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Third Sunday of Lent

Year B

03rd March 2024

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today we take re-focus our attention on *Fiducia Supplicans*, on blessings.

At the end of mass, the priest always imparts a blessing. Sometimes people request a blessing because they or a family member is sick, or travelling, or celebrating his/her birthday, or an anniversary. Such people are saying that they need God's saving presence in their lives. They believe that God loves them and can be of help to them.

For this reason, *Fiducia Supplicans* says that spontaneous blessings are a pastoral resource to be valued (FS #23). One does not need to be morally perfect before receiving a blessing. A blessing possesses a special power, and God never ceases to bless. For God, a person is more important than the sins he or she may have committed. A blessing accompanies those who receive it and disposes their hearts to be changed by God.

For this reason, argues Pope Francis, a priest may *join in the prayer of those persons who, although in a union that cannot be compared in any way to a marriage, desire to entrust themselves to the Lord and his mercy, to invoke his help, and to be guided to a greater understanding of his plan of love and of truth* (FS #30).

A blessing may therefore be imparted *upon those who beg that all that is true, good, and humanly valid in their lives and their relationships be enriched, healed, and elevated by the presence of the Holy Spirit* (FS #31).

(To be concluded.)

God bless you.

Fr Silvio



Weekday Masses

Monday 04th St Casimir
7.30pm tối thứ hai hàng tuần có Thánh Lễ và lần chuỗi LCTX

Tuesday 05th
9.15 am Daily Mass
10.30am Funeral Mass for Sam Aquilina

Wednesday 06th
9.15 am Daily Mass
6.30 pm Novena, Rosary followed by
7.00 pm Mass

Thursday 07th Sts Perpetua & Felicity
9.15 am Daily Mass
Friday 08th St John of God
9.15 am Daily Mass.
After Mass 'The Way of the Cross'

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6.30pm and
8.00pm Neo-Catechumenal (Pioneers Hall)
Sunday - 8.30am, 9.45am (Polish) 11.00 am,
12.30pm (Vietnamese) and 7.00pm.
2nd Sunday of the Month 2.00pm (Samoan)
except in November and at Easter time.

Reconciliation

Wednesday Evening - 6.30pm to 7.00pm
Saturday - 11.00am to 12 noon (at the Presbytery)
and 6.00pm to 6.30pm.

Baptisms

By Appointment Only.
Held on 2nd Saturday of the Month at 11.00am.



3rd Sunday of Lent

Reflect, today, upon this twofold cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem by our Lord and apply Jesus' sacred actions today to your own soul. Are there new sins that you have fallen into recently that require a gentle reprimand from our Lord? Are there sins that Jesus has been revealing to you for years now that you stubbornly persist in? Allow Him to reprimand you in love and to cleanse you so that His saving Sacrifice as the Lamb of God will indeed purify you, and allow His judgment and anger to "passover" you this Lent.

My cleansing Lord, You cleansed the Temple of Jerusalem not once, but twice. Your zeal for its purity of worship was clear. Please come and make my soul Your dwelling place today and cleanse me of all sin. Please help me to especially see any ways that I have remained obstinate in my sin, and please cleanse those sins with much vigor. Jesus, I trust in You.

Last Weekends Thanksgiving \$2,855.95



The Musicworx team is thrilled to invite you to their upcoming community production of Annie JR. following little Orphan Annie who is determined to find her parents and escape life in a dismal orphanage. Set in 1933, this heart-warming musical, with its catchy tunes, is bound to have you humming along and cheering the little girl's sense of hope and optimism. Three shows only: 10th & 11th March (Labour Day long weekend) at the St Bernadette's Community Centre, Cooke Ave. Tickets: \$25-\$30 with discounts for concession and group bookings. For more information visit www.musicworx.org or call 0438 549 362.



**Increase your prayer
and reflection life
during Lent this year.**

One important way of coming closer to Jesus is prayer. For this reason, during the season of Lent, on Friday evenings, at 7:00pm, we will be having a prayer or reflection opportunity.

Friday 8th March - Movie Night – “Do You Believe?”

Friday 15th March – Prayer Around the Cross

Friday 22nd March – Lenten Mission (in English)

Friday 29th March - Good Friday

Save the dates. More details will follow.

Everyone is welcome.

Let us make Lent a truly prayerful season.



March Movie– Friday 8th March

**Come along for an evening of faith,
fun and friendship.**

Our next Movie night will be on
Friday 8th of March at 7pm in the

**SCHOOL STAFF ROOM. Please enter via small gate on Willey
Street**

The movie for February is called “Do You Believe?”

‘Do You Believe?’ tells the story of a dozen different souls- all moving in different directions, all longing for something more. As their lives unexpectedly intersect, they each are about to discover there is power in the Cross of Christ even if they don’t yet believe it. When a local pastor is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street-corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate. More than a movie, it’s a question we all must answer in our lifetime: **DO YOU BELIEVE?**



EXPERIENCE MISSION WITH THE PAULIST MISSIONARIES - MISSION 25 - APPLICATIONS OPEN

The experience is open for those aged 18 - 35.
Leaving Melbourne on Friday 3rd January 2025
and returning on Sunday 19th January 2025.
For more information please pick up a flyer from
the foyer.



