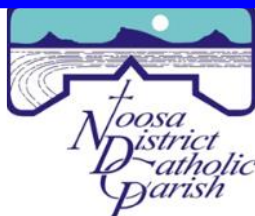


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WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

We are a parish of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane incorporating the communities of :
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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 23rd February 2020

ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN MESSAGE 2020

As we come to Ash Wednesday we think of the ocean of ashes in which we have drowned as the fires have engulfed the land. Ours is a land of fire. Fire is part of the ecology of Australia, and it has been for thousands of years. But this was something different, with a touch of the apocalyptic about it. It was not only the number of fires, but our sheer powerlessness to stop them. The efforts of the fire-fighters were heroic, but they too must have felt powerless before the blazes they faced. Flora and fauna were devastated; communities, families and individuals had their lives shattered. It will take a long time to recover and rebuild, and the Church has to accompany all these people in every way possible as they seek to recover and rebuild.



Then came the floods, which seemed to sweep away whatever was left after the fires. We had prayed for rain, and God knows we needed it. But in some places the rains seemed almost too much, and the floods again faced us into our powerlessness before the force of nature.

On top of all this came the threat of the coronavirus, which may be receding but is certainly not behind us. It may have begun in China but the data shows that it has spread far and wide as these pandemics do; and Australia hasn't been spared. Medical science is scrambling to respond, and that's good. But this virus seemed to come out of the blue and left us initially feeling bewildered and powerless, even to understand the virus, let alone cure it.

So as we begin the journey of Lent, events have confronted us with a sense of powerlessness and fragility. Illusions of omnipotence or invulnerability have been shown for what they are: a lie. The truth is that we are often powerless and always fragile. But the greater truth to which Lent looks is that there is a God who comes to meet us precisely where we are most powerless and fragile. That's what the Cross of Jesus means. When

he dies on Calvary, Jesus goes to the very heart of all human powerlessness and fragility. He becomes so powerless that he lies finally a corpse on the ground. He becomes so fragile that He's crushed by the brutalities of a violent world. But from the ashes He rises in the moment of Easter, for which

Lent is a preparation – a preparation which takes us down into the dark place of our powerlessness and fragility, the place where we'd rather not go.

We go down to that dark place through Lent, renewing our faith in the God who raised Jesus from the dead. This was the God who breathed life into the dark tomb of Jesus and led him forth into the light. All the false gods are masters of the lie of omnipotence and invulnerability. They leave us with nothing but the ashes; they are the lords of despair; and Lent is a time to dethrone the false gods.

But the true God is with us – with the fire-fighters battling the blaze, with the communities and families who have lost so much, with the many who are struggling to offer solidarity and support. The true God is with the farmers who have suffered years of drought, and with those who have been stricken by flood – and also with the many who have reached out to people tempted to despair because of drought or flood.

Lent is the time given to us to open our hearts to the power of Easter. On Ash Wednesday we take the ashes upon ourselves in recognition of the truth that we are often powerless and always fragile. But by the time we get to Easter, we have come to a deeper sense that we are empowered in our powerlessness, that we are made strong in our weakness. Knowing that we can walk from the tomb with Jesus; we can rise from the ashes with him to sing the song of Easter. Fires may rage and floods come, but the voice of hope is always heard. Nothing and no-one can silence the voice of Jesus risen from the dead.

Most Rev Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon Clare Bird, Keith Ogilvie, Stan Churchill, Pat Shannon, James Woods, John Porst, Pauline Sullivan, Kevin Franks, Andrea Steen, Andrew MacRitchie, Edison Dungo Sr, Grant Smith, Pam Horn, Jo Simmons, Tanya Hummelstad, Kevin Robertson, Bernie Mawn, Matthew Talarico, Judith Harper (O'Toole), Enid Crogan, Marie Dunn, Shirley Player, Dougie Bruce, Billie Jane Armstrong, Fay Minter, Gregory Minter, Alan Taylor, Helen Conlin, Desley Staatz, Reg McIlwain, Dean & Dianna Shurte, Denise Walters, Pat Kennedy, Ivan & Maria Kolesaric, Jackson Burgess, Anne-Marie Jeffries, Isaac Schuurmans-Stekhoven, Jan Penny, Kay Middleton, Ken Kipping, Barbara Channon, Ken Smith, Chris Leach, Corey Henry, Helen Thompson, David Barson, Betty McKeown, John Ian Hall, Monica Carroll, Gab Carter, Claire Taylor, Ingrid Valk, Bob Burgess, Des Manning, Max Shearer, Kath Colbran, Margaret Doolan, Doug Horn, Bernard McCourt, Sharon O'Toole and all the sick.

PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES CAN NOW BE REMOVED.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: We remember in our prayers all those who died recently including Dennis Ayling and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time especially Mark Damian Porst.

