



PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S



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5pm Sat, 10am Sun

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday 9.15am
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(Italian)

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Weekend Masses:
6pm Sat,
9am Sun (Italian)
11am

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday 9.15am
Friday 9.15am

2nd Sunday of Lent - 13 March 2022

1st Reading: Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading: Phil 3: 17 4:1

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard; this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

Next Week: Third Sunday of Lent 1st Scrutinies RCIA

1st Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15-

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 -

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Anniversaries and Deaths

We pray for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Yesmine Taouk may they all be at peace with their God.

Diary Dates Please mark your diaries

Monday 14 March

7.30pm Lenten Reflection St A's Meeting Room

Tuesday 15 March

9.15am Senior NB Class Mass

Thursday 17 March

8.30am Stations of the Cross (Italian) Holy Spirit

9.15am Mass Italian Holy Spirit

Friday 18 March

9.15am 3 / 4 RG Class Mass

10am Stations of the Cross (Italian) St Anthony's

Monday 21 March

7.30pm Lenten Reflection St A's Meeting Room

Tuesday 22 March

9.15am Junior L Class Mass

Summit Exploring the Word

One of the overriding themes of Luke's Gospel is Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Just a few verses on from this text, Jesus 'resolutely took the road for Jerusalem,' and his resolve is foreshadowed here in the conversation he is having with Moses and Elijah as they speak of 'his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.' Jesus is revealing not only his true identity to his chosen companions but also his destiny: the 'passing over' of his death and resurrection, by which his divinity will be definitively revealed to all. Through that event, all that the law (represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah) stood for will be accomplished. Peter misunderstands and thinks that the event on the mountain is the end of the story—he wants to erect tents there. He has not yet grasped the need to continue with the journey to Jerusalem. As a Christian, one cannot simply remain on the mountain in contemplation of divinity; one must also come down from the mountain and take the earthly road of living the faith to its ultimate conclusion.

• This gospel emphasises the need to withdraw for prayer. How important is quiet contemplation and prayer in your journey?

• In what ways do you balance prayer and action in living your faith?

Making connections

• 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here.' Reflect on what these words mean for you as you approach the sacraments.

• 'Listen to him.' What might Jesus be saying to you at this time?

What is Jesus saying to you?

Use today's collect as your prayer this week:

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly with your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

The Parish of Holy Spirit and St Anthony's and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention OR contact the child safety representatives of our Parish—Margaret Harrington, Pauline Egan, Fran Adamopoulos and Max Gomez.

Sacraments 2022—If your child attends a school other than our Parish Primary school and would like to receive the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office for further details and an enrolment form.

CHURCH CLEANERS needed to go on a cleaning roster at Holy Spirit Church.

Do you have 1/2 hour (on a roster basis) to help with cleaning the Church?

We have got through the stricter cleaning protocols of Covid and are back to our regular weekly cleaning. What is required is tidying, dusting and cleaning the Church and all cleaning items will be supplied. Form a team with a friend and the job will be even quicker. Many hands make light work. A volunteer WWCC will be needed. If you need help to get one that can be arranged. If you want to help contact the office on 94128439 or Pauline - 0431958083 and leave a message.

TAP AND GO MACHINES

Parishes such as ours have always relied on the financial support of its parishioners. Without this help we couldn't maintain the upkeep of our beautiful buildings and their contents, or provide the liturgical elements required for our Masses such as candles, flowers, and hosts. Traditionally contributions have been made through the two collections that occur during Mass but as we have been moving to a 'cashless' society the parish has evolved the ways donations can be made to include Direct Debit/Credit Card/QR code. These have been well utilised by members of our parish.

Through the disruption of the past two years, it has become apparent that there are members of our parish who would like to donate more informally and have suggested the implementation of Tap and Go services.

After reviewing this suggestion the decision has been made to trial Tap and Go in our churches.

If you would like to make a donation via Tap and Go please use the terminal located in the foyer.

