

Weekend of :	9/10 Mar 2024	Week 2		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Congregation	Congregation	St Augustine	Congregation
Heralds	Samuel	Jasmin/ Madeline	Olivia	Teresa
Readers	Irene/Eaven	Pat B /Kaithlyn	Danielle / Katrina	Maria/Mica
Acolytes	Mick G	Peter / Victor	Yuve / Vincent	Mick M / Surya
Altar Servers	Abed/Sophia/ Immanuel/ Cameron	Bianca/ Christopher	Bryan/Philip/ Caitlyn	Hannah/Taylor/ Kiomie & Naomi

Weekend of :	16/17 Mar 2024	Week 3		
Ministry	Sat 5 pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Congregation	Congregation	Congregation	Men's Shed choir
Heralds	Callan	Bianca	Valentina	Ryan
Readers	Cris /Immanuel	Mabel/ Christopher	Vera/Raphael	Christine / Ruby
Acolytes	Mick G	Peter/Victor	Yuve / Vincent	Mick M/ Surya
Altar Servers	Abed/Sophia/ Cameron		Bryan/Philip/ Caitlyn	Teresa/Hannah/ Taylor

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Prayer & the Mission to Proclaim Jesus: Living the Year of Prayer 2024
 Join us as Eric Chow shares how to make our parishes missionary outposts, with prayer as the foundation. Eric will share proven principles, practical tips, and stories of renewal from his extensive experience in missionary leadership.
 DATE: Monday 18 March 2024 TIME: 7:30 - 9pm
 VENUE: St Martha's - 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt
 On-site parking and street parking available. COST: Free.
 RSVP: Reserve your place by Thursday 15 March at trybooking.com/CPENF

LET US PRAY FOR:
Recently Returned to the Father: Ibrahim Azzam, Rosa Nunez, Gary Clark
Death Anniversary: Leslie McKeough, Ivan Visevic, Teresita Arce
In Loving Memory of: deceased members of the Keating family, Ivan Stefanac, Philip Ba-Tuoc Lam, Cong Tro Mai, Joseph CT Nguyen, Felix Jr Romero, Vincenzo & Teresa Macri, Rocco & Giuseppina Macri, Sabestiano & Santina Luci, deceased family members of Teresita H Brown, Adoracion Almazar, Dennis G Reyes, Lou M Da Silva, Robert Dona, all souls in purgatory
NB: Please let the Parish Office know when circumstances change
Sick & Infirm: Madeleine Mitchell, Adam Irga, Jenny Hennessy, Enriqueta Navarro, Lorenza Talisayon, Annette Pillai, Bernadette Driessen, Rosa Corbo, Sue Joseph, Sue Morris, Michael Joseph, Lucy Zivkovic, Madalena Thi Ba Ho, Agnes Hiuni
 Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Dondi & Arvin Anolin, Maria Hennessy, Gabriel L T Ching
 Special Intentions of: Mateo Quines Tran

A Message from the Safeguarding Office - Archdiocese of Sydney
 Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or 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.



Weekend Collection Report
 Weekend 02/03 Mar 2024
 1st Collection (Pastoral) - \$2044.00 &
 2nd Collection (Church) - "Loose" \$1709.00 &
 Envelopes - \$1028.00
 Thank you for your generosity - Fr Epeli -

Next Newman Group Meeting:
 14th April - Romans 8: Living the life in the Spirit.
 27th April (Sat) - Bushwalk - Please RSVP to newmangroup@stjoachimsparish.org
 12th May - Romans 9-10: Preaching the Gospel
 26th May - The Liturgy and the Trinity
 Fr. Bijoy Joseph

INTER PARISH CROSS WALK
ST JOACHIM'S CROSS WEEK
LENTEN EVENTS
 Sunday 24th March - Sunday 31st March

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH (PALM SUNDAY)
 2pm: Procession from St Peter Chanel and St Joseph Berala to St Joachim's
 10th Station at St Andrew's Ukrainian Church
 11th Station in front of Canberra Nursing Home
 12th Station at St Joachim's Catholic Primary school
 4pm: 13th and 14th Stations at St Joachim's Church
 5pm: Confessions and Mass with Bishop Umbers
 6pm: Light refreshments in the hall

HOLY MONDAY 25TH MARCH HOLY THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
 9am: Mass and Rosary 7pm: Holy Thursday Mass
 7pm: The Passion of Christ Movie

HOLY TUESDAY 26TH MARCH HOLY SATURDAY 30TH MARCH
 9am: Mass and Rosary 10am: Stations of the Cross
 7pm: Parish Penitential Evening (examination of conscience and confessions) 3pm: Good Friday Service
 7pm: Easter Vigil

HOLY WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH HOLY SUNDAY 31ST MARCH
 6pm: Adoration of the blessed sacrament and Rosary 8am: Mass
 6:30pm: Meditation on Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help 10am: Mass + coffee in the hall
 7:00pm: Holy Mass in Latin (Ad Orientem, by candlelight)

Sacrament of Confirmation - 2 June @ 1pm
 Enrolment closes on 22 March 2024
 Enrolment forms are on table in church OR email the parish office at office@stjoachimsparish.org




MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sun 10/03	Death anniv Ivan Visevic Francesco & Giuseppina Barba
Mon 11/03	Philip Ba-Tuoc Lam + all souls
Tues 12/03	Thanksgiving Teresita H Brown
Wed 13/03	Vincenzo + Teresa Macri
Thurs 14/03	Deceased relatives of Teresita H Brown
Fri 15/03	Mai Cong Tro + Chinh Truc Nguyen
Sat 16/03	Agnes Hiuni - ill health

Lent



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WE COME TOGETHER TO ENCOUNTER GOD, WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER JOYFULLY IN ACTIVE SERVICE

OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY only 09:30am to 03:30pm PLEASE RING or EMAIL the Parish Office for anything ...
 Mass Intentions—drop in the mailbox or collection baskets. Weddings: minimum 6 months notice.
 Baptisms: held only on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Canberra Nursing Home - 4th Friday @ 11am
 If anyone needs Holy Communion /Home Visits please contact the office to make arrangements.

