



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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Holy Mass: Monday to Friday 6.45am, Saturday 8.00am | **Holy Hour:** Saturday 8.30am-9.30am

Lord's Day Mass : Saturday 5.00pm Vigil - LiveStreamed, Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 8.30am - 9.30am. Or contact the parish office for any other time.

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Thomas or the parish office on 9644 7787.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

21 FEBRUARY 2021

The Time Has Come



With all that is happening with COVID19 and related matters, is it the best time to commence evangelisation plans? When is the best time to speak about religious matters? Christians at the time of the terrorising emperor Nero of Rome, who found pleasure in tying Christians to lamp posts and setting them alight as street lights, could have asked the question whether it was the time for evangelisation. Many Christians, thrown into the den of hungry wild animals to entertain Nero, cried for their lives and other Christians were lamenting these victims when Mark said that *'it is time to evangelise'*. He said *"look at Jesus; he, hearing that John the Baptist was arrested, came proclaiming the good news of God. He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is near; convert and believe in the good news"*.

Jesus, having incarnated as a human being like you and me, was tested in the loneliness of a wilderness. For forty days, he was like the Israelites whose loyalty to God was tested in the desert for forty years. In spite of their unfaithfulness God was faithful to the Israelites and took them to the Promised Land. Here we have Jesus, who never faltered in the face of all temptations of the devil, loyal to the Father even in the unsupported wilderness. Trials are there to win over the evil forces, and you will do it because you are with the one who won over all evil. This message of Mark is great news for us, especially in our adversities.

Lent is a time set apart to strengthen yourselves to live a life of unwavering loyalty to God, even in the most adverse situations. It is a seven week program. The salvation history, as told in the Old Testament, helps us to enter into a deeper meditation on the unfailing fidelity of God to his people. This week the story of Noah presents God's covenantal promise that he will not punish his people with any destruction (*Genesis9:8-15*). Next week the focus will be on God's promise to Abraham, the Father of Faith. The following weeks you will be invited to focus on the person of Moses, the event of exile, and on the New Covenant God has established with his people. It will be followed by the Holy Week.

The time has come to proclaim the good news of God's reign. You are called to work systematically on becoming the good news to others. Resist all temptations, turn away from sin, be faithful to the Words of Christ, and be a beacon of hope wherever it is needed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Sr Tomsy, Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore, Ann Bechiom, Grazyna Lukaszewicz, Edna Rahmat, Gayle Le, Clarisse Naumanen, John Rodrigues, Joseph Anthony Gabrielle, Zekia Al-Asady, Raymond Kassis, Erlinda Filarca-Amores, Aida Florendo Garcia

Recently Deceased: Sr Salve Stuart, Eloisa Cruz Jocson, Eulogio Orrego Sanchez

Deceased: Shelton Lawrence Gabrielle, Salve Stewart,

Filippa Bartolotta, Peter & Karime Michael, Madalena Michael, Joan Blefari, Girus & Eumaza Aboumelhem

Anniversary: Fr Graham Kings, Louis Moses

Deceased Members and Friends of: O'Dwyer & Erwin Families, Ross & Mitchell Families, Michael, Beaini, Aboumelhem & Habib Families, Leonilo Stewart & Family

Other Intentions: For all those affected by the Corona Virus. The intention of the Holy Father.

USE QR CODE TO SIGN IN

For those who do not have a smartphone, you can still sign in using the paper form. But that will be an exception, rather than norm. **It is mandatory to wear face mask in the church.**

SUPPORT US

Scan the QR Code to make a donation. Thank you for your generosity!



ANTIPHONS & READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

Gen 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

R Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

Second Reading

1 Pt 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Next Week's Readings:

1st Reading: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

2nd Reading: Rom 8:31-34

Gospel: Mk 9:2-10

Are you struggling financially?

If you or you know anyone needing financial assistance during this time may contact Fr Thomas. He may be able to help you. Send a confidential email to pp@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.

Planned Giving Request Form

Your financial contribution to the Planned Giving of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the financial year you will receive a receipt for your contributions.

To join the Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 9644 7787 or email info@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au to obtain the Parish Census Form & Direct Debit Form (for those who are opting to donate automatically by credit card) so that your details can be added in our system.

REFLECTIONS ON MARK 1:12-15

Have you thought? Temptation?

When we adopt a view of Jesus as the Son of God, it is hard to imagine him even facing temptation, let alone the possibility of him giving in to it. However, when we see Jesus as also being fully human, we realise that he was just as likely to face temptation as we are. But what might have tempted Jesus? Was he tempted to simply go back to his life in Joseph's carpentry business and not respond to God's call? Was he tempted to display his power in flashy demonstrations for all to see? Was he tempted to despair at what lay ahead of him?

