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JOURNEY WITH JESUS
Can the Blind Lead the Blind? Luke 6:39-45

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

27TH FEBRUARY 2022

out of the Overflow of the heart the mouth speaks
Luke 6:45

WEEKEND MASSES:	WEEKDAY MASSES:
Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil	Monday: 9:15am
Sunday: 7:30am	Tuesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
9:00am	Wednesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
10:30am	Thursday: 9:00am
6:00pm	Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
	Saturday: 8:30am

PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS'
MONTHLY INTENTION: FEBRUARY
For religious sisters and consecrated women
We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

FIRST FRIDAY:
11:00am: Maltese Mass
07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Thursdays-Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30 am - 2:30pm
4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions
1st Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm - midnight

VESPERS- SUNDAY EVENINGS
5:15 pm - 5:45pm

RCIA SESSIONS- SUNDAY MORNINGS
9am Mass followed by Session 10 am - 11am

DEVOTIONS:

- ♦ **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**
Tuesday: after morning Mass
Wednesday: 6:30pm before 7:00pm Mass
- ♦ **Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus:**
Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
- ♦ **Divine Mercy Devotions**
4th Sunday of the month: 1.00pm - 3.00pm, 3.00pm - Holy Mass

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

RECONCILIATION:
Tues - Fri 8.30 - 8.55am
Sat - 9am - 9.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm (or by appointment)

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526 - option 3 or 0412 625 187 - any time



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man

draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

MEDITATION:

Are you clear-sighted, especially in your perception of sin and the need for each of one of us to see ourselves correctly as God sees us - with our faults, weaknesses, and strengths? Jesus' two parables about poor vision allude to the proverb: Without vision the people perish! (Proverbs 29:18) What can we learn from the illustration of a blind guide and a bad eye (the log in the eye)? A bad eye left untreated and a blind guide can cause a lot of trouble that will only end in misery and disaster for us! We can only help and teach others what we have learned and received from wise teachers and guides. And how can we help others overcome their faults if we are blinded by our own faults and misperceptions? We are all in need of a physician who can help us overcome the blind spots and failing of our own sins, weaknesses, and ignorance.




O Father, give us the humility which realizes its ignorance, admits its mistakes, recognizes its need, welcomes advice, accepts rebuke. Help us always to praise rather than to criticize, to sympathize rather than to discourage, to build rather than to destroy, and to think of people at their best rather than at their worst. This we ask for your name's sake.

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28 NOVEMBER 2021

1:00 – 1:30pm	Silent Adoration
1:30 – 3:00pm	Devotions
3:00 pm	Special Holy Mass

All are welcome to come and pray with us.




LENT 2022

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WEDNESDAY - following 9:00am Mass
FRIDAY - following 7:00pm Mass

FRIDAYS IN LENT
ROSARY – 6:30pm
HOLY MASS-7:00pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:30pm following 7pm Mass
LENTEN MORNING DEVOTIONS
FOLLOWING ALL MORNING MASS (excluding Wednesday)

During the period of Lent, all are invited to join in our special Lenten devotions after the morning Mass. We will be reciting the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Christ.



WEDNESDAY, 02 MARCH
Day of Fast and Abstinence

09:00am - Parish Mass
12:00pm - Parish Mass
07:00pm - Parish Mass

Fasting: 1 main meal, 2 light snacks to be observed by those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year.
Abstinence: from meat products & sweet treats to be observed by those who have completed their fourteenth year.
Why do Catholics have their foreheads marked with a cross on Ash Wednesday?
In the Bible a mark on the forehead is a symbol of a person's ownership. By having their foreheads marked with the Sign of a Cross, this symbolizes that the person belongs to Jesus Christ, Who died on a Cross. This is in imitation of the spiritual mark or seal that is put on a Christian in baptism, when he is delivered from slavery to sin and the devil, and made a servant of righteousness and Christ.




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THURSDAYS 9:30am to 2:30pm

The Lord invites us to take some time out of our busy lives to spend some time with Him in quiet adoration, prayer and reflection. If you can spare 1/2 hour or more, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed after morning Mass every Thursday until 2.30pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME**



ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS

Please join us in responding to 'Our Blessed Mother's Appeal for Prayer & Reparation for World Peace & the Sanctity of Family Life'.

Every First Friday of the month after 7pm Mass, Scriptural Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, & Nine Office of the Sacred Heart of Jesus until Midnight.

Every Friday (except 1st Friday of the month) the Adoration Service will commence after 7:00pm Mass until 10:00pm

"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

06 MARCH 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



Father, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of this parish so that inspired by Your word, nourished at Your table and graced by Your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building up of Your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **Amen**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

01 MARCH 2022 - 9:00AM & 7:00PM

All are invited to a Solemn Mass in honour of the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus to be held on Shrove Tuesday 01 March 2022. Morning Tea will be provided by the Holy Shroud Association after 9:00am Mass.
LORD, SHOW US YOUR FACE and WE SHALL BE SAVED

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2022



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held twice in 2022. The program in Term 1 is intended for those that missed out in 2021 because the program was cancelled due to the Lockdowns.

Sacrament of Confirmation program is divided into two groups taught by Fr. Joseph Maria Buckley & assisted by Monique Kairouz.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:

All preparation sessions held on **MONDAYS** or **WEDNESDAYS** at 6:00pm.

Session 3: 28 FEBRUARY or 02 MARCH 2022

Session 4: 07 MARCH or 09 MARCH 2022

Rehearsal: 14 MARCH or 16 MARCH 2022

Venue: Inside the Church.

CONFIRMATION Saturday, 19 March 2022 at 6:00pm celebrated by Very Rev Peter G. Williams VG EV

SCRIPTURE STUDY

You are invited to experience the joy of "the Word of God" in a weekly Lenten discussion meeting on Thursdays at 7pm at St. Margaret Mary's Pastoral Centre. For further queries, contact Gwen on 9632 9097

YOUTH GROUP @ SMM

Young Adults

Our youth group for young adults aged 18-30.

It meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month.

Next Meeting: 04 March



CATECHIST/SRE SUNDAY

Commissioning Mass

Sunday 06 MARCH 2022 at 10.30am

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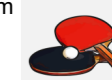
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Table Tennis social nights

Every Tuesday evening, in the Pastoral Centre from approx 7:30 pm after the evening Mass.

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Volunteers needed for cleaning duties inside the church one day a week (Friday or Saturday) once a month as per Roster. Kindly contact Nada Tomas - 0420 766 771 for further details or the Parish Office.

Volunteers needed for general maintenance in the church premises once a fortnight. Kindly contact Anthony - 0449 794 147 (by SMS) for further details.

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7 WAYS TO HAVE A GOOD LENT

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. This Lent do your best. Strive to root our sin and cultivate holiness. Let it be a lesson in humility that drives you back to the grace of God flowing from the pierced heart of Jesus - for that is the true heart of Lent.

1. Have a plan
2. Read a good spiritual book
3. Examine yourself
4. Confess your sins
5. Pray
6. Fast
7. Give alms

