Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B Second Scrutiny

Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned

First Reading: 2Chron 36:14-16,19-23. Whoever belongs to any part of His people, may his God be with him

Psalm 136 Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10. By grace you have been saved

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel: John 3:14-21. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save it.

Com. Verse: Jerusalem is built as a city bounded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord


Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: In today’s reading from Ephesians we are reminded that we are God’s work of Art, created in Christ Jesus to live good life. Be with us now as we bring our prayers before the Lord.

Leader: We pray for all Christians (pause)

All: May our witness to the Gospel values help those who are hostile to God’s law and love.

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for our children preparing for their first Reconciliation and their families. (pause)

All: May their journey together bring them closer to one another, to our forgiving God, and be ready to become peacemakers in our world.

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for Janice, Laura and James who are preparing to be received into the Church (Pause)

All: May they be blessed during this special time so to deepen their relationship with God, with our community of believers and with others.

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for people who fled their homeland because of war and conflict (pause)

All: May they find safety and hope in their new communities

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Celebrant: Loving Father, you call us to live in the light of your love and truth, here the prayers we bring to you this day, and help us resolve to be beacons of your light in our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR POPE SAYS: “The Church is calling us to have and to promote an authentic liturgical life, so that there may be harmony between what the liturgy celebrates, and what we live in our daily existence. The liturgy is the privileged place to hear the voice of the Lord, who guides us on the path of righteousness and Christian perfection. The Sacrament of Penance makes us go from the darkness of sin to the light of grace and friendship with Jesus. We must never forget the great strength that this sacrament has for the Christian life: It makes us grow in union with God, makes us regain lost joy and experience the consolation of knowing we are personally welcomed by the merciful embrace of the Father.”

Please Pray

For those who have died: Mary Martin, Adam Lowe
For the sick: Les and Clare Fern, Joe & Rosemary Valle, Br James Maher MSC; Josephine Di Lembo; Margaret McDonald, Margaret Heagney (Catherine Phillip’s mother) Loretta Grimster, Mona Spain-Pedder, Arturo Bavato. Viviane Taranto.
March 22nd

DATE:

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Living the Gospel The Liturgies of Holy Week.

The most sacred days in all the Church’s Year are those of

Holy Week, culminating in the three days of Easter- Holy

Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. These days are

rich with liturgical actions and symbols. Holy Week commenc-

es on Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday). The Three Days of

Easter (Easter Triduum) begin on Holy Thursday with the

evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, is continued through

Good Friday with the celebration of the Passion of the Lord,

and reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday

evening- leading into the Easter Sunday Mass. It is the time

when, as a Community, we gather to remember the signifi-
cance of the events that brought salvation to the whole world.

If at all possible, we should attend ALL of these ceremo-

ies. Allow extra time and plan to be there. On the Sun-
days leading up to Easter, some basic information on each of

the significant events of Holy Week will be provided here,

both to inform and invite you to be part of this graced time of

year.

Passion Sunday - (Palm Sunday) The Sunday be-

fore Easter is known as Palm Sunday. It celebrates

Jesus’ arrival in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of

Passover – commemorating the Exodus and the free-

dom from slavery in Egypt. Great crowds of people

had gathered for the celebrations in the Temple and they lined

the streets waving palm or olive branches to welcome Jesus.

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Jesus goes on suffering today in his body in the people who

are victims of injustice, of deprivation, marginalization and iso-

lation, betrayal, persecution, and prejudice, even within our

own Church community. In many parts of the world, people

march through cities carrying palms demonstrating the need

for justice and peace – for there can be no peace without just-

ice.

Traditionally, many churches will have a procession in or

around the church while people sing songs of praise and wave

palm leaves in a re-creation of the events commemorated this

day. There is a link back to the Ashes of Ash Wednesday and a

link forward to the beginning of Lent next year. Any leftover Palms are kept, sprinkled with salt

and burned to make ashes for next year’s Ash Wednesday.

The Gospel today: Is the story of the cure of

the blind man. For the next week, pray for heal-

ing of whatever ‘blindness’ there is in our lives.

PARISH NOTICES AND COMING EVENTS

Collections: 1st Collection: $1,036.10

2nd Collection: $1178.95 Direct Debit: $287.00

St Vincent de Paul: If you would like to volunteer with,
or join, the St Vincent de Paul Society or need the Socie-
ty’s help please call the Society on 8948 8100.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 6.00
PM. SYRO-MALABAR AT 7.00 PM

ACTIV8 every last Tuesday of the month for young peo-
ple from years 9-12 from 6-8.30pm. $3 for pizza.

MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday in Lent

Tuesday 17th St Patrick. Mass here at 6:45 am and in
Gaelic at Holy Spirit Casuarina at 5.30 pm Bring a plate.

Thursday 19th 4.30/6.30 Reconciliation children Retreat

HARMONY DAY. Saturday 21st following
6.00 pm Mass. Bishop Eugene main cele-
brant. Come in traditional dress and
bring a traditional dish to share.

Sunday 22nd March Children’s Mass

Thursday 26th Children Reconciliation at 6pm

Sunday 29th PALM SUNDAY. Ecumenical Blessing of
Palms at 8.30 am Mass.