



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

14 MARCH 2021

Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
 Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
 exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading | 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles

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."' "

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 136(137):1-6

*Response: Let my tongue be silenced,
 if I ever forget you!*

By the rivers of Babylon
 there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
 on the poplars that grew there
 we hung up our harps.

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.'

O how could we sing
 the song of the Lord on alien soil?
 If I forget you, Jerusalem,
 let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue
 cleave to my mouth if I remember you not,
 if I prize not Jerusalem
 above all my joys!

Second Reading | Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

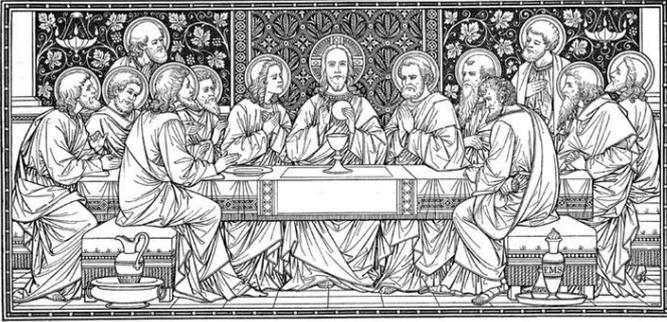
God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

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.

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PARTS OF THE MASS



Penitential Rite

✠ Have mercy on us, O Lord.
✠ For we have sinned against you.
✠ Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
✠ And grant us your salvation.

Credo | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Orate fratres

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours...

The people will stand and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Mysterium fidei

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Libera nos

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days...

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.

Ecce Angus Dei

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

And together with the people, the priest adds:

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*

TV / ONLINE MASS

TV Mass - Channel 10, every Sunday 06.00am
St Mary's Cathedral (Sydney) | Sunday 10.30am
<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

08 December 2020 to 08 December 2021
150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of
Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation | Solemnity of St Joseph

All are invited to the celebration of St Joseph's Day with a Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration on Friday 19 March, 11am to 12 noon. During the Holy Hour Fr Paul Chandler will deliver a reflection on St Joseph.

Invitation | Men's Gathering

St Nicholas' Parish is inviting Catholic men to explore The Authentic Christian Man on Saturday, 20 March 2021 7.30am to 12.30pm at McCarthy Catholic College Tribe St. North Tamworth. The Programme will be led by several outstanding presenters from the 2020 Gathering. For more details and to register please use the flyer at the foyer.

Invitation | Bishop O'Mahony Sesquicentenary Mass

Bishop Kennedy invites all parishioners to join with him on Thursday 25th March at 11am for a Celebratory Mass and Blessing of the Memorial Stone for the 150 year Anniversary of Bishop O'Mahony's installation as first Bishop of Armidale. Depending on the numbers we may hire a mini bus. Please complete the sheet in the foyer . RSVP by 17/3.

Invitation | Mass of Holy Oils

Bishop Kennedy invites all parishioners to join him and the priests of the Diocese at the Chrism Mass 30th March, 2021 at 11.00 am in the Cathedral and for refreshments afterwards in the Torreggiani courtyard. For catering and Cathedral seating (COVID-19 safety) purposes, booking is a must. Please complete the sheet in the foyer on or before 21st March.

LENTEN SEASON

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 9.00am

Parish Lenten Reconciliation

St Edward's Parish South Tamworth	Wednesday	24/03	12.00 noon
St Nicholas' Parish East Tamworth	Wednesday	31/03	06.00 pm

LENTEN PENANCE

During Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choices. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.

(b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.

(c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.00pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	TBA
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3.00pm
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil Mass	6.00pm
Easter Sunday	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass	8.00am
		9.00am
		5.30pm

*In your charity,
please pray for*

Our sick

Fr John Willis
Harryson Ritz
Chris Fardy
Petrina (Fardy) Keys
Baby Isabelle Mathew
Addison Peachy
Narelle Albans
Julien Ryan
Patricia Owen

Our Deceased

+Therese Post
+ Matthew Pearson

Mass Intentions

15/03 + Patrick Clancy

Roman Martyrology

15/3	St Aristobulus
16/3	St Cyriacus, <i>martyr</i>
17/3	St Patrick, <i>bishop</i>
18/3	St Cyril of Jerusalem, <i>bishop</i>
19/3	St Joseph, <i>spouse of the BVM</i>
20/3	St Joachim, <i>father of the BVM</i>

*Omnes sancti Mártyres,
oráte pro nobis*

MASS THIS WEEK

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday to Friday	09.30am
Saturday	05.30pm
Sunday	8am, 9am, 5.30pm

BAPTISM

by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

by appointment

CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday 04.45 - 05.15pm

Weekly Collection

1 st Collection	\$ 532.30
Envelopes PG	\$ 541.80
Loose	\$ 59.40

Home Visitation

If there is a parishioner in hospital, nursing home, or homebound who you know would appreciate a visit from our priest or deacon please contact the Parish Office.

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Gospel Acclamation | John 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 | John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon | cf. Psalm 121:3-4

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



LITURGICAL NOTES

THE KISS OF PEACE (Part 1)

The sign of peace at Mass has not always led to serenity among liturgists or within the congregations gathered each Sunday in Catholic churches around the world.

After nine years of study and consultation, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments has told Latin-rite bishops around the world that the sign of peace will stay where it is in the Mass.

However, the congregation said, "if it is foreseen that it will not take place properly", it can be omitted. But when it is used, it must be done with dignity and awareness that it is not a liturgical form of "good morning", but a witness to the Christian belief that true peace is a gift of Christ's death and resurrection.

The text of the congregation's "circular letter" on "the ritual expression of the gift of peace at Mass", was approved by Pope Francis and posted in Spanish on the website of the Spanish bishops' conference. Vatican spokesman Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi confirmed its authenticity on August 1.

In 2005, members of the Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist adopted a formal proposition questioning whether the sign of peace might be better placed elsewhere in the Mass, for example at the end of the prayer of the faithful and before the offering of the gifts.

Current prefect of the congregation Cardinal Antonio Canizares Llovera and the congregation's current secretary Archbishop Arthur Roche said Pope Benedict XVI had asked the congregation to study the matter and, after doing so, in 2008 it asked bishops' conferences around the world whether to keep the sign of peace where it was or move it to another moment "with a view to improving the understanding and carrying out of this gesture".

"After further reflection," the letter said, "it was considered appropriate to retain the rite of peace in its traditional place in the Roman liturgy and not to introduce structural changes in the Roman Missal."

But that did not exclude the need for new or renewed efforts to explain the importance of the sign of peace so the faithful understood it and participate in it correctly, the congregation's letter said.

Source: <https://catholicleader.com.au/news/sign-of-peace-at-mass-vatican-says-it-stays-put-but-urges-education>

WEEKLY ROSTER

5th Sunday of Lent B | 21 March 2021

		Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters <i>this week</i>
Saturday	5.30pm	R O'Rourke	G Smith	D Sullivan	G Tighe & F Moloney
Sunday	8.00am	C Jackson	-----	D Pawsey	
	9.00am	C Kelly	B Simpson	F Moloney	Counters <i>next week</i>
	5.30pm	A Robinson	-----	C Frost	J MacRae & J Milne