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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - Year C **23rd / 24th MARCH 2019**

HUNGRY FOR PEACE

I overheard recently someone say that Lent was good for the waistline. As though the Church had thought up this time of penance and fasting just so we can fit into our clothes and lose the kilos we gathered with Christmas feasting. As Ash Wednesday no doubt caught some of us by surprise, we now probably remember that Lent brings with it some personal disciplines that, while mildly uncomfortable, are always spiritually therapeutic.

Pope John Paul suggested we link our fasting and penance to something greater than our own immediate needs. Issues, like political oppression, violent suppression of the rights of all people, starvation and poverty spring immediately to mind. When we seek to change our lives the flow-on effect in the lives of others is often profound.

The Holy Father said, "It is a duty for believers, regardless of the religion they belong to, to proclaim that we will never be able to be happy if we are against one another, the future of humanity will never be able to be assured by terrorism and the logic of war. We Christians, especially, are called to be sentinels of peace in the places where we live and work. We are asked to watch out so that our consciences may not yield to the temptation to egoism, lying and violence".

The thought of fasting for peace may not attract us, after all, who benefits from individuals going without some food and drink for a day? Surely it will not help to change the minds of world leaders! Will God suddenly intervene in the current world situation because people are fasting for a day? The value of fasting is often questioned in today's world. It just doesn't seem to make any difference.

Maybe there is another point of view; in a country such as ours our physical hunger and thirst can be, and usually are, instantly satisfied, and more than satisfied in many cases. Fasting can connect us to people who are hungry and who suffer so much, as well as to the deep longing of humanity. Fasting reminds us in a very physical way that our really deep longings and the longings of people everywhere; the longing for peace, for acceptance, for respect, for love, cannot be instantly gratified. It reminds us that we need to be committed to actively working for peace, for equality, for the rights of all people to live as fully as humanly possible. We need to feel our hunger, before we can feel another's hunger.

Fasting in union with prayer reminds us that ultimately it is God alone who can satisfy our deep hunger for life. It reminds us that, in the face of great suffering, although seemingly powerless, we can call on God in our hunger and ask that our hearts may be changed, that our lives may reflect the peace and justice the world craves. Maybe we can't change world events, but God can change us so that peace becomes more and more a reality for today's world. Are you up to the challenge?

Father Peter Dillon PP

“The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm.” As a Parish Community we pray for a change of heart, that we respond to our grief by reaching out to one another in truth and love.

READINGS THIS WEEK: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12; Luke 13: 1-9.

NEXT WEEK: Joshua 5: 9-12; 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32.

FEAST DAYS: Mon 25: The Annunciation of the Lord;

WE ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN RETURNING NEWSLETTERS TO THE HOLDERS AND NOT LEAVING KNEELERS DOWN.



First Holy Communion Workshops begin in late April

I have emailed 120 parish families regarding the four Holy Communion workshop sessions that will be provided by the Surfers Paradise Parish Sacramental Team from the end of April

and throughout May.

If you know of a child in your family or amongst your friends whose parents have not received an email and who have already been baptised and confirmed, please ask them to contact me via email or by phoning the parish office on a Thursday during office hours.

Cathy Anderson, Children's Sacramental Coordinator

ST KEVIN'S SCHOOL FAREWELLS A LOVED STAFF MEMBER:

It was with great sadness that our St Kevin's School Family farewelled their much loved, vibrant and caring Administration staff member of 18 years, Racquel Carruthers, on Thursday at Sacred Heart Church.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Raquel, her husband and sons, as well as the St Kevin's Community.

ART AND CRAFT NEWS: Tickets for our **EASTER RAFFLE** are available at our three Churches at all Masses over the next three weekends. **Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10!**

Seven great prizes make this a very attractive raffle and prizes will be chosen as tickets drawn.

Proceeds will be forwarded to the people of Townsville along with any **DONATIONS** you may wish to contribute. **

Looking forward to greeting you at our raffle tables. Thank you!

****Please note: We need you to bring cash or cheques as we do not have Eftpos facilities.**

PROJECT COMPASSION for THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

Lives change when we all give 100%! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, and by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



LIBRARY NEWS: This Lenten Season is proving for many of us in the Catholic Church to be a time of sober discernment and even darkness.

As Fr Peter, in his newsletter last weekend so wisely advised us, **'we are to model ourselves on Christ'**.

So consider the display in the Library of books which take you back to the life and teaching of Our Lord. Wonderful books which all ask **Who is Jesus Christ?**

Of special interest for this season are Gerald O'Collins, "The Easter Jesus" and Fr Cantalamessa's "The Mystery of the Transfiguration".