Living the Gospel – Change of heart

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural – to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.

Historical Context – The Wilderness

The Jordan Valley was a relatively fertile area. However, Jesus would not have had to travel too great a distance to find himself in very arid, desert-like wilderness. Crossing the River Jordan and climbing out of the Jordan Valley to the east, Jesus would have emerged onto the northern part of the TransJordan Plateau and the edge of the Syrian Desert. The area was not only geographically rough but it was also full of bandits and rebels. It was a dangerous place to be. However, the desert wilderness holds great significance in the Bible as a place of preparation for a new stage of life or a new relationship with God.

In Christ we suffered temptation, and in him we overcame the Devil

A commentary of St Augustine on Psalm 60

Hear, O God, my petition, listen to my prayer. Who is speaking? An individual, it seems. See if it is an individual: I cried out to you from the ends of the earth while my heart was in anguish. Now it is no longer one person; rather, it is one in the sense that Christ is one, and we are all his members. What single individual can cry from the ends of the earth? The one who cries from the ends of the earth is none other than the Son's inheritance. It was said to him: Ask of me, and I shall give you the nations as your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as your possession. This possession of Christ, this inheritance of Christ, this body of Christ, this one Church of Christ, this unity that we are, cries from the ends of the earth. What does it cry? What I said before: Hear, O God, my petition, listen to my prayer; I cried out to you from the ends of the earth.' That is, I made this cry to you from the ends of the earth; that is, on all sides.

Why did I make this cry? While my heart was in anguish. The speaker shows that he is present among all the nations of the earth in a condition, not of exalted glory but of severe trial.

Our pilgrimage on earth cannot be exempt from trial. We progress by means of trial. No one knows himself except through trial, or receives a crown except after victory, or strives except against an enemy or temptations.

The one who cries from the ends of the earth is in anguish, but is not left on his own. Christ chose to foreshadow us, who are his body, by means of his body, in which he has died, risen and ascended into heaven, so that the members of his body may hope to follow where their head has gone before.

He made us one with him when he chose to be tempted by Satan. We have heard in the gospel how the Lord Jesus Christ was tempted by the devil in the wilderness. Certainly Christ was tempted by the devil. In Christ you were tempted, for Christ received his flesh from your nature, but by his own power gained salvation for you; he suffered death in your nature, but by his own power gained glory for you; therefore, he suffered temptation in your nature, but by his own power gained victory for you.

If in Christ we have been tempted, in him we overcome the devil. Do you think only of Christ's temptations and fail to think of his victory? See yourself as tempted in him, and see yourself as victorious in him. He could have kept the devil from himself; but if he were not tempted he could not teach you how to triumph over temptation.

FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK



Monday, 22 February - The Chair of St Peter (Feast)

The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, observed in Rome since the fourth century, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

PARISH NOTICES

New Pastoral Council

There was no Pastoral Council in last year. The first meeting of the newly constituted Pastoral Council met on the Thursday 11 February. The meeting commenced discussions on the evangelisation plans based on the Archdiocesan program 'GO MAKE DISCIPLES'. Next meeting of the Council is to happen on Thursday, 4 March. Since COVID is no more as disruptive as last year, it is time to start normalisation of the parish life, perhaps to work more earnestly. Slowly we shall also resume all ministries.

Covid-19 Restrictions Eased

As per the easing of restrictions on 12 February, two hundred people can attend each Mass at SPC following the **one person per 2m² rule**. Now that the 2m² rule has been reinstated, Archbishop Anthony has lifted **the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation**. The Catholic faithful are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation when this is reasonably possible. Those who are of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping the Sabbath holy.



The Church will be left open during the day for personal prayer. You are welcome to come and pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament during daytime.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7PM in church. After the prayers, at about 7.30 PM I will also be available in the confessional for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Absolution from sins will be a good way of observing Lent. A proper Lenten observance with renewal of the Parish as the intention can work miracles.



First Reconciliation Group 1

The parish would like to invite all children in Year 4 whom have received their baptism and missed out on the sacrament of Reconciliation last year due to COVID-19.

The sacrament of First Reconciliation (Group 1) will be celebrated this year at St Peter Chanel Church on Wednesday 31 March 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Information Packs have now been sent out to the schools and have been handed to the kids. Thank you to all the parents whom have taken the initiative and enrolled.

Kindly note if you are considering on receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2021, you will need to have completed this Sacrament (Reconciliation) at this given time to be eligible.

Please take the time to complete your registration **online** before the due date **1 March 2021**.

If you were not able to secure a pack and would like to obtain one, please phone me on 9644 7787 on Tuesday or Wednesday or email me at sacraments@stpeter-stjoseph.org.au.

