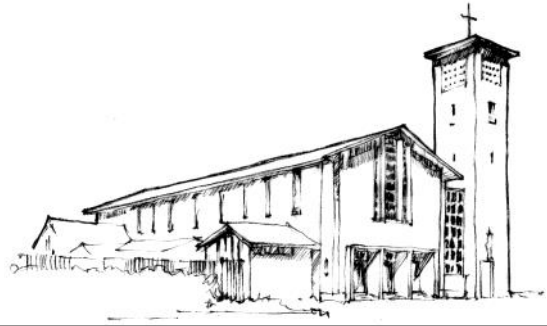


Welcome to

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B

17 March 2024

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Weekend:

Saturday evening: 5.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am & 6.00pm

*(Check for changes on special
Feast Days)*

Weekdays:

Wednesday & Thursday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.15am

*Tuesday evening may be available
for memorial Masses.*

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Saturday: 4:30pm - 4.50pm

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Domremy College:

Principal: Antoinette McGahan

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From the Pastor

No bird ever has asked royalty for its singing. Nobody has received an invoice for sunshine. No flower wants to bottle its fragrance. But humans are different. Productivity and profitability are considered the measuring yard for the progress of civilization. While that remains true, our lives are capable of something more than civilization, that is divinization. Nature as God's creation teaches that the beauty and goodness of life is at its best when profitability is not the prime motive in life.

But don't stop at enjoying a beautiful life; make it divine. Jesus used an imagery from agriculture to speak about making life divine. "Unless a grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest" (John 12:24). Similarly, the wear and tear of sacrifices in life is what beatifies our lives. Teresa of Kolkata through utter sacrifice of her life for the cause of the downtrodden and the neglected people of the streets became a saint, a role model, and an inspiration for generations. By the sacrifice on the cross, Jesus saved us and helped us beatify our lives. The wisdom of the cross is that anyone who loves his life loses it; but when prepared to sacrifice, we keep it for eternal life.

In our world which is so focussed on self-promotion, we have a lot to learn and discern in this Lenten season to be better prepared for a meaningful celebration of Easter.

The Stations of the Cross is a special devotion during lent. Students of Domremy College will be acting out the Passion of the Lord and leading in prayer at 10 am on Good Friday in our church. Though it is not an official liturgical celebration, Stations of the Cross is a moving devotion all Christians can use for prayerful meditation. Therefore, all parishioners may personally invite lapsed parishioners and other Christians to Good Friday morning prayers especially.

Making a confession of sins and seeking God's mercy is important in our preparation for the Easter joy. I will be available in the Confessional on three consecutive evenings, Monday – Wednesday of Holy Week. This will be in addition to the Second Rite of Reconciliation offered at Drummoyne on Tuesday, 26 March, evening.

Mother and a sister of Antonella Pesci, the parish secretary, are unwell. Hence, Antonella has suddenly taken an extended leave to visit them in Italy. We pray for God's mercy on her sick sister and frail mother as well as for Antonella in this distressing time. In her absence I am working on how to cope with the office works.

Mass for Feast of St Joseph - Tuesday 19th March at 9:15am
St Joan of Arc school attending

Our Vision as presented in our Strategic Plan

"...a welcoming and modern Catholic community grounded in faith and spirituality, we want to engage with and build a broader community, particularly among the young and with the families of our local Catholic school as well as providing pastoral outreach to those in need within our Haberfield community and also reach out to deliver broader social justice in our community, our nation and beyond."

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
(31:31-34)*

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 136)

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.**R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.**R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.**R.**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
(5:7-9)*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (John 12:26)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
(12:20-30)*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to
this hour.
Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Il brano del Vangelo odierno segue immediatamente la narrazione dell'ingresso trionfale del Signore a Gerusalemme. Tutti sembrano averlo accolto: persino alcuni Greci, di passaggio, andarono a rendergli omaggio. Questo è il contesto in cui Giovanni comincia il racconto della Passione. Come in natura, il chicco di grano muore per generare una nuova vita, così Gesù, con la sua morte, riconduce tutto quanto al Padre. Non è l'acclamazione del popolo che farà venire il Regno, ma il consenso del Padre. Il ministero e l'insegnamento di Gesù testimoniano che egli è venuto da parte del Padre. Aprirci a lui, significa passare dalla conoscenza di quanto egli ha detto o fatto all'accettazione della fede. La voce venuta dal cielo ci riporta alla Trasfigurazione (cf. la seconda domenica di Quaresima). Ma qui, chi sente questa voce, o non la riconosce per nulla, o la percepisce come una vaga forma di approvazione. Eppure tale conferma era proprio destinata a loro. Questo è anche un richiamo per noi: se non siamo pronti ad ascoltare la parola di Dio, anche noi resteremo insensibili.

