

17th March 2024

The fifth Sunday of Lent

First reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R: A pure heart create for me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R:**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R:**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R:**

Second reading Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.
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Gospel Acclamation

Said— Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! **Sung— Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ (x2)**
If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ (x2)**

Gospel John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die

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

THE ANGELUS to be said at the end of 11am Mass

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...**
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...**
V. And the Word was made Flesh. **R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, ...**
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. **R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

LET US PRAY: **Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

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THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensbury Park

ST JOSEPH—March 19th

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture which is quite little; We know he was a carpenter, a working man. He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24).

We know he was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. (Matthew 1:19-25)

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22)

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and fleeing Egypt to be homeless but trusting in God. (Matthew 2:13-23).

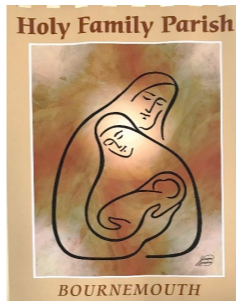
Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.

According to the Catholic Encyclopaedia, Joseph's birth is 90 BC in Bethlehem and his death is July 20, AD 18 in Nazareth.

There is much we still wish we could know about Joseph -- exactly where and when he was born, how he spent his days, exactly when and how he died. But Scripture has left us with the most important knowledge: who he was -- "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:18). *(Catholic Online)*

Blessed Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the head of the Holy Family. Kindly look down upon us and bestow thy fatherly protection on our home and our parish. Amen



Together we are Church, together we are community, together we are Christ

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Dear Parishioners

Today is Fifth Sunday of Lent !!

In our Liturgy we enter the Passiontide of our liturgical year. As per custom from Middle Ages the Crosses and statues in the church are covered during the Passiontide symbolizing the gravity and seriousness of the events commemorated in the coming two weeks.

Third Scrutiny Sunday for those receiving adult baptism in the Diocese during this easter. This year we have only one for RCIA who will receive baptism sometime in May. Let us keep all of them in our prayers.

Feast of St. Joseph: March 19th, is the feast day of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Patron of the Universal Church. The day also happens to be the anniversary of the inauguration of Pope Francis. Its 11 year since Pope Francis is guiding the destiny of the church as the successor of St. Peter.

Jubilee Year: Pope Francis has called the Church across the world to be preparing for the 2025 as an year of Jubilee with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". We will be putting forth bits of reflections on the Lord's Prayer every week.

The Lord's Prayer.

"Give us this day our daily bread". At this point the Lord's Prayer takes turn. So far Jesus has taught us to offer praise to Our Father. Now we ask for something, we make a petition which is a pattern for the rest of the prayers in the church. This two-part structure of praise and petition is why the Lord's Prayer is called the model of prayers. It forms the pattern of many of our prayers where we offer praise to God for all He has done for us and ask Him to respond to our needs. This pattern can also be the form of our own personal prayers.



16th March Sunday	Deuteronomy 2-3
17th March Monday	Deuteronomy 4
18th March Tuesday	Deuteronomy 5-6
19th March Wednesday	Deuteronomy 7-8
20th March Thursday	Deuteronomy 9-10
21st March Friday	Deuteronomy 11-12
22nd March Saturday	Deuteronomy 13-15

Reflection: (Then Jesus said of His approaching death) "My heart is troubled....But that is why I came....so that I might go through this hour of suffering....When I am lifted from the earth, I will draw everyone to me" Jn 17: 27-33

British poet Francis Thompson wrote, "Nothing begins and nothing ends that is not paid with moan, For we are born in others pains, and perish in our own." Many people blame God for the sufferings on earth. The Bible however tells us that suffering began with the first sin. It was this suffering caused by Sin that Jesus accepted on the cross. And made it into a vehicle of salvation. St. Paul says, "We know that in all things (sufferings included) God works for good with those who love Him" (Rom 8:28)
What is the suffering that brought good into my life in the long run?

Jesus did not come to do away with sufferings or to remove it, He came to fill it with His presence...
Paul Claudell

Fr Chacko

GIFT AID The Parish needs funds and by gift aiding your contributions, it makes a huge difference. Please complete a form at the back of church and return it to the office.



If you would like to pay by standing order/ direct debit, there are forms to set this up at the back of the church. .
You may wish to make an offering via the Parish QR code



DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 16	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sun17	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of the Fifth Sunday in Lent <i>St Patrick—Patron Saint of Ireland</i> 11am Mass Int: Sylvia Whitaker RIF
Mon 18	StB	6pm	The Way of the Cross followed by Mass at 6.30pm
Tues 19	CtK	9am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am <i>St Joseph—spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Wed 20			NO MASS
Thur 21	CtK	9.30am	Mass
Fri 22	CtK StB	9.30am 7.15pm	Mass followed by the Way of the Cross The Way of the Cross—adoration & prayer
Sat 23	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Passion of the Lord
Sun24	CtK	10am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord



Lent 2024

The Way of the Cross (Stations)

Mondays at 6pm at StB
Fridays after 9.30am Mass at CtK
And Fridays 7.15pm at StB

Lent Reflection & Reconciliation Service

Thursday 21st March 7pm at StB

Palm Sunday 10am at CtK
Maundy Thursday 7.30pm at CtK
Good Friday 10am at StB—Stations
3pm Mass at CtK
7pm at StB—Stations of the Cross
Easter Vigil 7.30pm at CtK

Grand mission & Holy Week Malayalam Services 2024

22 March 5-9pm at CtK
23 March 2-9pm (for children)

Palm Sunday 2-9pm at CtK
Maundy Thursday 9am at CtK
10-11pm silent prayer
Good Friday 9am at CtK
Easter Vigil 10.30pm at CtK
Everyone is welcome
to any of these services

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

Next Sunday (24th) is Palm Sunday and we will begin our journey as we follow Christ from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the foot of the Cross as sorrowful bystanders to His Passion, before rolling back the stone of the empty tomb and the joy of the Resurrection. The Palm Sunday Mass and the services in Holy Week will be joint to bring together our churches as, in devotion, we make this journey.



Do I have to attend all the services?

Certainly! Easter is the most significant event in the Christian calendar, commemorating the resurrection and participating in the weeks services means we can fully participate in this central part of our faith. Participating in Holy Week services provides a profound opportunity for reflection and connection with the core of our faith. It would be like watching only the beginning and the end of a film— even if you knew the plot??

Holy Week offers a unique chance to deepen our faith. To walk with Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour and reflect on his last days and moments and share in the victory over death.

It provides an opportunity for Spiritual renewal. To reflect on the meaning of Christ's resurrection in our lives; to reaffirm our faith & commitment to Jesus.

Holy Week joins us as a community, worshiping and journeying together, it creates a belonging to the church and binds us in unison.

It is the celebration of the Eucharist - our faith celebrates the Eucharist, the spiritual nourishment and grace we need. It joins us to those who have gone before us who have joined in this celebration, this tradition of our faith.

Consider making Holy Week a priority, placing other things on hold as you engage in these services.
The Reflection and Reconciliation Service (21st) will be an opportunity to reflect before the weeks events and receive reconciliation from one of the priests attending.

Volunteers are needed to have 'a foot' washed on Maundy Thursday please put your name on the list at the back of church

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards the easter flowers in memory of loved one, fill out a form at the back of church or contact Michelle Carroll



PARISH QUIZ

23 March @ 7.15pm at StB
Contact Mike 07519932238
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Noel Harris, Sheila Shelley Margaret Simpson,
Tony Bateman, Les Netherton, Anna Browne,
Frances Smith, Jockeyne & Peter Cotrel,
Margaret Place, Frances & Tony Herbert, The Carter family