Looking forward to journeying along with each one of you.

~Sophia Brewty, Sacramental Co-ordinator

SPC Lenten Groups



All parents welcome! Lenten groups will begin on Wednesday February 24 at 9.00AM in the back garden of the convent. If rain prevents us meeting there, the session will be held on Zoom.

Email barbara.mucha@syd.catholic.edu.au if you plan to attend. Thank you!

~Barbara Mucha, SPC Family Educator

Lenten Season 2021

Lenten Prayer Groups

There will be various Lenten groups. Already some friends groups have organised themselves to meet at one of the homes weekly to reflect and pray using the resource, 'COMFORT'. Any more groups of friends wanting to do the same are welcome to contact parish office to organise resources and any other assistance required.

Now we have an additional Lenten Program titled 'Go Make Disciples'. It is based on Sunday readings. Copies of this program are available free of charge at the entrance of the Church. This program could be done in groups or as individuals. Fr Thomas will be leading a Bible reflection program on Tuesdays of the Lent. It will be based on the Scripture readings of the Lenten Sundays. Venue: St Peter Chanel Church; Time 7-8 PM. You are welcome to contact parish office to join this group.

Stations of the Cross

The devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays of Lent commencing at 7 PM. No booking required for this. You can register your name on arrival at the door of the church.

Project Compassion

Last year's 'Project Compassion' appeal was disrupted by COVID restrictions. But this year we hope to hold it. The necessary envelopes and boxes are available at the entrance of the church for you to collect.

Confessions/ Reconciliation

Fr Thomas will be available to hear confession Tuesdays to Saturdays after the morning Mass till Holy Week.

Lenten Fast

Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and alms giving. Next week's Bulletin will have more instruction on Lenten Fast.

Church Doors Open

The Church will be open during Lent for personal prayer by anyone wishing to do so.



Lenten Penance Explained

THE Church's Canon law reaffirms the obligation to do penance – to interrupt the usual comforts of life, to rediscover in prayer the saving love of God, and to practice charity and justice towards those in need. During Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choices. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

Days of Penance

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.
 - (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (February 17) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper (April 1) exclusive. On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter fast is observed.

Paschal Precept

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, February 17 and Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.' ~Matthew 9:37

SRE training dates for Catechists

1.1 - The Role of the SRE Catechist in the Church and the Public School and SRE Safeguarding

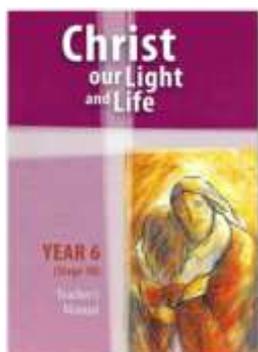
- Tuesday 23 Feb Randwick
- Monday 1 Mar Ryde
- Saturday 13 Mar 9.45am-1pm WEBINAR via Zoom
- Monday 19 April Lidcombe
- Tuesday 20 April City

1.2 - Using the Authorised Curriculum

- Monday 22 Feb Moorebank
- Monday 22 Feb City
- Saturday 27 Feb Miranda
- Tuesday 2 Mar Randwick
- Monday 8 Mar Ryde
- Saturday 20 Mar 9.45am-1pm WEBINAR via Zoom
- Monday 26 April Lidcombe
- Tuesday 27 April City

**Contact Brenda
Catechist Co-ordinator**

m: 0402 051 365



Maria retires after 38 years of devoted service

What does being a catechist mean and require?



It's a simple question really but it's one I asked in 1981 and was told 'a love of children and a love of our faith'. I accepted the challenge and I retired in 2020 after 38 years.

It was an honour and joy to teach the many beautiful children over those years at Regents Park Public School, the same school where I was taught scripture by a wonderful nun Sister Michael who instilled in me a love of God and our faith.

During those 38 years I met so many amazing fellow Catechists who impacted my life in many different ways. In my times of joy and times of sadness, my Catechist family was always there. The amazing school teachers helped me during classes and the greatest gift of all was the love I received from the beautiful children I taught.

To anyone who is wondering whether it's worth becoming a Catechist, I can assure you it's one of the most rewarding things you can do. I will cherish the memories forever.

~Maria Wood

'Scripture classes help children to live good lives'

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"Your faith is all you need, not a university degree. You receive support from the Catechist team and our CCD office runs free training courses to give you the knowledge you need to teach the children.

"I gained confidence in teaching and I learnt different ways to manage children in the classroom. As a Catechist you can contribute in many ways. You can lead or assist in the classroom."

~ Taoto Langi

DUNIA

"Scripture classes help children to live good honest lives; to love to help. Through prayer, they can find an open door to God when they have problems.

