

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 136)

**ANTIPHON:** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

**RESPONSE: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

**LECTOR:** By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R.**

**LECTOR:** 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.**

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

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 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!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) 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.

**TODAY'S READINGS** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

**NEXT WEEK** (5th Sunday of Lent, Year B) Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ps 50; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

### Parenting Sessions

In this series of Majellan podcasts we talk to Dr Rosina McAlpine, who's an author, parenting expert and CEO of Win Win Parenting which supports parents on how best to navigate through the ups and downs of everyday family life. Her podcasts cover such topics as Emotional Intelligence and Understanding the Teenage Brain. Further details from [www.majellan.media](http://www.majellan.media)

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### The inestimable size of God

In today's gospel, Jesus uses one of the well-known biblical incidents from the Old Testament to make just one point, with something of a 'Gospel in a nutshell' approach: "God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." So, a boy asks his father: "What's the size of God?"

The father looks up to the sky and seeing an airplane asks his son: "What's the size of that airplane?"

The boy answers: "It's very small. I can barely see it."

The father then takes him to the airport and as they approach an airplane he asks: "And now, what is the size of this one?"

The boy answers: "Wow, daddy, this is huge!"

Then the father tells him: "God is like this. The size depends on the distance between you and God. The closer you are, the greater will God be in your life!"

Lent is a special season for contemplating the love of God. The drama of Jesus suffering and death on the cross is the drama of God's ultimate closeness to us; it shows us how compassionate and loving the Father is.

As we heard in the first reading today, it was not only the people alone, but the heads of the priesthood who added their infidelity to infidelity. Time and again the messengers sent by God were ridiculed, and prophets were killed. The Temple was built to remind

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people of God's love and that their God is still living in their midst.

St Paul in the second reading then makes it very clear that we are saved by faith, not because of our works, not by anything we have done or deserved, but through Jesus' death on the cross. Contemplation of Jesus' death of the Cross surely enlightens us on the true meaning of the Love of God.

In Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis says, "By acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration of fraternity." The pope reminds us of God's plan in sending His only Son into the world, to bring humanity out of its experience of sin. The cross restores human dignity and repairs the broken relationship between God and the people of God. It is an invitation to reconciliation.

Jesus in today's gospel invites us, as he invited Nicodemus, to faith in Him. He was sent to us so that we might all live through Him.

A quote from an unknown writer, displayed in my house, inspires me, especially when it is hard for me to forgive someone: "I asked Jesus, 'How much do you love me?' And Jesus said, 'This much.' Then He stretched out His arms and died." May it inspire you too. Jesus' love did not cease with his death on the cross. It continues every day, every moment, especially at every Eucharist.

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# Sacred Heart Parish

## South Mount Druitt

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 6.00 pm Vigil	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of LENT</b>
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>Sunday</b> 7-30 am & 9.00am	14/3/2021: B
	Monday 9.00 am	Week 4 of Lent
	Tuesday 9.00am	Week 4 of Lent
	Wednesday 7:30 pm then Rosary.	<b>St. Patrick of Ireland</b>
	Thursday 9.00 am	Week 4 of Lent
	Friday 9.00 am & 7.00pm	<b>St. Joseph. Stations</b>
	Saturday 9.00 am	Week 4 of Lent. Exposition if en'
<b>Confessions</b>	10.30am, 12.00pm-1.00pm, 5.00-5.30pm	
<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father C. Ashton	(Confessions after Mass: see Fr.)
<b>Presbytery/Church</b>	9 Ropes Creek Rd, Old Mt. Druitt	Ph: 9625-8847
<b>Baptisms</b>	By arrangement - Godparents must be Catholics.	
<b>Weddings</b>	Six Months Notice - Marriage Preparation Course	

**Exposition of the BI Sacrament for 1/2hr. after 9.00am Mass & Rosary next Saturday**

**1<sup>st</sup>Reading:** This text explains why Jerusalem was destroyed and the Jews exiled to Babylon. It was because of their sins. Then God rescues them through Cyrus in 559BC.  
**2<sup>nd</sup>Reading:** Paul says God saves us from our sins through Grace which is Christ who unites us with himself. He stresses this a free gift God gives us b/c He loves us so much

Readers	6.00pm	7:30am	9.00am
March 21	S. FERNANDEZ	A. WIGGINS	A. WONG
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	M. FARQUHARSON	V. NAGARAJA	B. BUHAGIAR
March 28	J. SALAZAR	E. MERJUDIO	H. CRUZ
PALM SUNDAY	W.FARQUHARSON	T. MERJUDIO	M. BUHAGIAR

**PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady** will be at the home of the Verceluz family 90 Fuller St. 96250611 this week. You are welcome for a Rosary for the Parish at 8.00 pm

