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Fr Peter's Message

Today, the 4th Sunday of Lent, is traditionally known as 'Laetare' [Rejoice] Sunday.

The readings of this Mass suggest many reasons for rejoicing. One of the traditions on this day was to allow the servants to return to their Baptismal Church for Sunday Mass. In the much stricter days of Lent, weddings could be celebrated this day; flowers could be placed on the High Altar - A mini break from the intensity and strictness of the Lenten discipline.

Lent, today for us, is less a time for us to focus on all the evil of which we have been capable and perhaps guilty, than it is a time for us to search out ways we can improve and draw ourselves more closely to the Lord. It is a time not for avoidance of sin but for entering into a deeper and more fulfilling spiritual life.

Liturgy at Mater Christi

Monday	9am	Mass
Tuesday	5pm	Adoration
	6pm	Mass
Wednesday	9am	Mass
Thursday	9am	Mass
Friday	9am	Mass
	6pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5pm	Confession
	6pm	Saturday Vigil
Sunday	8am	Mass
	9am	Mass (HPCPS)
	10am	Mass
	5pm	Mass

2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION Wednesday 20th March at 7pm

Lent is the time for the faithful to pray for a change of heart, and to ask for God's mercy and repentance. The parish is giving the parishioners the opportunity to come together as one community in this prayerful and humble service. There will be a few priests from surrounding parishes to assist with confession.

Holy Week Mass & Service Schedule

Saturday	23rd March	6pm	Palm Sunday Mass	[Please bring a branch]
Sunday	24th March	8am	Palm Sunday Mass	[Please bring a branch]
		9am [HPCPS]	Palm Sunday Mass	[Please bring a branch]
		10am & 5pm	Palm Sunday Mass	[Please bring a branch]
Monday	25th March	9am	Mass	
Tuesday	26th March	9am	Mass	[5pm Holy Hour & 6pm Mass cancelled]
Wednesday	27th March	9am	Mass	
Holy Thursday	28th March	7pm	Last Supper of The Lord	
Good Friday	29th March	10am	Stations of The Cross	[Mater Christi Church]
		3pm	Passion of the Lord, followed by Reconciliation	
Holy Saturday	30th March	7pm	Easter Vigil	[Please Note change of Mass time]
Easter Sunday	31st March	8am	Easter Sunday Mass	
		9am [HPCPS]	Easter Sunday Mass	
		10am & 5pm	Easter Sunday Mass	



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 9th & 10th March

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

Please donate to Project compassion. 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 and envelopes available from your parish, by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are prayed every **Friday at 6pm** in the church during the Lenten season. This brief but intensely prayerful journey with Our Lord is an ideal devotion for all the members of your family, young and old.

There will be NO RECONCILIATION on HOLY SATURDAY.

Generally all celebrations of the sacraments are prohibited. This celebration is better celebrated before the Triduum.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Please join us in lifting up the name of Jesus with our Praise & Worship Night on **15th March at 7pm**

Led by **Evangelis Ministry.**

All are welcome!



SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING LEVEL 1

Thursday 14th March from 2pm to 3pm, online

Safeguarding Induction Training Level 1, for all Church Workers, paid or unpaid. Register at <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>. Further info; safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or call (08) 9221 7762.

Available from our Piety Stall

The Memoirs of Barry J. Hickey	
EMERITUS ARCHBISHOP OF PERTH	\$45 each
God's Word 2024	\$20 each
Pieta Lenten Reflections	\$5 each

WELLNESS FIRST AID

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me
[Phil 4:13] Further info contact Glynis O'Neill on 0419952220 or email wellness.yangebup@perthcatholic.org.au

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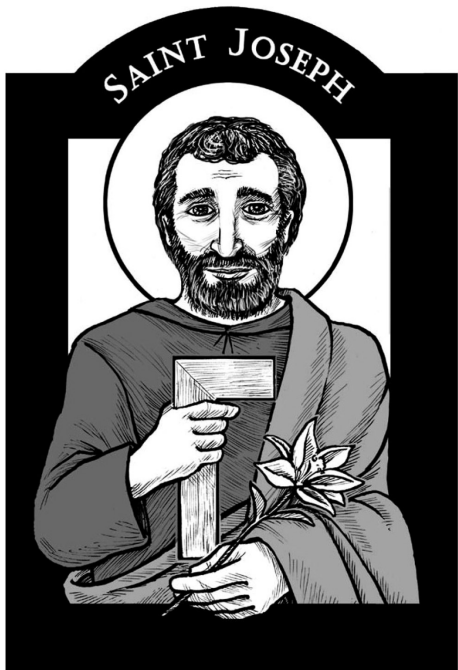
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St Joseph, the husband of the Virgin Mary and adoptive father of Jesus, was a descendant of King David and a carpenter by trade. During his betrothal to Mary he became distressed when he heard that she was with child, but an angelic vision reassured him that this was all part of God's plan. After Jesus' birth he was warned in a dream to flee with his family to Egypt, in order to escape from King Herod. Joseph showed great faith in his willingness to do whatever God asked of him. St Joseph is the patron saint of many causes including families, expectant mothers, workers and people in doubt.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