Tutti coloro che vogliono seguire Cristo, che accettano questa nuova via, scelgono di porsi al servizio di Cristo e di camminare al suo fianco. Il significato pregnante di queste parole - essere sempre con lui dovunque egli sia - ci è stato presentato nell'insegnamento e nel nutrimento spirituale della Quaresima. All'avvicinarsi della celebrazione dei misteri pasquali, portiamo in noi la certezza che servire Cristo significa essere onorati dal Padre.

Dal libro del profeta Geremia (31,31-34)

Ecco, verranno giorni – oracolo del Signore –, nei quali con la casa d'Israele e con la casa di Giuda concluderò un'alleanza nuova. Non sarà come l'alleanza che ho concluso con i loro padri, quando li presi per mano per farli uscire dalla terra d'Egitto, alleanza che essi hanno infranto, benché io fossi loro Signore. Oracolo del Signore.

Questa sarà l'alleanza che concluderò con la casa d'Israele dopo quei giorni – oracolo del Signore –: porrò la mia legge dentro di loro, la scriverò sul loro cuore. Allora io sarò il loro Dio ed essi saranno il mio popolo. Non dovranno più istruirsi l'un l'altro, dicendo: «Conoscete il Signore», perché tutti mi conosceranno, dal più piccolo al più grande – oracolo del Signore –, poiché io perdonerò la loro iniquità e non ricorderò più il loro peccato.

Parola di Dio.

Rendiamo grazie al Signore.

Salmo Responsoriale (Sal 50)

R. Crea in me, o Dio, un cuore puro.

Pietà di me, o Dio, nel tuo amore;
nella tua grande misericordia
cancella la mia iniquità.
Lavami tutto dalla mia colpa,
dal mio peccato rendimi puro. **R.**

Crea in me, o Dio, un cuore puro,
rinnova in me uno spirito saldo.
Non scacciarmi dalla tua presenza
e non privarmi del tuo santo spirito. **R.**

Rendimi la gioia della tua salvezza,
sostienimi con uno spirito generoso.
Insegnerò ai ribelli le tue vie
e i peccatori a te ritorneranno. **R.**

Dalla lettera agli Ebrei (5,7-9)

Cristo, nei giorni della sua vita terrena, offrì preghiere e suppliche, con forti grida e lacrime, a Dio che poteva salvarlo da morte e, per il suo pieno abbandono a lui, venne esaudito.

Pur essendo Figlio, imparò l'obbedienza da ciò che patì e, reso perfetto, divenne causa di salvezza eterna per tutti coloro che gli obbediscono.

Parola di Dio.

Rendiamo grazie al Signore.

Canto al Vangelo (Gv 12,26)

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Se uno mi vuole servire, mi segua, dice il Signore,
e dove sono io, là sarà anche il mio servitore.

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

† Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni (12,20-33)

In quel tempo, tra quelli che erano saliti per il culto durante la festa c'erano anche alcuni Greci. Questi si avvicinarono a Filippo, che era di Betsàida di Galilea, e gli domandarono: «Signore, vogliamo vedere Gesù».

Filippo andò a dirlo ad Andrea, e poi Andrea e Filippo andarono a dirlo a Gesù. Gesù rispose loro: «È venuta l'ora che il Figlio dell'uomo sia glorificato. In verità, in verità io vi dico: se il chicco di grano, caduto in terra, non muore, rimane solo; se invece muore, produce molto frutto. Chi ama la propria vita, la perde e chi odia la propria vita in questo mondo, la conserverà per la vita eterna. Se uno mi vuole servire, mi segua, e dove sono io, là sarà anche il mio servitore. Se uno serve me, il Padre lo onorerà. Adesso l'anima mia è turbata; che cosa dirò? Padre, salvami da quest'ora? Ma proprio per questo sono giunto a quest'ora! Padre, glorifica il tuo nome». Venne allora una voce dal cielo: «L'ho glorificato e lo glorificherò ancora!».

La folla, che era presente e aveva udito, diceva che era stato un tuono. Altri dicevano: «Un angelo gli ha parlato». Disse Gesù: «Questa voce non è venuta per me, ma per voi. Ora è il giudizio di questo mondo; ora il principe di questo mondo sarà gettato fuori. E io, quando sarò innalzato da terra, attirerò tutti a me». Diceva questo per indicare di quale morte doveva morire.

Parola del Signore.

Lode a te, Signore Gesù Cristo

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Stazioni della Via Crucis

In italiano: Giovedì di marzo ore 3pm in Chiesa

Tutti benvenuti a questa speciale devozione quaresimale.



Keep the coming feast of the Lord through deeds, not words

From an Easter letter by Saint Athanasius, bishop

The Word who became all things for us is close to us, our Lord Jesus Christ who promises to remain with us always. He cries out, saying: "See, I am with you all the days of this age." He is himself the shepherd, the high priest, the way and the door, and has become all things at once for us. In the same way, he has come among us as our feast and holy day as well. The blessed Apostle says of him who was awaited: "Christ has been sacrificed as our Passover." It was Christ who shed his light on the psalmist as he prayed: "You are my joy, deliver me from those surrounding me." True joy, genuine festival, means the casting out of wickedness. To achieve this one must live a life of perfect goodness and, in the serenity of the fear of God, practise contemplation in one's heart.

This was the way of the saints, who in their lifetime and at every stage of life rejoiced as at a feast. Blessed David, for example, not once but seven times rose at night to win God's favour through prayer. The great Moses was full of joy as he sang God's praises in hymns of victory for the defeat of Pharaoh and the oppressors of the Hebrew people. Others had hearts filled always with gladness as they performed their sacred duty of worship, like the great Samuel and the blessed Elijah. Because of their holy lives they gained freedom, and now keep festival in heaven. They

rejoice after their pilgrimage in shadows, and now distinguish the reality from the promise.

When we celebrate the feast in our own day, what path are we to take? As we draw near to this feast, who is to be our guide? Beloved, it must be none other than the one whom you will address with me as our Lord Jesus Christ. He says: "I am the way." As blessed John tells us: it is Christ "who takes away the sin of the world." It is he who purifies our souls, as the prophet Jeremiah says: "Stand upon the ways; look and see which is the good path, and you will find in it the way of amendment for your souls."

In former times the blood of goats and the ashes of a calf were sprinkled on those who were unclean, but they were able to purify only the body. Now through the grace of God's Word everyone is made abundantly clean. If we follow Christ closely we shall be allowed, even on this earth, to stand as it were on the threshold of the heavenly Jerusalem, and enjoy the contemplation of that everlasting feast, like the blessed apostles, who in following the Saviour as their leader, showed, and still show, the way to obtain the same gift from God. They said: "See, we have left all things and followed you." We too follow the Lord, and we keep his feast by deeds rather than by words.

A Spirituality of Waiting

Increasingly in our society we feel we have less and less influence on the decisions that affect our own existence. Therefore it becomes increasingly important to recognize that the largest part of our existence involves waiting in the sense of being acted upon. The life of Jesus tells us that not being in control is part of the human condition. His vocation and ours are fulfilled not just in action but also in passion, waiting.



Imagine how important this message is for us and for the people in our world. If it is true that God in Jesus Christ is waiting for our response to divine love, then we can discover a whole new perspective on how to wait in life. We can learn to be obedient people who do not always try to go back to the action but recognize the fulfillment of our deepest humanity in passion, in waiting. If we can do this, I am convinced that we will come in touch with the power and the glory of God and our own new life. Our service to others will include our helping them see the glory breaking through—not only where they are active but also where they are being acted upon. And so the spirituality of waiting is not simply our waiting for God. It is also participating in God's own waiting for us and in that way coming to share in the deepest love, which is God's love.

REFLECTION

John 12:20-30

“Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour?” (John 12:27)

Michael Heath is a British cartoonist. He’s been working for many years and his cartoons have appeared in all sorts of publications. Any topic is a source of inspiration to him. It could be political, social comment or even religious. In one drawing Michael has Jesus standing with a crowd of people round: him, men, women and children. To one side of the picture there’s a rather puzzled-looking disciple who is being accosted by a very self-important looking man who says to the disciple, “I wonder if it’s possible to see him privately”. He clearly thought he shouldn’t be with the riffraff and deserved a one-to-one interview.

So many people wanted to see Jesus that he hardly had time to rest. Perhaps we could pick out a few episodes in the Gospel stories about some of the various people who wanted to see him. By that I mean the ones who valued him and not the religious leaders who hated him and wanted him dead.

There’s the story of Bartimaeus who was blind and begging by the roadside. When he heard Jesus and the crowd go by, he yelled out “Son of David, have pity on me.” He was so loud and insistent the crowd told him to shut up. He was embarrassing them. But he took no notice and shouted even louder. Jesus gave him back his sight and Bartimaeus became one of his disciples.

Then there was the woman in a crowd who quietly touched Jesus’ clothes, knowing she would be cured of her illness. Another was the courteous Roman centurion who asked for just a word from Jesus to cure his servant. When Jesus went to the town of Tyre on the coast, he joined in a battle of wits with the Greek woman who pleaded for her daughter’s health. Jesus said he couldn’t give the children’s bread to dogs. Quick as a flash, the woman replied that even dogs ate the crumbs from the master’s table. And perhaps the boldest of all was the group who tried to get their paralysed neighbour into the house where Jesus was staying. The crowd blocked the doorway, so they decided to take the roof off and lower the man in via the direct route.

What all these people, and so many more, had in common was that they wanted Jesus to do something for them. But what about Jesus himself? Who looked after his needs? Today’s Gospel reading is a bit strange; it’s in two parts, which don’t seem to be connected, but it might give us a clue as to what Jesus is thinking. The Greeks who spoke to Philip were clearly very polite. Perhaps Philip wasn’t used to such courtesy because he seemed not to know how to deal with them. He had to go and ask advice from Andrew and the two of them went to Jesus. We don’t

know whether Jesus even met the Greek visitors, because his reply is concentrated on the events that he knows are waiting for him and which trouble his soul.

Next Sunday is the start of Holy Week. We know this is the most solemn part of the Church’s year. As the week unfolds, we find that Jesus, who has done so much good for everyone, is himself left almost friendless. In Gethsemane, when he is in agony, his closest apostles fall asleep and give him no comfort. He is betrayed by one of his own; the disciples run away when Jesus is arrested. Peter denies he even knows him. The crowd which cheered and waved palms when he entered Jerusalem now turns nasty when they find he’s not going to drive the Romans out. Shouts of “Hosanna” become “Crucify him”. Jesus is degraded and mocked by the soldiers. The religious leaders vent their hate on him and Rome condemns him unjustly. Jesus accepts all this suffering for our sake. As we heard in the reading from the letter to the Hebrews, “he became, for all who obey him, the source of eternal salvation”.

Of course, we can’t be physically with Jesus as we remember and re-enact the events of so long ago during Holy Week, but by opening our hearts as we proceed from Passion Sunday, through Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we can share in the joy of the risen Lord on Easter Day. If we let him, the Lord will write his law of love within our hearts.

The Living Word

Saints Days/Coming Events

March 18 - Monday	St Patrick, bishop
March 19 - Tuesday	St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 9:15am St Joan of Arc School attending
March 20 - Wednesday	First Reconciliation gathering - 7pm - St Joan of Arc School Hall

-SACRAMENTS-

For information on BAPTISM, FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK - EUCHARIST TO THE HOUSEBOUND please visit the parish website for details.

St Mark’s Parish Drummoyne

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Tuesday 26 March at 7:00pm



A message from the 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.

Behold, I make all things new.
(Rev. 21:5)

A EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY
for those involved in Liturgical Ministries

11 May 2024, 10AM - 4PM
St Martha's, Leichhardt




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Sacraments 2024

Enrolments for all Sacraments now open!

The google form for each Sacrament can be located on the parish website - <https://www.stjoanofarc.org.au/> under the tab "Sacraments 2024". All forms have a closing date for enrolment. The week after the closing date I will be in touch with details about your ceremony preference.


Confirmation enrolments close March 22.


Please take note of the minimum year grade your child must have for eligibility for the relevant Sacrament and be baptised.

If you have any further questions please contact Maria Condello - Pastoral.Associate@stjoanofarc.org.au


Caritas Australia Bag

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\$15 at the Piety Store before and after Mass. Thank you to all those who have purchased a bag. We still have 180 bags to sell. Please support our Parish Fundraising drive for Project Compassion.





Fourth Sunday of Lent 16 & 17 March




The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations.*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation envelopes available from the church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Recently Deceased:

Grace Walsh, Jack Coleman, Sheila McKeough, Fr Michael Kelly, Fr Kevin Bates SM, Giuseppe Ierardo, Franco Galasso, Pia Rozzi, Pietro Leto, Lorenzo Di Donato.

Please note: Names of **Recently Deceased** will remain for **1 month** period before being removed.

Anniversary:

Elisabetta Areana, Giuseppe Ciliberto, Martin Carey, Concetta Cardillo, Giuseppe & Raffaella Aversa, Davide & Teresa Gazzola.

Rest in Peace:

Francesco Giannini, Luigi Criniti, Concetta Lo Surdo, Giustino Tauriello, Antonio Nesci, Beniamino Di Pasquantonio, Antonino Di Girolamo, Nunzia Grazia Scuderi, Saverio Mafodda,, Anna Vella, Tamaso Tonga, Flavia Ciliberto, Lucia Terranova, Paolo Quattropani, Asela Savieti., Rosario Belfiore, Gilda Belfiore, Francesco Nicola, Petronilla Rinaldi, Lee & The families, Lattari & Aversa families,

Please note: Names of **Anniversary and Rest in Peace** will remain for **2 weeks** period before being removed.

In your love and concern please pray for the following ill members of our community: Sam Taufua'ao, Enrico Cuomo, Neville Hill, John Kcoury, Mary Finios, Rose Uthappa, Glen Dixon, Venu Uthappa, Roberto Tramarin, Vittoria Lavecchia, Anna Attard, Rosa Santos, Elisha Lau, Aitken Family, Liz Smith, Pat Rankine, Jerry Andre, Donna Neeley, Adeline Ashing, Annelise Buda, Giovanni Luci, Stephan Ferenc, Giancarlo Buda, Mario Bianco, Jozo Tadic.

In keeping with the Privacy Act names cannot be published in our Parish Bulletin without the permission of the persons themselves or their next of kin. Please specify on your Mass Envelope your intention to include the person's name in this Bulletin or contact the Parish Office on 9798 6657

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE (2024)

Europe Pilgrimage and Tour (*Medjugorje, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland*)
from 12/09/2024-27/09/2024;

Spiritual Director: Fr. Emmanuel-tv.

Contact Us ASAP For Details:

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after 9:15am Mass.

All welcome



Stations of the Cross

English: Fridays of March 6:30pm in the Church.

Italian: Thursdays of March 3pm in the Church

All welcome to this special Lenten devotion.

Welcome & Events Committee SJA

The Committee wishes to thank all those who contributed in any way to our very successful fund-raiser last weekend e.g. baking, jam making, buying, setting up.

We raised approximately \$1300 for our sponsorship student.

Well done everyone

Easter Raffle

The W&EC is having an Easter Raffle. The prizes are lovely vases filled with chocolate eggs, chocolates and Nutella biscuits.

Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

On sale this weekend after all Masses; to be drawn on Palm Sunday (24/3) after 9am Mass.

Good luck everyone!!



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To Book: events.humanitix.com/ignite-your-spirit

Flyers with more details on table in foyer.

Reflection on John 12:20-30

Gospel Focus - Love of Life

Jesus says, 'Anyone who loves (their) life loses it; anyone who hates (their) life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.' This can seem pretty tough! It challenges us about how much we cling to the 'things' of this life. Are we concerned about the labels on our clothes; the number of our friends; how much money we have; the sort of house we live in? If this is the 'life' that we place meaning on, then we will surely lose it. However, if we put aside the world's focus on material things and focus our attention on others then we are assured of eternal life.

Have you thought? Why Greeks.

The gospel reading begins with some Greeks wanting to meet Jesus. Why is it significant that they were Greeks? The Jews were very clear about the distinction between Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles). Regardless of their intentions and goodwill, a Gentile was simply not a Jew. Greeks, who worshipped an entire pantheon of gods, were regarded as almost as far from Jewish belief in one God as was possible. Yet Jesus made clear that his message was for everyone: Jew and Gentile alike. His death and resurrection would bring a 'rich harvest' of belief among Gentiles as well as Jews.

Scriptural Context - The Final Days

Today's reading reminds us that we are closing in on the events of the Passion that we will remember more closely over the next couple of weeks. Although the Gospel of John appears to have Jesus in and around Jerusalem quite often, the events described in this week's reading take place in the preparation for Passover, immediately before the final days leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. It is a fitting culmination to the Sunday gospels of Lent. It prepares us for the account of the Passion that will be the gospel next week.

Easter Liturgies

Holy Thursday 28 March



7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Please note there will be no morning Mass)

Good Friday 29 March



10am - Stations of the Cross
3pm - Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 30 March



9:30am - Morning prayers and blessing of Easter food

(please bring items of food for your Easter celebration to be blessed)

7:30pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 31 March

9am - Mass

(Please note there will be no Sunday evening Mass for Easter Sunday)

Easter Liturgy Rosters

Roster sign up sheet for the various liturgies is in the Sacristy.

Please write your name against a ministry. We particularly need people for Washing of the Feet for Holy Thursday evening

(if you are a reader or Minister of Communion only write your name once across the Triduum to allow others the option of putting their name down)

PALM SUNDAY



Please plan ahead and provide for yourself a Palm or Olive branch to bring to Mass on Palm Sunday.

Parish Reconciliation for Holy Week

Monday 25th March
6:30 - 8pm

Tuesday 26th March
6:30 - 8pm

Wednesday 27th March
6:30-8pm

