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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

**Prayer of the Church:**  
**Psalter Week 4**

**Entrance Antiphon:**  
Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading:**  
Joshua 5:9-12

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading:**  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

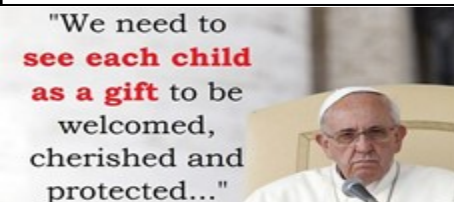
**Gospel Acclamation:**  
**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**  
I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel:**  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Communion Antiphon:**  
You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

**Congratulations To**  
**Riley Jolly, Henry Myers, Camilla Cox, Violet & Samuel Capilli and Javier & Lyla Karim**  
whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through his Baptism we pray they will love and serve the Lord always.

**Please be aware that all relevant Archdiocese Policy, Protocols and guidelines for safeguarding children, are public documents and are available on the Sydney Archdiocese website.**



### Reflection

Laetare ('Rejoice!') Sunday is a day of joyful celebration in the middle of our Lenten journey. Today we rejoice in God's outpouring of compassion and forgiveness for us, as we remember that we are loved sinners.

In the First Reading, the Israelites celebrate Passover in the Promised Land. Though they no longer need the manna they ate in the wilderness, they are still totally dependent on the God who provides for them.

The Psalm invites us to taste and see the Lord's goodness – to glorify the One who hears us, frees us and rescues us from our distress.

St Paul tells how God has reconciled himself with the whole of humanity through Christ, who has taken on our sinfulness so we might show God to others. Our task now is to be ambassadors – to continue God's great work of reconciliation by sharing the good news. (Second Reading)

In the Gospel story of the Prodigal Son, Jesus gives a wonderful picture of that same loving reconciliation in action, as we see the height and depth of a father's compassion for his penitent child. This is how much God loves us, too: so much that he yearns and waits to welcome us home with joy when we turn to him in repentance. Today's leaflet stops at v. 24, but we should take time to read on to the end of the story. Perhaps we, too, can sometimes respond a little like the aggrieved elder brother?

As Lent continues, let's pray that we might become increasingly aware of God's compassionate gaze on us, and to ask for his help in seeing others with that same generous, loving regard, regardless of who they are.

### GOSPEL

Luke 15: 11–24

Jesus said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me".

So, the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

### REFLECTION

I come quietly and gently to my time of prayer.

I ask the Lord to help me hear this familiar story anew, taking time to read slowly, reverently.

What particularly draws me, or touches me?

Perhaps I focus especially on Jesus's description of the Father ... how he watches out ... runs to meet his boy ... the tender embrace ... his joy. What do I find myself thinking and feeling as I witness all of this?

Now I imagine myself (re-)turning to God, or to Jesus, to ask for his forgiveness. How does he respond to me?

And in turn, how do I want to respond to him?

Trusting in his love and compassion, I share whatever is in my heart and ask for anything I need.

When I am ready, I end my prayer with my own words of thanksgiving.

Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham.

**Big Thank you, from Social Justice Group and people of HatoUdo, Timor Leste. With your support we have raised sufficient funds for the local village community to purchase sufficient materials to complete stage 1 of the bakery building.**



### First reading: Joshua 5:9-12 ::::

*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-7 ::::

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 ::::

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

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### Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 ::::

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So

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'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Daylight Saving Ends Next Sunday 7th April

Do not forget to wind the clock back one hour before going to bed next Saturday night!



**Please Join Us ::::** Every Friday during Lent at 12 noon, the Year 6 Pope Francis Students from St Aloysius Primary School are leading the Stations of the Cross for our Parish Community. Please join them and walk the Way of the Cross during this Lenten time.





**Calendar for the Coming Week**

<b>Monday:</b>	Parish Office closed. Lenten Group 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Legion of Mary:</b> 4.00pm at the Chapel. <b>Session 2 Reconciliation:</b> 6.30pm at St Aloysius. Lenten Group 6.00pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Care and Concern coffee:</b> 10.00am at Monro Park. <b>St Aloysius Playgroup:</b> 10.00am at Thornton Hall. <b>Rosary Guild:</b> 12.30pm at the Chapel.
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross:</b> 12.00pm at St Aloysius.

**Sacramental Program Dates 2019 ::::**  
Families with children making the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion are asked to make note of the following important dates.

**Session Two: April 2nd 6.30pm**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation 9th April**

First Eucharist 2019  
Session One 4th June 6.30pm  
Session Two: 11th June 6.30pm  
Retreat Day 19th June 9.00am to 3.15pm  
Sacrament of First Eucharist Sunday 23rd June / Feast of Corpus Christi

So What is the Sacrament of Reconciliation?  
**The Sacrament of Reconciliation is :**  
**"The invitation to the door of forgiveness, freedom of sin and of guilt and with that, comes Peace"**

**Palm Sunday::::**  
Palm Sunday is just two weeks away, 14th April. Have you any Palms in your garden that you can cut and bring in??  
Or perhaps you may have some Olive tree branches. Could you please cut them and bring them in to the church on Friday 12th or Saturday 13th April?

