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**MASS TIMES:**

**Weekend:**  
**Saturday:** 6pm Vigil  
**Sunday:** 7am, 9am and 5.30pm  
**Italian Mass:** 10.30am

**Weekday:** 6.30am & 9am  
Monday to Friday  
8am Saturday  
& Public Holidays

**Reconciliation:**

**Saturday:** 8.30am - 9.00am  
5.30pm - 6.00pm  
or by appointment

**PARISH TEAM:**

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# Spread the Word

**Vol 34****No 6****1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent****10 March 2019*****Reflection by Greg Sunter***

The wilderness, or desert, is used repeatedly throughout the Bible as a place of special encounter with God and preparation for a new direction or a new ministry. The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness immediately followed his baptism in the Jordan where his status as the beloved of God was confirmed. He is led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness for a period of fasting, prayer and preparation before entering into his public ministry. In fact, the event that immediately follows this passage is the episode in Nazareth where Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah and declares the intent of his ministry. It is presented as if, having spent his time in preparation and overcoming the temptations before him, Jesus strode out of the wilderness and laid out what he had decided.

The episode of the temptations is a clear indicator of the humanity of Jesus – he experienced doubt, uncertainty and fear just as we do. If the gospel intended to emphasise the divinity of Jesus, none of these temptations would have been an issue. We are told that Jesus was indeed tempted, not just pestered by the devil. The opportunities laid before Jesus were actually tempting to him. They challenged his resolve. They made Jesus question the sort of Messiah that he was to be: the all-conquering, powerful Messiah that the people expected; or the servant to the poor who will be tortured and put to death. Jesus is tempted to use his power to make his task easier or to display his authority to others. Had he chosen to do this, surely it would have been easier to get people's attention – and that was the temptation: to take the easier path or stick to the more subtle, more personal, more difficult path.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Monday 11 March

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.00pm PFC Meeting – Library

### Tuesday 12 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 7.00pm Liturgy Committee – Church
- 7.00pm Social Justice - Library

### Wednesday 13 March

- 6.00pm OLOG Diners – Pancho's
- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

### Thursday 14 March

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality

### Saturday 16 March

- 7.15pm AA – Library

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** Henry Bendel and Paula Bendel **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Mary Karl, Don (D.A.T) Reay, Colin Aitkinson, Amalia Carniato **and the recently deceased** Irene Moss, Ada Nobile

### Sacramental Calendar 2019

- 14/3 – Confirmation enrolments due
- 16 & 17/3 – Confirmation Rite of Enrolments
- 17/3 – Penance Prep session 2a
- 19/3 – Penance Prep session 2b
- 26/3 – Confirmation Activity session 1a
- 31/3 – Confirmation Activity session 1b

### Parish Pastoral Council matters

The PPC met on Monday evening. Our focus is on strengthening our parish and our community as the Catholic church faces the greatest challenge of our lifetimes. Our goal is to bring our community closer by better communicating the wonderful work that is already being done by so many parishioners, and to try and build on this strength through engaging our current and potential parishioners, our youth and their parents. Together with our ministry leaders we will prepare a draft Parish Plan for your thoughts and comments over the next few months.

### Sunday Funday 26 May 2019

Over the years, our Parish Community has been very supportive of our *Craft and Jam Stall* at the Sunday Funday. As the date draws near we are still seeking donations of home-made jams, chutneys, pickles and craft items which will go on sale in May. If anybody has lemons or cumquats, they would be appreciated. If you are making produce or items which you would like to donate, would you please contact the Parish Office on 3398 2977 or leave items with her for collection please. Many thanks to those who have already provided craft items and sugar. All contributions are much appreciated.



The seasons of Lent and Easter are rich in Catholic symbolism. We begin the season of Lent with the receiving of ashes on our foreheads as a sign of repentance and turning back to God. The ashes themselves impart nothing to us, but point to the meaning of the season in which we are entering. During the season of Lent in this parish, we do not have a recessional hymn, but rather depart in silence with a sense of recollection. A large cross has been placed in the sanctuary dressed in purple, again of themselves, simply pieces of wood and fabric, but in our catholic minds the sign of our victory over death and a sign of gods out pouring of love for us.

Around the church, we have placed images of the way of the cross, along tradition church of accompanying Jesus on his way to Calvary. The stations, started by St Francis of Assisi, were a way for people who could not make the arduous pilgrimage to Jerusalem, to participate in the way of the cross. The tradition has grown up of making the stations on Friday's and especially of those of Lent to remind us of that love that God has for us in the suffering death and resurrection of Jesus.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday of Lent starting at 7pm and will continue through to Good Friday. All are welcome to attend.

### Palm Fronds and Cyprus Pine branches – Palm Sunday

We are currently putting a call out for anyone who have either palm fronds (that we can tie to the pews) or small Cyprus pine cuttings. We would need them on the Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April but not earlier as we need them to be as lively as possible. If you are able to assist please call the parish office.