condemn	love	save
eternal	never	send
everyone	Nicodemus	Son
faith	people	world

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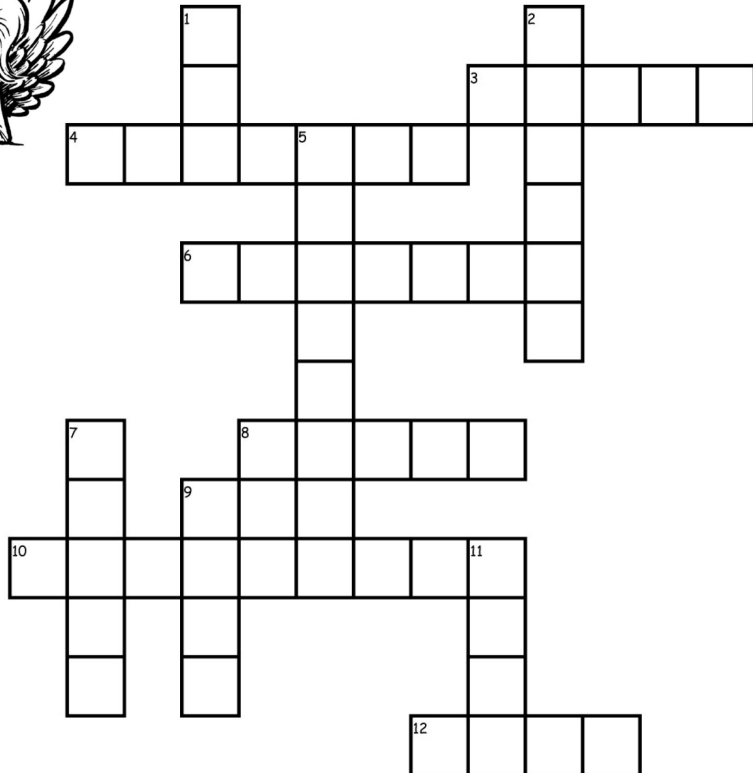
Crossword

Down

- 1: male offspring
2: humans
5: all people
7: to believe in something is to have this
9: to care about someone very much
11: rescue

Across

- 3: the opposite of always
4: God did not send his Son to c_____ people
6: those who have faith in God will have _____ life and never die
8: Earth is also called the _____
10: Jesus told this man about God's love for us
12: the opposite of receive



Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

10 March 2024

First Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

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

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."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136. R. v.6

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

- By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung 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 to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! (R.)

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10

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

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.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 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 Jn 3:14-21

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

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 believes 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.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

To fully understand this week's gospel passage, it is important to take the first reading into consideration as well. The account from 2 Chronicles describes the way in which the people began to neglect their relationship with God. Despite prophets and messengers being sent to them, they turned their backs on God. At about this time the Israelites were conquered, the Temple in Jerusalem destroyed and the survivors taken into exile in Babylon. For many, this was seen as a punishment from God because of their neglectful and selfish behaviour. But the reading demonstrates God's infinite patience with humankind. God gives the people another chance and calls on them to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. God is willing to wipe the slate clean and start afresh. It is in this context that we must understand the gospel passage. In yet another attempt to demonstrate love and forgiveness, God's only Son - the Word made Flesh - is sent into the world to lead the people from darkness to light. Despite the many, many attempts by God to demonstrate love and foster a relationship with humankind, the people have repeatedly rejected the relationship with God and preferred to live a life of selfishness and darkness. Yet we see through both of these readings the unquenchable nature of God who keeps giving humankind one more chance.

In our day to day relationships, it is true that we often seek to test the limits of the love that is expressed. Young people in particular often test the boundaries of their parents' love and the boundaries of others who care for them. It is often a test to reassure themselves of this love - will you still love me, even if I do this? Today's readings portray the people of God as adolescents constantly testing out the limits of God's love. In a remarkable act, God's own Son is sent into the world to die as a sign of the lengths to which God will go to assure humanity of the love that is theirs for the taking.