it to bear fruit in the next season.

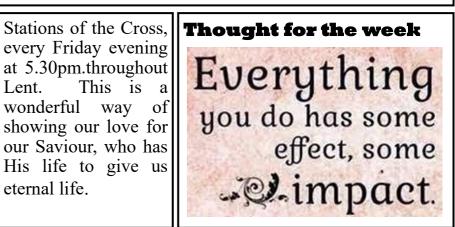
There are at least two key lessons in this reading. One teaches us that God is always ready to forgive and give us another chance. God, being love itself, could not behave in any other way. The other lesson instructs us in the way of encouragement. In fact, one of the most positive things we can do in life is to encourage others. Taking seriously our mission to encourage goes hand in hand with the spiritual outlook that strives to look for the good in others. In his own life Jesus was ever ready to see the potential in other people and encouraged them to be better human beings. Encouragement means not rubbing the mistakes of others in their face but being honest and human enough to know the truth that we all make mistakes. In this context self-encouragement is as important as encouraging others.

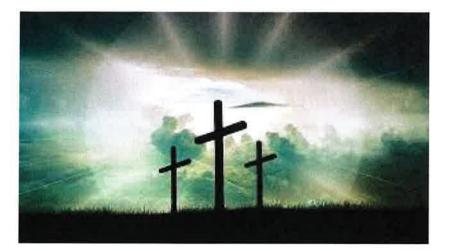
Giving a word of encouragement to someone is a worthwhile practice for Lent. (Laurie Woods, 2022)



every Friday evening at 5.30pm.throughout This is a Lent. wonderful way of showing our love for our Saviour, who has His life to give us eternal life.







PASCAL TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS 2022

Holy Thursday 14th April

7.00 pm.	Celebration of the Lord's Supper
to 11.00 pm.	Adoration in the Marian Room

Good Friday 15th April

10.00 am. 3.00 pm. Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil 16th April

6.00 pm. Easter Solemnity

Easter Sunday 17th April

7.00 am.	Solemn Easter Mass
9.00 am.	Solemn Easter Mass