"God gives us a mission. We have to answer this mission. I feel the important thing in my life is to be with God always, and to invite him to bless my work. I ask him to guide me with all that I do, and especially to help me to do his own will in my life."

~ Dunia Boustany

OTHER NOTICES

Lent 2021 with Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a short inspiring video each day during Lent. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> | Call 1300 734 880 for more info

Into A Strange Land - A Country Called Forgiveness

In this 5 days retreat during Lent, we will be walking the arduous and sometimes lonely journey from unforgiveness to forgiveness: the journey that has the possibility of leading to joy and peace of soul that remains elusive, until we are able to let go and forgive. St Antonia osb will guide you throughout the retreat. Retreat begins: 21 Feb 2021 for 5 weeks during Lent. Registration fee: \$200. To register visit <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/forgiveness-retreat/>

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on April 16-18, 2021 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

The 2021 Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course, Of Life and Love

Will be held on the following dates: Saturday 27 February commencing at 10 am and then Thursday evenings 4, 11,

18 March 2021 | Saturday 14 August commencing at 10 am and then Thursday evenings 19, 26 August & 02 September 2021. To Book Online - <https://www.trybooking.com/BMTLF>. For further information, please contact - The Life, Marriage and Family team by email tp.steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org. or phone 02 9307 8480.

Home Care Services for Seniors

CatholicCare's Home Care Services for seniors can support you or a loved one to live at home independently with comfort and confidence and to remain connected to your parish community. Home Care Team 13 18 19 | connect@catholiccare.org.

CatholicCare outreach to the lonely and isolated

CatholicCare, through its CCareline 13 18 19 number and the Parish Volunteer Program is working together as the 'hands and feet of Christ in the community'. If you are struggling and need help or support, or you are worried about someone else, please call CCareline on 13 18 19.

Palms - The need is acute!

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now. Visit palms.org.au, call Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au.

Gala for Life

A fun and glamorous evening including live music and presentations from pro-life MP's to fundraise for Diamond Women. Tickets include a 3-course meal and a donation to Diamond. 27 February 2021 from 6:30 – 11:00 pm | Cabra-Vale Diggers: 1 Bartley St, Canley Vale | Tickets: www.galaforlife.com.au | \$90 Concession; \$120 Adult



Maximus Men's Breakfast - St Joseph & the Masculine Genius

Our first men's breakfast this year will celebrate the Year of St Joseph as a model of the Masculine Genius. Join us for a fantastic morning of prayer, formation, fellowship and food!



- 13 March from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, St Thomas More Catholic Church, 298 Bay St, Brighton-Le-Sands
- Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers
- Presentation by Steven Buhagiar

Register: www.sydneycatholic.org/maximus1

All Enquiries: chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org

28 FEBRUARY		2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	
Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Bob KENSEY	Dom PANGILINAN
LECTOR/S	Roshan SEBASTIAN	Joe MOSES	Sharon IACONO
	Sharon SEBASTIAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Latishal ILBOUDO
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Catherine MCGINN	John SHANLEY
Cleaners SPC: Maria Perica & Teresa Escobar		Altar & Sacristy: Group 1 Gloria De Alkstrand, Anna Manganaro	
Saturday 8AM		27 FEBRUARY	
LECTOR FOR MASS		Christine KENSEY	

Lent Retreat Day

27 FEBRUARY

WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST CECILIA

St. Peter Chanel Parish, Berala ✨ For all Catholic women

TIME: 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. COST: \$30

QUESTIONS: Contact the Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org

REGISTRATION: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMAH>

Spaces are limited, so register soon!



"For I know the plans
I have for you..." (Jeremiah 29:11)

This retreat day will help you spiritually enter into this holy season. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. We hope you will join us for this day reflecting on the glorious unfolding of God's ways.

@dominicansistersaustralia

Just for Laughs

Our fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked our sixth-grader, Noah, to help his brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?" Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes."



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, phone (02) 9390 5810 or email safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Church Shop

Drop by our Church Store and grab a gift for that special someone.

We have a range of religious items perfect as presents for those

celebrating the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Baptism, Reconciliation and Confirmation. The Church Shop is open on weekends before and after the 5.00pm Saturday Vigil and Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am masses.



PROJECT COMPASSION
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First Sunday of Lent 21st February

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA



Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or call 1800 024 413.

Enrolments Now Open


Trinity
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Trinity Catholic College's
OPEN AFTERNOON

Wednesday 3rd March 2021
at Regents Park Campus
37 Regents St
Regents Park
4:00pm - 8:00pm

You will be warmly welcomed by our students and teachers who will take you on a tour of our facilities and you can experience the Trinity spirit.

