



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PARISH WAUCHOPE

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BEECHWOOD & ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LONG FLAT

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year B

9th & 10th March 2024

FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

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 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."

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

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

2. 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.'.....(R.)

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

4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!(R.)

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 2:4-10*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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.

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GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

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.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

No	From	Intention
1	Anonymous	Souls in Purgatory
2		Sick members of Parish Community
3	Mary Skinner and Families	Leslie James Skinner - Anniversary
4	Anne Thornton	Colin Ryan - Anniversary
5	Jenny Woods	Evelyn Curren – Ill Health
6	Jenny Woods	Chris Antenucci – Ill Health

Announcements

1. **Project Compassion/Caritas Australia** - As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. 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.
2. **Parking in the Church Driveway** - Please only park at the top of the driveway if you have mobility issues.
3. **Parish Retreat** – Tuesday 12th to 14th March at 7pm. Moderator: Fr Anselm Okeke.
4. **Stations of the Cross** – 6pm every Friday until Holy week.
5. **New Liturgy Roster** - The roster for April to June is being prepared. If you will be away in this time please contact the Parish Office.
6. **Easter Mass Times** – See the back table for more details
7. **Easter Roster** – Please add your name if you are interested in participating over the Easter period.

Parish Events		
March		
Tues 12 th Mar	PPC Meeting	5:30pm
Sat 23 rd Mar	Children's Mass	6:00pm
Sun 24 th Mar	Palm Sunday	
Fri 29 th Mar	Good Friday	
Sun 31 st Mar	Easter Sunday – 1 Mass(5 th Sunday)	9:00am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date	Feast Day	Readings	Colour
Mon 11 th Mar		Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54	Violet
Tues 12 th Mar		Ezek 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16	Violet
Wed 13 th Mar		Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30	Violet
Thurs 14 th Mar		Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47	Violet
Fri 15 th Mar		Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Violet
Sat 16 th Mar		Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52	Violet

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-30

LITURGY ROSTER
16TH & 17TH MARCH 2024

SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM

Reader:	Gemma Fletcher
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SUNDAY 7.30AM

Reader:	Kerry Monkley
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23RD & 24TH MARCH 2024

SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM

Reader:	Children's Mass
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SUNDAY 7.30AM

Reader:	Debbie Fear
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30TH & 31ST MARCH 2024

SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM

Reader:	Easter – Separate Roster
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SUNDAY 9.00AM

Reader:	Easter – Separate Roster
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CHURCH CLEANING

Ken Ogilvie & Ian Adams
 9th to 22nd March 2024

CHURCH LINEN

Maureen Avery (Mar)

PARISH LITURGIES
OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WAUCHOPE

Saturday	
Reconciliation	5:30pm
Vigil Mass	6:00pm
Sunday	
Mass 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th	7:30am
5 th Sunday	9:00am
Baptisms 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th	11.15am
Sundays. (Please contact the Parish office for bookings.)	
Tuesday	
Mass	10:30am
Rosary(Weekly)	11:00am
Wednesday	
Mass	8:00am
Thursday	
Mass	8:00am
Friday	
Adoration	11:15am
Mass	12:00noon

ST PATRICK'S, BEECHWOOD

Mass	1 st & 3 rd Sunday	9:30am
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ST PETER'S, LONG FLAT

Mass	2 nd & 4 th Sunday	9:30am
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BUNDALEER MASS

4th Friday of the month at 11:00am

DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND

Pays 4.15%. Effective 1 Nov 2023.
 The Port Macquarie office of the DIF is open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm.
 Phone Veronica or Mary for any enquiries on 6583 7439.

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

the Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contactable if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you. Contact the Safeguarding Office - Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