**A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held in the Hall **TONIGHT at: 7.30pm**  
**This DIOCESE** is seeking to employ a receptionist in at the Chancery in Church St. Parramatta. If anyone is interested, contact the Chancery tomorrow: 8838-3400

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD FOR THE 2ND LAST TIME THIS LENT NEXT FRIDAY 7.30**  
**GIVE LORD ETERNAL REST** to the souls of all the faithful departed especially Lily ABREO, Estefania CHUA, Thomas WILSON, Carmelita DAVID, Lina BONORA, Antonio FALLA, Leo SALAZAR, Florence & Eugene FERNANDEZ, Frank & Matilda DEMENEZES, Nico SANDAGA, Blanche & Daniel TONKS, Dragan CUKAR, Corrine PIETERSZ, Arthur BULLIVANT, Anton PODBOI, Rosalina ROLE, Mary & Arthur CLIFT, Pedro & Catalina BUCUD, Paulde & Ivan ZORE, Janez PLAZNIK, Frank & Danica SAMSA, Joseph & Dorothy CALDER, Nada MARTINOVICH, George DICKSON, Cerela ABAT, Angel BURDEOS, Margaret SEELIGERA, Jayceryll DeCHAVEZ, Lucia CRIFASI, Antonio MELENDEZ, George MERINO, Oscar DeLAURA, Denis MONTEIRO, Joao & Benilda VAZ, Raju & George NAIR, Neville & Shirley MENEZES, Thomas & Kathleen McHENERY, Barry COOPER, Dominga & Juan ABOLENCIA. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory !

**Bishop Bede HEATHER**, the first Bishop of this Diocese, was buried from the Cathedral in Parramatta last Thursday week by Fr. John Boyle who until last year was the rector of "Domus Australia" in Rome. The Bishop was born in 1928 and was 92 when he died. Before he was consecrated a Bishop, he was for a time the Parish Priest of Holy Family, Mount Druitt.

**GOOD FRIDAY** this year is the **2 April**. As in previous years, a pilgrimage is "hoped" to be possible from **St. Patrick's, Blacktown**, starting at about? **10.00pm** and proceeding on foot to the Cathedral arriving in the morning **7.00am** in Parramatta. Over 16 year-olds to whatever age are invited to take part in the walk but under 18 yo may need a permission form. Go to the website: [parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk](http://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk) for all the details. (If that doesn't work ring the Chancery on 8838-3400 for clarification!) Churches will be visited on the way, Seven Hills, Toongabbie, Wentworthville, & Merrylands, with ceremonies and communal prayer. Bring Rosary Beads and walking shoes. All are welcome to take part in this Pilgrimage but realise it is a long walk, and the Covid 19 business makes everything uncertain. But this is the current plan !

**PALM SUNDAY** will be held on the **28 March**. There will be some palms available at the Church here but like the Jews of Our Lord's day, it would be good to keep the practice of the ancient Jews and try and find a Palm of your own in the size you prefer. But if you can't, there will be some standard size palms available here on that day !

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES** from Caritas Australia are available at the front door of the Church today. As always, "Caritas" asks your help in trying to assist the poor countries of our world. As we all agree, we live in a safe, prosperous, country where we have the best this world offers. Quite rightly, we should help those who have few of the benefits we enjoy as much as we can. We were the lucky ones who got to live in this country, we should try and share some of our Blessings God has allowed us to have with those who don't have them. Remember the type of toilets they have in Uganda. (The squat ones in the photo on the side door).

The little cardboard boxes are in a box just inside the front door. Take as many as you like. We ask you to bring them back after Easter is over !

If you go to [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) you can find some information from "Caritas" about a program they have arranged to show you about what they hope to do for the poor !

The **'PEAL of BELLS'** has been installed in the St. Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. They are rung every Sunday it seems at 10.30am before the High Mass. If you are interested in learning how "Bells" are rung, you are invited to contact the administrator of the Cathedral, Father Christopher DeRosario, who would like to talk to you. Get to him by: [stpatscathedral.com.au/bellsforpatricks](mailto:stpatscathedral.com.au/bellsforpatricks) or ring: **8839-8400**

**A Scam Alert:** Apparently, someone claiming to be a "Fr. Paul Roberts" is messaging people on "WhatsApp", asking them to text back and send funds and gift vouchers. One of the numbers used for the false WhatsApp account is 0488 875 092. This is a false account. Fr. Paul has not asked for any funding assistance.

Let the Diocese know via [commc@parracatholic.org](mailto:commc@parracatholic.org) If any have received similar messages, do not respond ! If so, contact Jasmine at the Chancery: 8838-3440