### Pope Francis' tips on Lenten fasting:

1. Fast from hurting words; say kind words.
2. Fast from sadness; be filled with gratitude.
3. Fast from anger; be filled with patience.
4. Fast from pessimism; be filled with hope.
5. Fast from worries; trust in God.
6. Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
7. Fast from pressures; be prayerful.
8. Fast from bitterness; fill you heart with joy.
9. Fast from selfishness; be compassionate to others.
10. Fast from grudges; be reconciled.  
Fast from words; be silent so you can listen.



## PROJECT COMPASSION



Thandolwayo, a 12-year-old girl in Zimbabwe, would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. She then went to school exhausted from hours fetching and carrying water. It looked like she would never realise her hope

of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### OLOG Diners

OLOG Diners are meeting for dinner at Panchos, Carina Bowls Club, 401 Stanley Road, Carina next Wednesday 13 March at 6pm. All parishioners are most welcome. A reminder however, that It is one bill per table, so you will need cash.

### Scripture Group News

Jeff Cavins, who is well known by EWTN audiences worldwide for his regular program Life on the Rock, will be in Brisbane to talk about Catholic Faith and Scriptures.

**Date:** 05 May 2019 (Sunday)

**Venue:** St. James Catholic Parish Catholic Church, 165 Old Cleveland Rd., Coorparoo

**Time:** 12 noon to 5:00 pm

**Fee:** Free but we request donations to defray all expenses

Bring-a-plate to share. Drinks provided

Enquiries, call: Sonny – 0421437752; Pat – 0413162591

### Teen's Retreat 2019

Teen's Retreat is a Catholic retreat organised for Teens, which includes up-lifting talks, praise and worship and Eucharistic celebrations etc with our very own Parish Priest, Fr Alex, as a key speaker for the program. The details regarding the program are listed below:

**Date:** 05 April 2019 (7PM) till 07 April 2019 (4PM).

**Venue:** James Byrne Centre, Highfields, Toowoomba.

**Participant Age group:** 14 to 17 years

**Key Resources:** Fr. Alex Vickers & Fr. Stanley Kozhichira

**Cost:** (including food and accommodation): \$185 per participant

**For registrations, please contact:**

- Jasmin Santhosh: 0402468520
- Diana Sony: 0470545331

## COMMUNITY NEWS

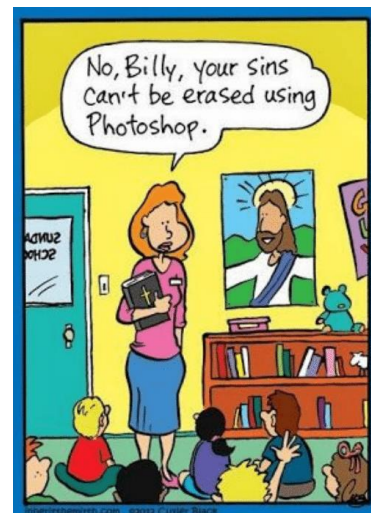
### Immersion Experience

Are you between 18-35 years old and want to make a difference? Join us for the Canossian Australian Volunteer Immersion to Papua New Guinea from 23rd June – 3rd July 2019. This will be a formation based opportunity to help out in our Canossian mission in Port Moresby and to immerse yourself in another experience of life. Places are limited so get in quick. For more information contact Sr Mel on 0484 007 508.

### Position Vacant – Parish Youth Ministry Worker

Applications are open for a position at the Star of the Sea Cleveland Parish. A person with good pastoral and liturgical knowledge is required for a part time 2-year fixed contract position of Parish Youth Ministry Worker for 10 hours a week to work across a variety of weekdays, weekends and evenings. **Applications close on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019.** For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

## SOMETHING FUNNY



## CATHOLIC LEADER

**Catholic leaders are available at the back of the church for \$2.**

- Brisbane Archbishop encourages Catholics to keep faith in the face of serious challenges in last Sunday's homily
- Students from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane celebrate the Project Compassion 2019 Liturgy at St Stephen's Cathedral
- Cardinal Pell spent his first days in jail after being found guilty of child sexual abuse, he awaits his sentencing on March 13
- The Missionaries of the Poor call for volunteers to visit and serve in their mission house in Labuan Bajo in Indonesia
- ACU ready with 'huge plans' for grassroots engagement in 2019

**Become a part of the parish Planned Giving Program to help your Parish grow.**

We thank, sincerely, all Parishioners who contribute to Planned Giving. Your ongoing commitment and contribution assists the parish to budget for operating expenses (wages, rates, electricity, phones, maintenance etc) as well as parish pastoral planning (faith education, sacramental preparation, resources etc). To obtain Planned Giving Envelopes or to contribute by direct debit, complete this form and place on the plate, or contact the Parish Office. Planned Giving contributions are not Tax Deductable.

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