Parish Values - Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work & in the way of Mary

4th Sunday of Lent - Yr B **10 March 2024**

This Week at St Joachim

Sun 10/03	8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 2:00pm Cross Walk 5:00pm Mass
Mon 11/03	9:00am Mass/Rosary
Tue 12/03	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Wed 13/03	6:00pm Adoration /Novena 7:00pm Mass
Thurs 14/03	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Fri 15/03	9:00am Mass / Rosary 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 16/03	4:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Vigil Mass

SILENCE is to be observed at all times (before, during and after Mass) in the church

REFLECTION - Fr Epeli -
 The Fourth Sunday in Lent is known as Laetare Sunday. It calls to mind the Church's joy as the celebration of the redemption of the world draws near. Today the liturgy colour changes from Violet to Rose to symbolically express this Joy.

It is very fitting that on Laetare Sunday three parishes will endeavour to carry the Cross together from one parish to another. This is providential because today, we carry along the streets of Lidcombe the 'sign' of salvation which is the Cross.

"How great is the power of the Cross! How great is the change made by it in the human race! How from the deep darkness it has led us to the boundless light, from death it has restored us to eternal life, from corruption it has transferred us to incorruption. What good is not accomplished for us by means of the Cross? Through the Cross we learned piety and learned the properties of the Divine essence. Through the Cross we learn the truth about God, through the Cross we who were far from Him are united to Christ, and we become worthy of the grace of the Holy Spirit. Through the Cross we learn the power of love and we are taught to die for others. Through the Cross we are scorned and all what we do is not temporal, we search the blessings of the future and we accept the invisible as if seen. The Cross is preached, and the faith in God is confessed, His truth is spread throughout the universe. The Cross is preached, and the faith in the resurrection, the life and the kingdom of heaven is made without a doubt. What is more precious than the Cross and what is more saving for the soul? The Cross is the triumph over demons, the armor against sin and the sword with which the Lord has struck the snake. The Cross is the will of the Father, the glory of the Only-begotten, the joy of the Holy Spirit, the ornament of angels, the protection of the Church, the praise of St. Paul, the protection of the Saints, the lamp of all the world." (St John Chrysostom)

Good Friday 29 March @ 10am
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS YOU BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.
 will be done simultaneously

- in church &
- house to house

Urgently Needed - Volunteer Cleaners
 Our beautiful church is cleaned every Monday at 10am (after Mass/Rosary). We need a couple of extra pair of hands to help us out. If you think you can help, please contact Michelle Kim on 0405 228 880 or email MichelleLJKim@gmail.com



Let us unite our hearts in faith and prayerfully carry the sign of salvation. In doing this, May Jesus our Lord and God increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, love and peace.



Parish to Parish Cross Walk - 10th March @ 2pm
 St Joachim, Lidcombe to St John of God, Auburn
 A time to remember the love of Jesus Come and join us. All welcome.

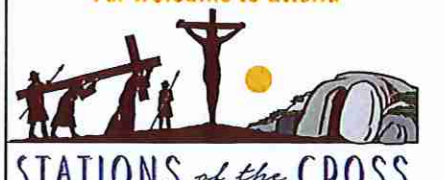
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Every Friday during Lent @ 6.30pm All welcome to attend

STATIONS of the CROSS



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

10 MARCH 2024

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I AND II OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 121: 3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,

to praise the name of the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

GOD'S LOVE, GIFT AND GRACE

On this *Laetare* Sunday (so called for the first word of the liturgy is "rejoice") we find in the Letter to the Ephesians: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God" (2:8). To contemplate this statement is to begin to understand the generous mercy and love of God for each of us.

This reading follows 2 Chronicles that recounts the fall of Jerusalem, despite the compassion of God for the people, but then King Cyrus of Persia liberating the exiles. So as the passage begins in Ephesians we see the continuity with God, who is rich in mercy. Three times "grace" is repeated: "by grace you have been saved," "the immeasurable riches of God's grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" and "for by grace you have been saved through faith." This reiteration accentuates the love of God and invites us to know that "we are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus for good works."

John's Gospel reminds us "God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (3:16). With his clear illumination of light and darkness, John affirms that "those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

How will we respond to God's love, gift and grace?

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH. During the season of Lent we humbly acknowledge the ways in which we have failed to respond to our Christian vocation. We do this before a God who is infinitely rich in mercy and grace, who sent the Son into the world not to condemn it but to be its saviour. Acknowledging our failings and accepting healing and forgiveness from Christ prepares us to celebrate the feast of Easter with great joy.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 66: 10-11

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

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 2 Chron 36: 14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity,

copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 136. R. v. 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon / there we sat and wept, / remembering Zion: / on the poplars that grew there / we hung our harps. R. 2. For it was there that they asked us, / our captors, for songs, / our oppressors, for joy. / 'Sing to us,' they said, / 'one of Zion's songs.' R.

3. O how could we sing / the song of the Lord / on alien soil? / If I forget you, Jerusalem, / let my right hand wither! R.

4. O let my tongue / cleave to my mouth / if I remember you not, / if I prize not Jerusalem / above all my joys! R.



SECOND READING Eph 2: 4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 3: 16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! / God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, / that all who believe in him might have eternal life. / Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 3:14-21

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: