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Mass Times

9am Friday and 8am Sunday

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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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4th Sunday of Lent —Year A

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FIRST READING 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



SECOND READING Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.



HYMNS

“Lent is a time of restraint and simplicity in the life of the Church....” [Brisbane Liturgy]

Therefore on Sundays we will acknowledge the Lenten solemnity by omitting the Recessional Hymn. This will encourage us all to leave the Church reflectively, in the spirit of Lent.

ENTRANCE

From Ashes to the Living Font

Tune: O God Our Help in Ages Past

From ashes to the living font
Your Church must journey Lord,
Baptised in grace, in grace renewed
By your most holy word.

Through fasting, prayer and charity
Your voice speaks deep within,
Returning us to way of truth
And turning us from sin.

From desert to the mountain top
In Christ our way we see,
So, tempered by temptation's might
We might transfigured be.

From ashes to the living font,
Your Church must journey still,
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy.
In Spirit-fire fulfilled.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:



I am the light of the world,
Says the Lord;
Whoever follows me
Will have the light of life.

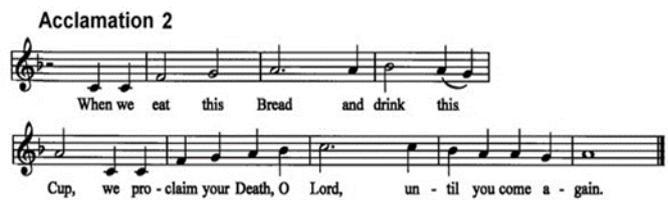
OFFERTORY

Tree of Life

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
In your death we are reborn,
Though you die in all of hist'ry,
Still you rise with ev'ry morn,
Still you rise with ev'ry morn.

From the dawning of creation,
You have loved us as your own;
Stay with us through all temptation,
Make us turn to you alone.
Make us turn to you alone

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:



COMMUNION

The Lord is my Shepherd (Bonniwell)

The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
Valleys and highways, he's waiting for me.

Refrain:

I want to go to meet him there,
To lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my Shepherd
And I want to follow
Wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,
He promised to be there, to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
To know all the wonders he's given to me.

NOTICES

Dear friends, It's halfway through Lent. Welcome to Laetare Sunday!

The name is drawn from the Latin translation of the first word of the Introit (or Entrance Antiphon) for the day from the prophet Isaiah: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast. Only one other Sunday of the Church's year has a name similar to this – Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Again, this is the first word of the Introit for that day, from St Paul's letter to the Philippians but has a far more imperative tone to it: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Clearly, both Sundays fall in seasons of repentance and preparation which are characterised by the celebrant's vestment colour of purple. Yet on both Laetare and Gaudete Sundays, the Church prefers the celebrant to wear the rose (or pink) coloured vestments – the only two times in the year when this colour is worn. Let us take a moment to reflect on what all this means.

Gaudete (in Advent) is an exclamation to be happy in the Lord – Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice!

We choose joy. Why?...because the Lord is near at hand.

Advent is giving way to Christmas. God is with us.

Laetare (in Lent), on the other hand, is a more personal response to a God who envelopes

FEAST DAYS

Mon - St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

us in love. Laetare gives us cause to rejoice because we are experiencing the love of God in new ways. The readings speak of being anointed, of moving from darkness into the light of Christ, of being blind but now afforded new sight.

The man says in today's Gospel, 'Tell me who he (the Son of Man) is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus responds with 'You are looking at him'. Now that the blind man can finally see, what he does see makes him exclaim: 'Lord, I believe.'

The pink vestments used in the liturgy today in many ways reflect the beautiful pink hue of the sky at dawn before the sun brings new light – a new day is about to dawn: the day of our salvation.

So, from the depths of our need for repentance in Lent, suddenly we are being injected with a wonderful sense of joyfulness to remind us of the great celebration that is to come at Easter.

Gerry Crookes, Pastoral Assistant, Cathedral of St Stephen

BAPTISM We welcome to our faith family, **Margot Wallace**, daughter of Georgina and Peter, who will be Baptised this weekend.

Date Claimer for Sunday Readers...

Sunday 23 April after the 8.00am Mass we will have a 30-40 minute refresher for our Readers. Bishop Ken and I thank you for your weekly commitment to Reading at our Sunday Masses.

PROJECT COMPASSION Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg. Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

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 boxes/envelopes** available at the front door, or by visiting caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

ANOINTING MASS will be held at St Luke's on the first Friday of each month at the usual time of 9.00am. The next one will be on the **5th May**. Any changes will be notified via the newsletter.

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THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

Amen.

PENITENTIAL ACT

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our
sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.*

**I confess to you almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault (*striking the breast*)
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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

Amen.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and be-
came man', all bow)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to come.

AFTER THE PREFACE

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 MYSTERY OF FAITH

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

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you

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

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God

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