**What is Laetare Sunday?:::::**

A little light breaks into Lent this Sunday. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday, when the Church takes a bit of breather from Lenten practice and opens Mass with the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice, Jerusalem ... Be joyful, all who were in mourning!" – taken from Isaiah chapter 66.

Are we supposed to "Rejoice!" in the middle of Lent? Indeed we are!

On this Sunday, we look with expectation to the great Solemnity of Easter for which we have been preparing ourselves as a Church during the Lenten season. By its anticipation of the joy of Easter, Laetare Sunday is meant to give us hope and encouragement as we slowly progress towards the Paschal Feast. Not only did priests used to wear rose vestments, but they still may! On both Laetare Sunday and Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent), a priest may wear rose vestments. The colour rose is used as a sign of the joy which characterizes these two Sundays.

The use of rose vestments probably stems from an ancient papal tradition of blessing golden roses which would be sent to Catholic heads of state in Europe on the Fourth Sunday of Lent



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## ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2021

Enrolment applications for Year 7, 2021 (current Year 5 students) close on Friday, 5 April 2019. Enrolment packs are available from the College office or an enrolment form can be downloaded from our website — [www.olmcburaneer.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmcburaneer.nsw.edu.au).

Late applications will only be considered after all applications received by the closing date have been fully processed. Late applications may be placed on a waiting list.

<b>Year 7 2021</b>	
Closing date for applications	Friday, 5 April 2019
Enrolment interviews (College to arrange time)	Tuesday, 7 May 2019
Offer of Enrolment posted	Week ending 7 June 2019
Orientation Day and Educational Testing (Mercy Centre)	Tuesday, 27 October 2020

Year 7 2022 — Enrolments are now open and will close on Friday, 4 April 2020

**Mosaic Morning ::::**  
Please join us in Thornton Hall on April 13th at 10.30am to start getting creative. After our last mosaic class in November last year, we were asked by all who attended to "do it again" As part of our Lenten Journey we will mosaic some beautiful larger crosses. The cost of the class is \$15.00 including all your mosaic material and morning tea. Numbers are limited so please put your name down, the list will be in the back foyer. At this time lets us remind ourselves the power of the cross..... ***"Battles are won, not with weapons, but with God. They are won where the way leads to the cross."***

**This week in the Catholic Weekly :::::**

- \* Once every 10 years he plays Jesus
- \* Walk for life numbers up
- \* The Coptic way
- \* Vatican says vaccinations are OK
- \* Movie review: *Captive State*
- \* Jesuit finds Jesus on the streets

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**Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 6th and 7th April**

Masses Cronulla	Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00pm	8.00 am Sunday	10.00 am Sunday	6.00 pm Sunday	Bundeena Sunday 9.00am	Nursing Home
Acolyte						Priest
Communion Ministers	I. O'Neill M. Remedios G. Durante K. Eaton	I. O'Neill F. Schembri R. Winton A. Cimino	B. Slamon F. O'Driscoll A. Palumbo K. Vitenov	G. Stratton L. Overton P. Morris L. Ison		
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Prayer of the Faithful	G. Durante	R. Winton	K. Croxson	T. Boyd	J. Hills	
Children's Liturgy					<b>Church Work</b> Beate	
Cleaning (Saturday)	B. Potter A. Woodhouse					
Parish Counting Groups	<b>This Week Group 6</b> M. & S. Barlow, G. Newcombe, J. Small, M. Remedios, B. de Souza		<b>Next Week Group 7</b> P. & B. Watkins, J. O'Neill, A. Wagner, J. & T. Stokes			

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**Mass and other Liturgical Schedules****Sunday:**

**St Aloysius Church, Cronulla** Vigil Mass: Saturday 5.00pm. Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm  
**Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena:** Sunday Mass 1st Sunday of the month

**Weekdays: This week:**

**St Aloysius Church, Cronulla:** Monday: **(No Mass)**  
**Mass** Tuesday to Friday: 7.00am **and** 9.30am  
**Mass** Saturday: 8.00am

**Sacrament of Penance** (Confession) **St Aloysius Church, Cronulla:** Sat 4.00pm (or on request)  
**Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena:** Before Sunday Mass.

**Baptisms:** By appointment. **Morning Prayer:** Before Weekday 7.00am Masses. **Rosary:** After the weekday Mass.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction:** To be advised.

**Anointing of the Sick in Mass:** To be advised.

Anointing of the sick as required in the home or church. Please contact the Parish Centre.



We pray for **Douglas Fry-Jensen, Jim Cranney, Sr Bernadette Franks (RSM), Mary Constance** and **Beryl Huntingdon** who died recently. We pray for **Sylvia Dimarco** whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Brian Small, Michael Cilia & Lucy Caruana /Cilia, Mick McMahon, Harold Newcombe, Joseph Anthony Casaceli, Helen Forbes, Mary Mullins and her sisters Monica and Julia, Jean & Jim Quinn, Paul & Jean Givney, Allan & Laurel Howarth and Megan Howarth.

**MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE**

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