

Parish Notices

- Lenten program 2022 weekly sessions on THURSDAYS at 7.00pm for one hour - hymns, proclaiming the Word, breaking open the Word, reflections and sharing. Theme: REMEMBER (Diocese of Wollongong).
- Friday Masses during Lent are at 7.00pm followed by the **Via Crucis**.
- Our Lady of the Rosary St Mary's is inviting parishioners to enrol to a perpetual adoration in their chapel. Invitation forms are at the back of the Church.
- Registration for the **Sacrament of CONFIRMATION 2022** has closed. Please contact office if you still want to register your young adult.
- We are calling for new Catechists for the schools to spread the Good News to our students who may never hear the Word of God. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion can come forward to assist Fr Flor when deacon is not assisting at Mass or when asked.
- The Minister of the Word who proclaims the 1st reading will also read the 'prayers of the faithful' from now on.



Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday 7.30pm (Adults 18+). Junior meeting every Friday (those of Holy Communion age and above to 18). This is a Catholic action group which is found worldwide and based in this parish over 30 years. The aim of this lay apostolate is for spreading the Word of God and self-sanctification. For further info please contact **JOHN BUHAGIAR** on:0434717782.

**CONFIRMATION
PREPARATION SESSIONS
SAVE THE DATES
4 Saturdays @ 4.30pm:
26th March & 9th April
30th April & 7th May**

PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

SICK: Maria Belisario, Alice Cassar; Stella Edwards, Maria Llave, Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Marjorie Tonks; Fara Vargas.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gina Tomicic (40 days); Clifford Blas Ulep, Ester Obra Blando; Dalisay Tabien

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Estafania Chua; Tony & Grace Esquilla; Helen Foley; Veronica Fowler; John Fraser; Keith Freer; Howard Himes; Alice Iglesias; Pat Lavis; Anday Llave & husband; Romulo & Concordia Llave; Nilo Mercado; Emilia Nacua; Zofia & Jan Nawrocki; Domingo Penales; Nevill Pentony; Arnella Plan; Conchita Roberts; Jozefa Staszak; Mr Torralba Sean Vaz,; Patricia Wiggins; Turi TeWhata; Joseph Xuereb

Names submitted to Parish for prayers will show for 4 weeks at a time.



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1st Sunday of LENT (C)

6th March 2022



From Deacon Rod's desk.

Images for Lent

In virtually every culture, there is somewhere, the concept of having "to sit in the ashes for a time" as a necessary preparation for some deep joy or fulfillment.

We see this, for example, in the story of Cinderella. The name itself, Cinderella, holds the key: it is derived from two words:

Cinders, meaning ashes; and Puella, the Latin word for young

girl. Etymologically, Cinderella means the eternal girl who sits in the ashes, with the further idea being that, before she, or anyone else, gets to be put on the royal clothes, go to the ball, and dance with the prince, she must first spend some time sitting in the ashes, tasting some emptiness, feeling some powerlessness, and trusting that this deprivation and humiliation are necessary to help bring about the maturity needed to do the royal dance.

A second image is that of being a child of Saturn. In some mythologies, Saturn was thought to be the planet that causes us to feel sadness and despondency. And so, if you were a poet, an artist, a philosopher, a writer, or a religious thinker you would want, sometimes, to sit under Saturn, that is, to enter voluntarily into certain inner areas of the soul that ordinarily you might want to avoid precisely because they trigger chaos, sadness, heaviness, and despondency. Part of the idea was also that, occasionally in every person's life, you would for a time become a child of Saturn, meaning that you would be overcome by a certain sadness and heaviness and would have to cease your normal activities and sit for a time with that, patiently learning some lessons that only a certain sadness could teach you. Again, the idea was that there is some necessary inner work that can only be done in sadness and heaviness, and we need sometimes to enter these voluntarily.

Finally, there is yet another rich image in anthropology that can help us understand Lent, the image of our own tears as reconnecting us to the flow of life. The image is simple: our tears are salt water, as is the ocean which is ultimately the origin of all life on this planet. What our tears do is to put us back in touch with the physical origins of all life on this planet, salt water. The idea then is that, occasionally, it is good to forsake the joys of life for the salt of tears because only tears can deepen us and help us connect to our origins and grounding.

Are you ready to be Cinderella, the child of Saturn or shed saltwater tears this LENT?

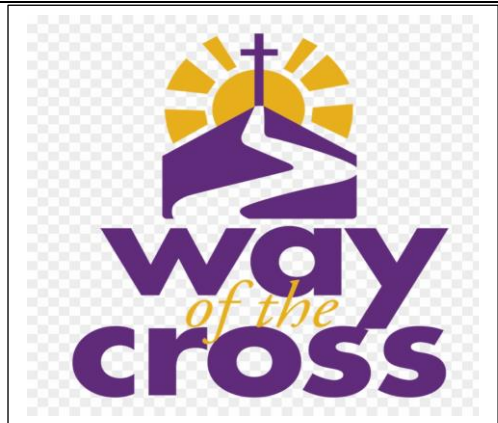
(Abstracts from an article of Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser - San Antonio Texas).

Sunday Masses Saturday **6.00 pm Vigil.** 1st Sunday of LENT (C)
Sunday **7.30 am & 9.00am;**

Weekday Masses & Communion Services
Monday 9.10 am St Perpetua and Felicity Communion service
Tuesday 9.10 am Saint John of God
Wednesday **7.00 pm** Wednesday 1st week of Lent
Thursday 9.10 am Thursday 1st week of Lent
Friday **7.00pm** Friday 1st week of Lent
Saturday 9.10 am Sat 1st week of Lent *Communion service*
Saturday: 5.30pm Fr. Florito Apalias

Confessions

Pastoral Director: **Deacon Roderick Pirotta**
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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement



During LENT we will have the Lenten program on Thursdays and WAY OF THE CROSS on Fridays at 7.30pm after Mass

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
5th/6th March 1 st Sunday of LENT	L. Villapana H. Villarica	V. Nagaraja A. Wiggins	A. Wong M. Wong
12th/13th March 2 nd Sunday of LENT	S. Fernandez M. Farquharson	J. D'rosario N. McKenzie	M. Zore F. Antown
19th/20th March 3 rd Sunday of LENT	Pio Vergara W. Farquharson	E. Merjudio J. Mendez	J. Bugayong B. Buhagiar

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Living the gospel

Lent

The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.

Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of their assignments your opportunity to Reach Beyond? Join their online forum on Thursday 17 March at 5.30pm via Zoom and hear and engage with a panel of their most experienced program participants. To find out more and to register for the forum, visit palms.org.au/ or phone 0422 742 567.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Caritas Project Compassion 2022

Caritas Australia's Lenten Project Compassion campaign did start on Project Compassion Sunday (27 February) and lead us all the way towards Easter. This year's theme For All Future Generations comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Find out more at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas on Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org or 0409 399 505.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Mt Schoenstatt 24 Hours for the Lord: 25 -26 March

Come and spend time in 24 hours of Adoration before Our Lord and His Mother at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. For more information, contact (02) 4773 8338 or visit the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine & Retreat Centre, Mulgoa or Facebook page.

Current COVID-19 rules in places of worship.

From Friday 25 February 2022:

1. QR Code and record keeping for attendees are no longer required.
2. Both the choir and congregation can sing.
3. Masks will no longer be mandatory for places of worship. However, masks are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.
4. No capacity limits in the church but try to keep 1.5 metres from anyone that is not your family.