ATTENTION SAMOAN COMMUNITY

Mass in March will be on
Sunday 17th March at
2.00pm.

Divine Mercy Mass is on
Sunday 7th April at 2.00pm.

Lenten Mission - Jesus and friends!

Previously known as the Maltese Mission (Ezercizzi tar-Randan), this year’s Lenten Mission will be delivered in English.



As we approach the celebration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, we become more aware of the fact that we are not as close to Him as we would like to be. There is so much that pulls us away. Wouldn’t it be nice to encounter Him face to face as some people did? Their encounter with Jesus had a profound effect on their lives. They surely have something to share with us! Save the date and time.

Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd March 2024

At 7:00pm (finishing by 8:00pm)

Dear friends,

I would like to thank you for your prayers for Vocations over the years. We were delighted to accept eight men to the Seminary for Melbourne this year:

Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, Tung Phan, Joseph Maae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble.

Many of you have personally helped and encouraged these men along their journey to apply to join the Seminary; it truly is a team effort!

Please continue to pray for them!

Part of the work of the Vocations Office is to promote Vocations throughout our Archdiocese. Please feel free to contact us if you have any thoughts/plans of how we can do so better.

In Christ, Fr Dishan and the Vocations Team



ALPHA Series

The Alpha series provides an opportunity for individuals to explore their faith in a different way. It reinforces the power of God’s unconditional mercy and love and by sharing their journey with others, participants have the opportunity to deepen their faith and love for Jesus.



We are planning to run another ALPHA course this year in our Parish and are looking to start the series mid April. The series goes for about 11 weeks and will once again be face to face. This year the Alpha series has new Australian Street Talks and a new interactive format with discussion questions and breaks throughout each episode.

If you think that you would be interested in being a part of this series, please email Amanda at brownieab75@gmail.com or call her on 0438 514 304.



ST BERNADETTE’S PARISH GROUP FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

A meeting of willing parishioners will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7th March in the [church foyer](#) to learn about the Order of Malta-Mercy Palliative Care volunteering program. Jim Creaner, Mercy Volunteer Coordinator, will discuss the range of roles, training and supervision that is possible for parish groups. Learn more about how to help the sick with respite support, accompaniment, biography and legacy activities, communion for the sick and bereavement support. All welcome.

Third Sunday of Lent 2 & 3 March

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

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 visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Saturday 6.30pm: Camilleri & Cutajar Families, Joe Pulis, Mary Gatt, Salvatore Gatt, Frank Muscat, Carmel Farrugia, Michael & Katarin Farrugia, Julian & Lonza Portelli, Paul & Rita Bugeja, Louis Xuereb, Stellini & Xuereb Families, Thanksgiving - Joe & Mary Porter, Porter, Fleri, Falzon and Micallef families, Louis & Theresa Galea, Michael Angelo & Rita Gatt, Bernard & Carmela Pace, Firmino & Maria Moretto, Alvin John, Joseph & Carmen Bugeja, Ganna & Joseph Pace, Gregory & Joe Pace, Victor, Carmelo & Maria Galea & Family, Carmelo, Rita, Loreto & Damien Grech, Xuereb Family, Grech Family & Special Intentions, Sam Xiberras, Carmelo Mercieca & Grech Family, Lewis & Emanuel Azzopardi, Tarcisio, Gulia, Spiro, Emanuel & Patrick Debrincat, Angelo & Maria Camilleri, Julie Camilleri, Guzeppi & Zarenu Farrugia, All Souls

Sunday 8.30am: Emanuel Xiberras, Joseph Sultana, Jerry Sultana, Frank Muscat - Laurie Haber, John Muscat, Vernon Browne, Emanuel Spiteri, Rita Cini, Lewis & Emanuel Azzopardi, Tarcisio, Gulia, Spiro, Emanuel & Patrick Debrincat, All Souls

Sunday 11.00am: Rosario Manariti, Sam & Angela Camilleri, Paul Cassar, Matthew Palma, Justin, Lourdes & Fatima Borges, Frank Muscat, Laurie Cassar - Spiteri & Mercieca Families, Pauline Debrincat, Tony Micallef, Paul Cutajar, Joseph Grech, John & Nina Sultana, Rita Trost, Catherine Wicker, Josephine Borg, Antonia, Lawrence & Joe Sultana & Family, Bernard & Carmela Pace, Firmino & Maria Moretto, Gregory & Joe Pace, Emmanuel Piscopo & Family, Fred Xiberras, Joseph Vella, All Souls

Sunday 7.00pm: Frank Muscat - Alvin John, Joseph & Carmen Bugeja, Ganna & Joseph Pace, All Souls

Anniversary: Matthew Palma

Recently Deceased: Olga Rosato

Funeral: Sam Aquilina - Tuesday 10.30am Funeral Mass

Sick: Elli Riikonen, Bertti Riikonen, Clementina Leong, Kim Borg, Theresa Vella, Rob Brennan

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LITURGY OF THE WORD - 3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 18:8-11

RESPONSE: : Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel:

John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.