A hymn from the Iona Community speaks of "...the king of love came down and crept beside us".

Why not invite Jesus into your intimate heart this Lenten Season?

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of **Mary Winter of Broadbeach**, for the week commencing **25th March**. If you would like to take part please contact **Pat and Maxine Sela** on **5539 9539**.

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE: Taking Our Lord's words and putting them into action. We are again asking for Volunteers to assist us with some of the works of the Parish.

Ministers of the Eucharist to the Sick in our Nursing Homes are URGENTLY REQUIRED.

Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

OPERATORS OF THE OVERHEAD PROJECTORS IN SACRED HEART CHURCH ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON 5572 5433 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ADULT PRAYER BOOKS now available in the Religious Goods Shops in both St Vincent's and Sacred Heart Church.

BAPTISM PARENT PREPARATION SESSION in Sacred Heart Church on **Thursday 28th March at 10am**. Children also welcome.

ST VINCENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PREP ENROLMENTS

Prep enrolment applications are now being finalised. Any existing or new family who has a child ready for Prep in 2020 should ensure the enrolment form is submitted as soon as possible.



CHOOSE LIFE : Cherish Life Gold Coast is seeking letter box droppers to Fight for Life this Federal Election. Contact Fiona on **0457 781 513** - leave a message if not available.

COSSAG: The Cathedral of St Stephen Art Group will be holding their annual luncheon and exhibition in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre on **Wednesday 1st May 2019**. The guest speaker this year is artist Dr Rhyl Hinwood. Dr Hinwood's sculptures and works feature in the Cathedral Precinct. Tickets are \$35 per head and can be obtained via email to: cossagart@gmail.com

A VOCATION VIEW: 3rd Sunday of Lent - Yr C: Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.

ST VINCENT'S CARE SERVICES ARUNDEL AND SOUTHPORT: We are looking for warm and friendly volunteers to visit our residents and provide companionship. Join our volunteer team and visit residents who are socially isolated, have limited mobility and receive few visitors.

We will link you with residents to provide one-on-one companionship and social support, and enjoy activities such as board games, reading and chatting with them. Create new friendships and enhance the quality of life for the elderly in your community. We also require a bus driver to take residents on outings, (only regular driver's licence required). Please contact Sonia Kovac Volunteer Coordinator QLD at sonia.kovac2@svha.org.au

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP WILL MEET FOR 12 NOON LUNCH AT BURLEIGH BEARS CLUB ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH. ALL WELCOME.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mario Di Martino, Racquel Carruthers, John Lawrence Maher, Margaret Young, Annunziata Morobito, Vincent Letizia, Lee Bisco, Anne Heffernan, Mary Hodge, Angelina Mandarin, Margaret Harmey, Magda Noordink, Andre Bellony, Paul Vella, Priscilla V. Puno.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Schreck, Deceased members of Coorey & Japour Families, Maurice Anthony Frawley, Iris Scharenguivel, Ted Wales, Byron Schreiber.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Peter Taffe, Norm Harding, Patricia Bridge Wienand, Raymond Bridge, Gerard Theron, Alan Krushka, Paul Kiely, Maria Trosic, Lucy Liwag, Tony McLeod, Denise Raleigh, Ron Perry, Aileen Van Zijl, Robert and Anne Maree Reed, Gregory Perkins, Marianne Vanek, Monica Bailey, Margaret and Peter Borg, Rosa Michael, Catherine Palin-Brinkworth, Bernie Seeto, Terry King, Kurt Hillesheim, Brian McGettigan, Joanne Mooney, Michelle MacDonald, Julianne Conway, John Stowers, Frank Lyons (Syd), Gus Reeves, Savannah Mary Ayoub, Mark Miller, John & Molly Robinson, Claire Keefe, Yvonne Lofthouse, Eileen McCarthy, Mary Kerr.

We ask that you review all names on our Sick List and advise us if we can remove any names.

This list will be reduced by half on a monthly basis.

If you wish to remain on the list please advise the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP: 3rd Sunday in Lent—Year C: "He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

MOOGERAH PASSION PLAY: You may not have realised it but the Moogerah Passion Play is still on. We have been rehearsing since mid-January and we are now looking forward to seeing you there. **Performances start 24 March and there are four performances: 24, 25, 30 and 31 March.** All performances start at 5 pm and end around 7.45 pm. And wait for it: **IT IS FREE!** We simply ask for a donation to help us continue to stage the play. We are not affiliated with a particular denomination but are simply a group of people with a passion for dramatizing the Gospel.

