5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 7th February 2016

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Lent is just days away with the celebration of Ash Wednesday with four Masses and two Liturgies with distribution of Ashes celebrated across the four churches and two Catholic Schools. Please see below the times and places of those Masses and Liturgies on the 10th February.

Lent as we know is a Season of preparation for Easter and it is a season to pause, reflect, pray and repent. During the Year of Mercy, the Parish will be focusing on the Mercy of God and how we show mercy to others. At the beginning of Mass, music will be played from Liam Lawton’s Kyrie as the priest and servers enter the Church. The Kyrie will then be sung followed by the opening prayer of the Mass. The simple music chosen for the Mass reflects the solemn season of lent which enables the congregation to give some time to reflect on the Word of God and the season. Our sung Psalm we will be singing each week during Lent will be “Be Merciful” by Marty Haugen based on Psalm 103 and written for the Jubilee year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. Then we leave the Church at the end of Mass to the chant “Beyond the days” by Ricky Manalo.

I encourage each one of us to begin the Lenten Season by attending one of the Ash Wednesday Masses or Liturgies and hope that we can spend time in Lenten prayer and reflection.

Thanks to Fr Leo Burke who has been helping out in the Parish these last three weekends with Masses. We wish him well this coming year.

St Thomas More Primary School welcomed the ninety seven Prep students to the school last Wednesday at the commencement of School Liturgy. Let us keep these little preps in our prayers as they begin their formal schooling at our Parish Primary School.

This weekend is Project Compassion Sunday. Please take home your Packs and Boxes to support Caritas Australia.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead, Fr Mark Franklin

Ash Wednesday 10th 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.

Below are the Mass and Liturgy times for Ash Wednesday.

Please Note: There are two times for liturgy of distribution of Ashes, which are school liturgies, and there are four Masses across the four churches in the Parish on the day.

◊ 8.30am Mass Sacred Heart, Cooroy.
◊ 9.00am Liturgy of Distribution of Ashes, St Thomas More.
◊ 10.00am Mass St Thomas More, Sunshine Beach
◊ 11.30am Liturgy of Distribution of Ashes, St Teresa’s College
◊ 5.30pm Mass OLPS, Tewantin Church
◊ 5.30pm Mass St Patrick’s, Pomona Church

Remember man that you are dust and into dust you shall return.
Rite of Christian Funeral

Pray for the Soul of Evelyn “Ev” Mary Kildey whose Requiem Mass will be held on 9th February at Tewantin Church at 1pm. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

Congratulations to Noel and Aileen Ruff who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 4th February. We pray that God will continue to bless their lives together and that they may grow ever closer to Him and to each other in the years that lie ahead.

A big Reminder to parents of children who are making the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and 1st Communion in 2016. The child’s passport needs to be filled in indicating that all videos have been watched and discussed. Mass attendance must also be recorded and signed by a priest before you can enrol your child into one of the Sacraments.

- 1st Reconciliation enrolments close Monday 15th February 4pm.
- Confirmation Enrolments close 18th April 4pm.
- 1st Communion Enrolments close 18th July 4pm.

If you have any questions please call the Parish Office on 5447 1188

Church Cleaning Tewantin
Help is needed to clean the Tewantin Church on a monthly roster.
Please contact Michael Finch at the Parish Office on 5447 1188 if you are able to assist.

2016 Columban Art Calendars for sale at $9 each. On sale from the Piety Stalls and the other Churches. Only a few left.

WELCOME CUPPA

Tewantin: 2nd Sunday of each Month after 10am Mass
Sunshine Beach: 1st Sunday of each Month after 8.30am Mass
Pomona: Weekly after 8am Mass Sunday
Cooroy: Every Tuesday after 8.30am Mass

Parish Lenten Program 2016
Being Lost… Being Found

The readings are from the Gospel of Luke; the ‘gospel of mercy’.
Cost $10 per person.
To join a group, contact the Parish office 5447 1188

- Hinterland Group 1 meets Friday afternoons at 1.30pm.
- Hinterland Group 2 meets Sundays after Mass at the Pomona Church at 9am.
- Tewantin Group 1 meets Monday evenings at 7.30pm
- Tewantin Group 2 meets Tuesdays at the Tewantin Chapel at 10am.

You are invited to celebrate WORLD MARRIAGE DAY with Bishop Brian Finnigan at St Mary’s Church, Buderim on Sunday, 14th February 2016 at 2.00pm
Mass, including renewal of vows, will be followed by afternoon tea. Please bring a plate, and feel free to invite your family and friends.

