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Sunday Masses:
Sun. 10 a.m.
Sun. 5:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses:
Mon. 9:15 a.m.
Wed. 9:15 a.m.
Fri. 9:15 a.m.
Confessions:
By arrangement

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

30 March 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Annie Sein (d'ced 10 March 2025)

ANNIVERSARIES: Ted (Thaddeus) Bloch, Jack (John Alexander) Hyslop, Jim (James) Jennings, Joseph Thomas McHenry, Peter John O'Connor

OFFERTORY GIVING CAMPAIGN: This is the fourth week of our Offertory Giving Campaign. This is our second Gifting Sunday in which we are invited and called to make or renew our financial commitment to our parish.

On the first week of this campaign, our focus was on faith-giving. In faith, we recognise that God is real, and that God the Creator has given us so much. We show our gratitude to God by faith-giving, which includes financial support of our parish.

On the second week of this campaign, a Financial Report on our parish was made available. There were two key messages. Firstly, our parish is in a sound financial situation with a total of just over \$338,000 in our three parish accounts. Secondly, however, we do face a financial challenge. Over the last three years, we have had to spend more money than we have received. In 2022, the shortfall was about \$31,000. In 2023, the shortfall was about \$20,000. And last year, the shortfall was close to \$26,000. This is one reason why we are conducting an Offertory Giving Campaign at this time.

This week is our second Gifting Sunday. We invite those who have not yet returned their Pledge Cards to do so. You may place your completed card on the plate during the Offertory collection; or leave it in the Pledge Card letterbox on the table in the narthex or foyer of our church; or during the week leave it in the letterbox outside the presbytery at 37 Hillside Parade. Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge to our parish.

We hope that those who are already in our Offertory Giving Program will renew their commitment, and that other parishioners – especially newer parishioners – will join our program.

Giving Program letters were posted two weeks ago. If you didn't receive a letter, you might like to take one of these letters which are available on the table in the narthex or foyer of our church.

Weekly envelopes and giving reports are also available in a box on the green table in the narthex. If you are already in our Offertory Giving Program, please take your letter from this box.

MASS FOR SENIOR PARISHIONERS AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Last Wednesday 26th March, we celebrated an Anointing Mass for senior parishioners and those who are sick. In this Mass, a total of 32 parishioners received the Sacrament of Anointing. After this Mass, we had five tables in the narthex or foyer of our church, and a light lunch was served. Thank you to everyone who prepared sandwiches and cake and fruit and chocolates, and who served the lunch. Thank you also to everyone who attended to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. We celebrate these Anointing Masses twice a year, and they are always one of the great days in our parish.

REQUIEM MASS FOR ANNIE SEIN was celebrated yesterday (Saturday 29th March) at 11 am. After this Mass, Annie was buried with her late husband Han at Springvale Botanical Cemetery. A large group of family and friends – well over a hundred people – attended. A feature of this Mass was the extensive involvement of Annie's family and friends, who honoured their mother and grandmother through Words of Remembrance, reading the Scripture readings and the Prayers of the Faithful, and providing the wonderful music.

WEEKDAY MASSES this week at 9:15 am on Monday 31st March, Wednesday 2nd April, and Friday 4th April. Are you able to join us for a weekday Mass during this season of Lent?