So come; join us, as we perform under the stars at the **Lake Theatre, 48 Living Water Road, Moogerah Qld.** Need more information? **Contact Ray on 5463 2419 or 0497 616 815.**

And remember, we stage the play on the Saturday and Sunday of the Palm Sunday weekend, and on Good Friday and Easter Saturday. Ray Siebuhr, Moogerah Passion Play Assoc.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER \$2.00

- New Zealanders say their 'only hope is in God' as they gather to pray after horror mosque attacks in Christchurch
- **Communities raise more than \$100,000 for Townsville flood appeal.**
- Australia's first village for people living with dementia to be established in Tasmania
- **Young Catholics take action on National Anti-Bullying Day on March 15.**
- Catholic student courageously dives into the Brisbane river to save a man

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25TH MARCH	26TH MARCH	27TH MARCH	28TH MARCH	29TH MARCH	30TH MARCH
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am SACRED HEART	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9.00am STELLA MARIS	7.00am ST VINCENT'S 9.00am SACRED HEART	RECONCILIATION 4.15-4.45pm STELLA MARIS 5.15-5.45pm ST VINCENT'S 5.00-5.40pm SACRED HEART PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE TIMES TO ALLOW THE PRIEST TO PREPARE FOR MASS.
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	NEXT ANOINTING MASS 10AM 2ND APRIL				
	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART CHURCH ST VINCENT'S CHURCH	Saturday Evening 5.00pm Saturday Evening 6.00pm Saturday Evening 6.00pm	AND AND AND	Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am	

FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

MIGRANT COMMUNITIES MASS TIMES & CHAPLAINS :

Polish: Sunday 12 noon Sacred Heart Church

Inquiries please phone - 3252 2200 for inquiries.

Italian: Sunday 4:00pm Sacred Heart Church

Fr Angelo Cagna CS 0423 648 736

Pastoral Support and General Information - Connie 5575 8882

Filipino: Next Mass, 7th April 2019, 12noon at Guardian

Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport. Will continue at Southport each 1st Sunday. MaryAnn Boehme 0416331233

Hispanic: 1st & 3rd Sundays 5—7pm St Vincent's Church

Fr Ignacio Gutierrez 0481118521 e: paterignacio@yahoo.com

Maronite Rite: Saturday 7:15pm Sacred Heart 3394 4994

St Maroun's Church, Brisbane.

ART & CRAFT: Wednesdays 8.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre (PHC)

BOOK CLUB: PHC Tuesday 16th April @ 12 noon.

BRIDGE: Monday 12 noon & Wednesday 1pm PHC

CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays 8:30am SH Church

FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 18th April 2019

SPCL: Next 2nd April 2019

SENIORS EXERCISE TO MUSIC: 9am Tuesday Casey Hall with Rochelle 0438 333 308 \$7 per session.

YOGA: Each Tues 10:45am \$10/Per Session.

divinaQ YOGA: Thursdays 6am PHC Mob 0435 721 258

ZUMBA GOLD: Fridays 9:15am Casey Hall. Beginners and Intermediate. Susana Mobile: 0421 607 397 \$12 session.

Baptisms: Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 to register your interest.

Marriages: (Min 6mths notice required) Phone 5572 5433

Benediction: 1st Friday 7:30am St Vincent's Church

St Vincent de Paul: Monetary Donations Phone 13 18 12

Care & Concern: Transport to Medical Apts: 0474 211 908

Children's Liturgy: Sacred Heart 9am: Next on 31st March then fortnightly thereafter. (14.4.19)

Christian Meditation: Tuesdays 10am (Parish Office Prayer Rm) & 6pm (Youth Room) Pam Egtberts 0428 090 703

Couples For Christ Foundation for Family and Life:

Please phone Butch 0424 583 169 or Mini 0424 583 168

Carmelite Spirituality: 3rd Sunday of each month 10:30am PHC

Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Next 21 April 2019.**

Exposition:

St Vincent's Church: **Monday & Friday 6am; Thursday 9:00am**

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays 9:30am; Fridays 7pm-9pm;

1st Friday 7pm 5th April to 7am Sat 6th April.

menALIVE Scripture Journaling Groups: Monday 7-8am or Thursday 7-9am. Contact Chris Kennedy (M) 0412 270 828 or christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au

Rosary: St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am and

Mondays & Fridays 6:25am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays & Fridays 8:25am before Mass

Stella Maris Church: Wednesdays 8:25am before Mass

Veniré Youth Mass: Sunday 6pm on 28th April 2019

CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

FAMILY NAME: _____ OTHER NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW?

Registering in parish Sacrament enquiry Youth Prayer request

Roster availability Other: _____ To commence parish planned giving program

PLEASE PLACE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON THE COLLECTION PLATE, OR CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ON 55 725 433 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.