The limit is \$5. All you need to do to make a donation is tap the terminal with your credit card/ debit card/smart phone or smart watch — donations will go straight into our Church account.

*We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks
to those parishioners who financially support the Parish.*

Ladies – fancy an evening out together?

After such a long time of not being able to gather, Belinda Gomez is opening her home to ladies of both communities who would like to get together for a meal and a chat. You are invited to Belinda's for a casual catch-up on Thursday March 31 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. If you can only drop in briefly, you are still very welcome.

Please bring a plate of food to share, but don't worry if you are coming from work, or somewhere else, and don't get time to bring anything – please come anyway.

If you know of any ladies, young or old, who are part of the parish but no longer come to mass or ladies who are new to the parish, please invite them. If you would like to come, but need a ride, we can help arrange a ride for you.

Please contact the parish office on 0432 576 500 if you would like to come.

Your name and number will be passed onto Belinda Gomez or Rosie Hoban who will then contact you directly with details. We look forward to seeing you.

Parish Telephone Prayer Group: Call in: Tuesday at 11.30am. Cost of a local call.

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LENT

Reflection: St Anthony's Meeting Room at 7.30. Transport for two available from Holy Spirit...contact parish Office and Lynn Hale will contact you. Make Lent meaningful and walk with others towards Easter. They will be using "This Cup we Bless by Michael McGirr.

Prayer: Sheets will be available at the back of the Church with Forty Lenten ideas by Janet Schaeffler OP for you follow if you wish.

8.30am Thursdays Stations of the Cross in Italian Holy Spirit Church

10am Fridays Stations of the Cross in Italian St Anthony's Church

Alms Giving: Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for the 5 weeks will be available at the Church during Lent. The theme this year is; "For all future generations"

This selection of useful and inspiring resources and articles from around the web has been collected to help you enter more deeply into the Lent and Easter seasons.

Lent in 3 minutes, produced by Busted Halo—a brief and engaging video explaining the basics of Lent

The Pope's messages for Lent, available in English and a range of other languages

Information about Lent and Easter, from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

What is Lent?—an overview of the season from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Lent resources from Loyola Press, including:

Paschale Solemnitatis—a circular letter concerning the preparation and celebration of the Easter feasts, from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 1988

The 2022 Remember Lenten program from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong—a popular and beautifully designed book of daily reflections for the season of Lent that can be ordered through the diocese's website

The Spirit and the Cross—a book of daily, Scripture-based reflections from Evangelisation Brisbane for Lent and Easter 2022, which can be ordered through their website and used by busy individuals or adapted for groups Lenten audio resources from the popular Pray as you go devotional app, produced by Jesuit Ministries UK

Vocations

On Saturday, 2 April, at 10.00am at the University of Divinity, Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, there will be an information session on the Permanent Diaconate. Your help is needed to promote this vocation within your parish. Perhaps there are some male parishioners, married or single, between the age of 30 to 60 years, whom you could speak with concerning this call to ministry. Further details can be found in the documents attached to this message.

'Windows onto God', Saturday 26/3/22, 10am-3pm (in-person event). In this reflection day, we invite you to explore the windows of incarnation, darkness, abundance and self-acceptance. Incarnation, seen in the broad sense of God being in the world, takes in the joy of being alive. With this joy, there is the experience of darkness, which is also part of our human reality. Abundance picks up the theme of incarnation. It reminds us that God is lavish with her/his gifts and wants us to enjoy them. Self-acceptance is linked to these themes since it means accepting both the darkness and the light in ourselves. This day will be interactive and will allow time for reflection and sharing. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch) Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, tel 9890 1101.

"The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold a Book & Plant Sale, Saturday 26 March 9 am – 2 pm. at 154 Cotham Road Kew. Proceeds from the Sale will go to assist the many needs of the missions. Enquiries: Phone 9817 3715."

FIRST READING: Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a

Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink?

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

Phil 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown. The Word of the Lord

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Gospel Acclamation

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.