Rosters

ROSTERS FOR APRIL/MAY 2020

Please advise the Parish Office by **12th March** if you are not available for the Mass Rosters and/or other Rosters for the months of **April/May**.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2020 - 'GRACE'



We have now sold all the copies of the Lenten Program Booklet 'Grace' in both the Tewantin and Sunshine Beach Piety Stalls.

Should anyone wish to order a copy you may wish to contact the Diocese of Wollongong directly <https://www.dow.org.au/> We also have a limited number of CD sets (3 CD's) which fit in with the book available for \$6.00. per set.

HOT WEATHER CARE AND SAFETY & LENTEN FASTING

With the current hotter temperatures, this is a timely reminder for those who follow the rules for fasting prior to reception of Communion particularly during the Lenten period. The fasting requirements for Lent apply to people from 18 to 59 years of age. The Lenten requirements are to abstain from meat on Fridays and apply to everyone aged 14 years and older. At all times abstinence from food or drink (**except for water and medication**) is to occur one hour **prior to receiving communion** (Note that this is not from the time of commencement of Mass).

If you have a chronic medical condition or require medication to be taken with food or drink please do so. **Your health takes precedence.** The elderly, the infirm and those who care for them may require food and drink prior to receiving Communion. Elderly is defined as 60 years of age or older. Our summers are hot and humid so please ensure that you have an adequate fluid intake and carry a bottle of water with you and wear light fabric clothing. Our church buildings are equipped with fans but these are not always fully effective. If you feel unwell whilst attending Mass, please seek the assistance of the Mass Coordinator.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES/LITURGIES

26TH FEBRUARY



This day is the first day of Lent and it is an important day for Catholics to attend Church to receive the blessed ashes as we journey toward the days of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord. Listed below are the Mass and Liturgy times for Ash Wednesday. **PLEASE NOTE: There are two times for the liturgy of distribution of ashes, and there are three Masses in the Parish. All parishioners are welcome to attend any of the liturgies and Masses at our Schools.**

8:30am MASS, *Sacred Heart Church, Cooroy*
 9:00am Liturgy (Prep – Yr 2), *St Thomas More Centre, Sunshine Beach*
 10:00am MASS (Yrs 3 – 6), *St Thomas More Centre, Sunshine Beach*
 10:50am Liturgy, *St Teresa's College, Noosaville*
 5.30pm MASS, *Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Tewantin*

Counting Roster: This coming week: J Smith, T Cuskelly, P Smith, B Miller
Following week: M McEwan, S Chapman, P Bold, S Tucker

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 24th February

Weekday, Ordinary Time 7

Parish Office hours 8am-Noon & 1pm-4pm

- ◆ 8:30am MASS OLPS Tewantin
- ◆ 9:00am Holy Hour for Vocations
- ◆ 10:30am Ozcare Anointing MASS

Tuesday 25th February

Weekday, Ordinary Time 7

Parish Office hours 8am-Noon & 1pm-4pm

- ◆ 8:00am Rosary, Sacred Heart Cooroy
- ◆ 9:00am Confessions, Sacred Heart
- ◆ 9:00am Parent Meeting
Reconciliation, STM
- ◆ 6:00pm Parent Meeting
Reconciliation, Parish Hall, Tewantin

Wednesday 26th February

Ash Wednesday

Parish Office hours 1pm - 4pm

- ◆ 8:30am MASS, Sacred Heart, Cooroy
- ◆ 9:00am Ash Wednesday Liturgy, STM
- ◆ 9:30am Carramar Comm Service
- ◆ 10:00 Ash Wednesday MASS, STM
- ◆ 10:30am Christian Meditation, OLPS
- ◆ 10:50am Ash Wednesday Liturgy STCC
- ◆ 5:30pm MASS OLPS, Tewantin

Thursday 27th February

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Parish Office hours 8am-Noon & 1pm-4pm

- ◆ 8:00am Rosary OLPS Tewantin
- ◆ 8:30am Mass OLPS Tewantin
- ◆ 9:00am Confessions, Tewantin
- ◆ 9:00am Divine Mercy - Tewantin
- ◆ 5:00pm RCIA meeting, Parish Office
- ◆ 6:00pm ALPHA, Tewantin Parish Hall

Friday 28th February

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Parish Office closed

- ◆ 6:30am - 8:30am Gardening, Tewantin grounds
- ◆ 8.00am Stations of the Cross, OLPS
- ◆ 8.30am MASS at OLPS, Tewantin
- ◆ 9.00am Novena, OLPS, Tewantin
- ◆ 9:30am Japara Noosa Aged Care Home Communion Service

Saturday 29th February

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Vigil - First Sunday of Lent

- ◆ 4:30pm Confessions, Tewantin
- ◆ 5:00pm Vigil MASS, Tewantin
- ◆ 5.00pm Confessions, Cooroy
- ◆ 5:30pm Vigil MASS, Cooroy

Sunday 1st March

First Sunday of Lent

- ◆ 7:00am MASS, Tewantin
- ◆ 7:30am Confessions, Pomona
- ◆ 8:00am MASS, Pomona & Morning Tea
- ◆ 8:30am MASS, Sunshine Beach
- ◆ 9:45am Baptism, STM
- ◆ 10:00am MASS, Tewantin
- ◆ 5:30pm MASS, Sunshine Beach

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Go Further Together"**.

