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4th Sunday in Lent Year B

13-14 March 2021

Entrance Procession

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

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

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

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

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.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136

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

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

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.**

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

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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 had meant us to live it.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: John 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: John 3:14-21

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'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 believed 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.

Communion Antiphon

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.

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Parish Priest: Fr Christopher FSF PP

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Parish Office Hours: 9.30am-1.30pm
Tues, Wed & Fri

Parish Masses & Services:

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

Live-streamed Masses via

www.friarsofstfrancis.org or directly via
YouTube

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9.00am

Wednesday: 7.30am

Thursday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.00am

Saturday: 7.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday (during Holy Hour) 5.15pm -
5.45pm.

Saturday 5.00 - 5.45pm

Holy Hour and Exposition: Thursdays,
5.00pm - 6.00pm. Begins with Vespers
(evening prayer of the Church) and
finishes with Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament.

All Night Adoration: First Friday of each
month, from 8.30pm throughout until
Saturday morning, concluding with
Benediction at about 7am.

Infant Baptism

Baptisms held every third Sunday of the
month at 11am. Please book with the
Parish Secretary.

Sacrament of Matrimony and Weddings

Please give at least 6 months' notice.
Please book with the Parish Secretary

Sunday School: Years K-12 at 11am in
St Bernadette's Primary School.

Parish Prayer Groups:

Rosary: Mon: 7.55am

Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8.25am

Wed & Sat: After 7.30am Mass

Sun: After 9.30am Mass

Legion of Mary: Fridays 9.45am

Parish Youth Groups:

Younger Teens: Years 6-8

Older Teens: Years: 9-12

Young Adults: 18-35

Catholic Central: 18+

Please contact Father Benedict for Youth
Group enquires:

brbenedictsf@bigpond.com or visit
www.friarsofstfrancis.org

Parish Notice Board

- ❖ **Stations of the Cross during Lent:** Fridays at 7pm.
- ❖ **Church Cleaning Volunteers required** for only be 1 hour every 5 weeks. Please write your details on the clipboard located in the Front Foyer.
- ❖ **Day of the Unborn Child 21st March, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney:** Mass 10.30am, The Angelus at 12.00pm, followed by a prayerful street procession with Archbishop Fisher & Bishop Umbers, with Benediction at 1.30pm.
- ❖ **Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal:** Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support to the sick and isolated. Please take an envelope from one of the foyers or donate on the website; yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.
- ❖ **Sunday School:** Years K-12 at 11am in St Bernadette's Primary School. Please let Parish Office know if you would still like to enrol your children. **LAST Sunday School for Term 1 is the 21st March.**

Palm Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass: 27th March 6.00pm

Sunday 28th March: 8.00am & 9.30am

Daylight Saving Ends Easter Sunday 4th April. Don't forget to wind back your clock!

Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday – 1st April

Confessions: 6pm-6.45pm

Holy Thursday Mass: 7pm

Good Friday – 2nd April

Stations of the Cross: 10am

Confessions: 2pm-2.45pm

Commemoration of the Passion: 3pm

Easter Saturday – 3rd April

Confessions: 6.30pm-7.15pm

Easter Vigil Mass: 7.30pm

Easter Sunday – 4th April

Masses: 8.00am & 9.30am

Confessions: 9.00am-9.30am

- ❖ **NO Morning Masses:** Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday (1st-3rd April).
- ❖ **NO Holy Hour** on Holy Thursday 1st April or Easter Thursday 8th April.
- ❖ **NO All Night Adoration** on Friday 2nd April.

Youth Notices

- ❖ **Saturday 20th March 2.00pm** – Youth Choir Practice.
- ❖ **Sunday 28th March 9.30am** – Palm Sunday Youth Mass
- ❖ **Sunday 28th March** – Social Outing. 7 Churches City Tour with Beach visit. Leaving at 10.30am from St Bernadette's Church
- ❖ **Catholic Central Upcoming Speaker Sunday 21st March, Dr Kevin Wagner:** "Being in the World but not of the World". Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 6pm-7pm in the church with the talk starting at 7pm in the School Hall.

Contributions to Planned Giving:

(Please quote in the reference either your INITIAL & SURNAME or ENVELOPE NUMBER)

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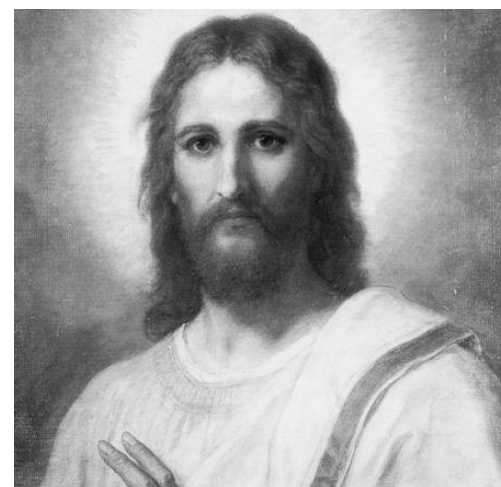
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From the Padre:



Many people are ignorant of the truth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is because they take the trouble and make the effort to study things they love and want to know about but seem happy to remain ignorant about the only Saviour. I think that is why Our Lord says in Saint John's Gospel: *"whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in God's only Son."* (John 3) The fact that Our Lord was prepared to suffer so much means that He truly wants to save everyone. However, our free will is absolute, and He will not force anyone to believe or to be saved. And the reality is, those who choose this world and the flesh above the Kingdom of God, reject the Saviour and will be lost for eternity, unless they repent. It seems to me that "madness" increases in our society each day – a "madness" that bespeaks of the loss of the Holy Spirit. As modern men and women reject the truth of the God who has revealed Himself, so are they cut off from His divine grace and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Thus, vice increases and the harm and destruction it brings. Men must repent and turn back to God and that means doing all that they can to observe His commandments.



Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:

Ellie Eagan Michael Siddle; Rima Sammour; Peter Holland; Martin Toohey; Judy Bloone; Belinda Nicholls; Nour Chelela; Matthew Bourne; and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Bernie Bond; Brea Pelias; Roman Tigas; Mary O'Maley; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Sami & Salime Abraham; Michael Moussa; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

Saints of the week:

17th March – St Patrick Solemnity

18th March – St Cyril of Jerusalem

19th March – ST JOSEPH SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SOLEMNITY




**Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in the battle; be our protection against the malice and snares of the Devil. May
God restrain him, we humbly pray, and You, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine
power cast into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who roam through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: have mercy on us. (3 times)
Immaculate Heart of Mary: pray for us**

ROSTER FOR MINISTRIES: 20-21 March 2021

Readers:	Sat Vigil 6pm B Heath	Sun 8am D Tudehope	Sun 9.30am R Cabela
Altar Servers:	Natalie Higgins Fernandes Family Reshan Weerakkody William Firkin Jack Firkin	Rick Atie Nicholas Chehade Flitcroft Family Sofia Skocic	Raish Family Olivia Elias Rafael Baricevic Joshua Locke Liam Maze
Acolytes:	Bernard Hanson	John Paul Abi-Khattar	Ray Cabela
Flower Donor:	Lent – No Flowers		
Altar Gowns:	Caroline Burbridge		
Floral Arrangers:	Lent – No Flowers		
Altar Society:	G 1: Thurs 18/03/2021: Ben, Violet Standfort, Nisha Thomas, Denise Melhem		
Cleaners:	G 5: Saturday 20/3/2021 @ 8.00am Ian Cummerford, Ross Evans, Leanne Cakmakci, Tony Fernandes, Jenni, Zack & Zoe Egan		



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