Wednesday 10th February
Ash Wednesday
Parish Office hours 8am - Noon, 1pm to 4pm
- 8.30am MASS, Sacred Heart, Cooroy
- 8.30am MASS, Sacred Heart, Cooroy
- 9.00am Confessions, Sacred Heart, Cooroy
- 10.00am Women’s Group Mtg, Parish Off
- 1.45pm P & F Meeting, STM school
- 3pm Choir practice (Lent), OLPS

Thursday 11th February
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Parish Office hours 8am - Noon, 1pm to 4pm
- 8.00am Rosary, OLPS, Tewantin
- 8.30am MASS, OLPS, Tewantin
- 9.00am Confessions, OLPS
- 9.00am Divine Mercy, OLPS
- 10.00am Meeting (Hospital & Nursing Home Co-ordinators), Parish Office, Tew

Friday 12th February
Friday after Ash Wednesday
Parish Office hours 8am - Noon, 1pm to 4pm
- 8.00am Stations of the Cross, OLPS
- 8.30am MASS at OLPS, Tewantin
- 9.00am Novena, OLPS, Tewantin
- 9.30am NNC, Comm Svc and Anointing
- 1.30pm Hinterland Lenton Group 1
- 5.30pm P & F Welcome BBQ, STM

Saturday 13th February
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
- 10.00am Baptism, OLPS Tewantin
- 2.00pm Wedding, St Patrick’s, Pomona
Confessions 4.30pm - 4.50pm, Tewantin
5.00pm Vigil Mass, Tewantin
* New Time for Tewantin Vigil Mass
Confessions 5.00pm - 5.20pm, Cooroy
5.30pm Vigil Mass, Cooroy

Sunday 14th February
First Sunday of Lent
7.00am MASS, Tewantin
Confessions 7.30am - 7.45am Pomona
8.00am MASS, Pomona
Hinterland Lenton Group 2 after Morning Tea
8.30am MASS, Sunshine Beach
(RCLA 2nd Blessing & Pray of the Lord’s Prayer)
Confessions after 8.30am Mass STM
10.00am MASS, Tewantin
- 11.30am Older children baptisms, OLPS
- 12.30pm Wedding, OLPS, Tewantin
5.30pm MASS, Sunshine Beach
ASH WEDNESDAY – 10 February

Sackcloth and ashes have been identified with sorrow and repentance since ancient times. In our time we are signed with ashes on our foreheads at the beginning of the Lenten season. Ashes not only sign us for Christ with the mark of the cross, but they also remind us of the fragility and weakness of human life. We are on earth only for a relatively short time and at our inevitable death our bodies will return to dust and ashes.

Our Christian faith teaches us that death is not the end. We have been given the assurance of eternal life through the death and resurrection of Christ. The Church provides us with the Lenten season of fasting and prayer to invite us to turn again to Christ in response to his saving love. The Collect prayer of Ash Wednesday speaks of Lent as a ‘campaign of Christian service’. Our campaign of service is spelt out for us in today’s Gospel. Fasting and prayer and the doing of good deeds for others in the form of almsgiving, such as through giving to Project Compassion, are the ways we are invited to live our discipleship during this time.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion.

In Pope Francis’ words, “Lent is a time for drawing near to Christ.”

You will be helping to empower the world’s poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope.

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

NEXT DAY TRIP
TIGER PRAWN TOURS
8th March 2016

$55.00 per person
(includes Morning Tea, Guided Tour of Prawn Farm, two course Lunch at Harrigan’s Pub, Jacob’s Well, short stop at Tataka Pie Shop en route home)

Daytrippers will be able to purchase prawns and will need to advise when booking if they will be purchasing snap frozen prawns at $16 per kilo or fresh prawns at $32 per two kilo box.

Gold Coast Tiger Prawns - Australia’s Most Awarded Prawn

Positioned half-way between Brisbane and the Gold Coast, the tour is set amongst Queensland sugar cane fields and fringes the beautiful southern Moreton Bay.

To book your seat please call the Parish Office on 5447 1188

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Readers of the Word, Communion Ministers and Mass Co-ordinators

Calling for expressions of interest from Parishioners who are interested in being trained as a Communion Minister, Reader of the Word or Mass Co-ordinator.

**Communion Ministers** assist the Priest give out Communion at Mass.

**Readers of the Word** proclaim the Scriptures at Mass.

**Mass Co-ordinators** assist the Priest with the smooth functioning of the Mass.

If you are interesting in knowing more, please call the Parish Office on 5447 1188 and leave your name and phone number or you can email the parish admin@noosacatholic.com

*Your help with these ministries would be appreciated at all seven of our weekend Masses.*

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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

is a lay Catholic non-profit charitable organization dedicated to seeking a more just society by assisting people in need regardless of beliefs, ethnicity or social situation. Volunteers conduct private confidential interviews with people who are struggling to meet day to day living expenses. We help families get back on their feet financially by providing food parcels, basic furniture, household items and clothing. In some cases we can help with part payment of utilities, rent and educational and medical expenses. We may also provide information about seeking financial and personal counselling and housing assistance from other organisations. Contact us by phone for a home visit or call into our Support Centre. Please bring a current Centrelink Income Statement or payslip and documentation to support requests for financial assistance.

**Tewantin Noosa St Vincent de Paul Society Support Centre** - 165 Eumundi Road, Noosaville.

(Next to Vinnies shop) 5449 9980 - Mob - 0400 956 146 -

Support Centre Opening Hours -Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:30 am – 12:00 Noon

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**In the company of Mary during the Extraordinary Jubilee "Holy Year of Mercy".**

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Sr Marie-Paul Farran was born in Egypt, of Palestinian and Italian descent. She paints in the Byzantine style, following faithfully the ancient patterns and colours. She is the author of the Icon of the Holy Family known and distributed worldwide.

*These books will be available on the First Sunday of Lent from the Tewantin and Sunshine beach Piety Stalls and from the Cooroy and Pomona Churches for $10 a copy.*