As Teresa of Calcutta said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love."



You will be helping empower our world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Enrolments for Year 7 2021 at St Teresa's Catholic College

The College is now accepting Enrolment Applications for Year 7 2021. If you have a son or daughter who is currently in Year 6 at Primary School and would like to be considered for enrolment at St Teresa's Catholic College, now is the time to submit your application.

First round cut-off date for Year 7 2021 interviews is **Friday 3rd April 2020 (end of Term One)**.

Interviews will take place during Term Two.

Late applications will be considered if places are available and this also applies to late applications from Catholic families and siblings.

Application forms can be downloaded from the College website:

www.stteresa.qld.edu.au or collected from the College office and must be submitted with the student's Birth Certificate, Sacramental Certificates, latest NAPLAN results and Report Card. A \$50 application fee also applies.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 6th March 2020

Pray for Zimbabwe

Theme: "Rise! Take your Mat and walk!"

This year at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in Tewantin, our parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer service which will commence at 10am followed by morning tea in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend to make this a memorable event.

Also in the hinterland this year, our brothers and sisters in the Uniting Church Cooroy are hosting IWDP in their Church, on Maple Street, Cooroy. Their meeting is also at 10am, on the 6th March and they have a Planning Meeting on Friday February 21st, 10am and a Rehearsal Meeting on Friday February 28th 10am with both to be held in their church.

While we are not hosting this year in the hinterland, we will have some input into readings and catering etc. So all are welcome at each meeting. If you have any Zimbabwean artefacts, this would be welcome on loan. For more details phone Kathleen Layton 0438 149 368.



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7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 23rd February 2020

This weekend Readings: 7th Sun in Ord Time (Year A)

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Next weekend Readings: 1st Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

ENTRANCE: SONG OF GATHERING

**Ref: Neither Greek, nor Jew, nor slave, nor free,
Neither woman, nor man, but children are we,
Of the same God, the one Lord,
The Father of all, let it be.**

1. From the four winds, and the high seas,
From the lowlands, and the valleys we come
To the table, to the Saviour, to the call.
2. Your sons and your daughters, young brides
And old lovers, we come from the waters
That spring from your side.
3. From the one cup, from the one bread,
At the one meal, we are all fed once more
In the body, in the Spirit, in the dream.

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PSALM RESPONSE:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

OFFERTORY: A TRUSTING PSALM

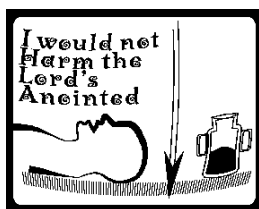
**Ref: Lord let your mercy be on us
As we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
God's love can never be measured.
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen.
So let us place our trust in God. **(Ref)**

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
God's love can never grow weary.
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,
If we can place our trust in God. **(Ref)**

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong.
God's love can never grow weary.
God will seek and save the lost until we all return.
So let us place our trust in God. **(Ref)**

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION 1
We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection, until you come again

COMMUNION: TO BE YOUR BREAD

**Ref: To be your bread now, be your wine now,
Lord, come and change us
To be a sign of your love.
Blest and broken, poured and flowing,
Gift that you gave us,
To be your body once again.**

1. We come to your table with our lives as they are.
Heal us, Lord, for we are broken, make us one again.
2. Give us the bread and wine that bring us to life.
Feed us, and we'll never hunger, never thirst again.

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THANKSGIVING:

Time for personal reflection



RECESSIONAL: LORD, I BELIEVE

**Ref: Lord, I believe and trust in you,
In you, the world's true light.
Though long the struggle and dark the night
Along the way of faith and love.
By your grace, Lord, I believe;
Help, then, my unbelief!**

1. From age to age, across the years,
The life of faith keeps on;
The Spirit moves each heart and mind.
The truth to search, the truth to find,
The truth that sets us free,
The light that shines and lights our way. **(Ref)**
2. For faith, the rock on which we stand,
Seeks out your guiding hand.
Whatever darkness comes at night,
Faith has the eyes to see the light
And ears to hear your voice,
And moves with joy to Christ's embrace. **(Ref)**
3. Faith tastes the bread come down from heav'n,
Knows mercy when forgiv'n.
The heart of faith need feel no fear,
Because it knows that Christ is near,
The fount and form of love,
With gifts that only love can give. **(Ref)**
4. Faith is the bond that makes all one
And holds us in its strength,
Uniting all to share God's grace,
To live God's life and see God's face:
A great and living sign
For ev'ry place and ev'ry time. **(Ref)**

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