

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

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Food for thought.... Last week the Holy See announced that our Blessed Mary McKillop will formally be recognised on the 17th October 2010 as a universal Saint in the Catholic Church. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Josephite Sisters and thank them for the works they have been doing for the people of Australia, especially in the area of education. Let's look at the Holy See and find out who they are.

The Holy See (Latin: Sancta Sedes) is the episcopal jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome (who is commonly known as the Pope), and is the preeminent episcopal See of the Catholic Church, forming the central government of the Church. As such, diplomatically, and in other spheres the Holy See acts and speaks for the whole Catholic Church. It is also recognized by other subjects of international law as a sovereign entity, headed by the Pope, with which diplomatic relations can be maintained. *From Wikipedia*

Although it is often referred to by the ambiguous term "the Vatican", the Holy See is not the same as the Vatican City State, which came into existence only in 1929, while the Holy See dates back to early Christian times. Ambassadors are officially accredited not to the Vatican City State but to "the Holy See", and papal representatives to states and international organizations are recognized as representing the Holy See, not the Vatican City State. *FR THAI VU*

It's time to BLAST again on Saturday, 6 March from 3.00pm-6.00pm at the Parish Hall. So, if you are between 10 and 15 join us for the **BLAST** Program. Come along for an afternoon of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship. Bring a friend. Enq: contact Maria 0430 280 122 or Selwyn 0414 166 637.

DAY	SAINTS JOHN & PAUL CHURCH <u>SCHEDULE 1-7 MARCH 2010</u> SECOND WEEK OF LENT
MONDAY	9.00am Mass
TUESDAY	9.00am Mass
WEDNESDAY	9.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass
THURSDAY	9.00am Mass
FRIDAY	10.00am World Day of Prayer Service followed by Morning Tea in Centre 12.00noon Healing Mass & Anointing of the Sick 7.00pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Catholic Faith Renewal: Teaching & Mass—followed by Supper in John Paul Centre—All welcome
SATURDAY	9.00am Mass 9.30am Reconciliation (till 10.00am) 5.30pm Reconciliation (till 6.00pm) THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) 6.30pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass

MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Thai Vu (pp@johnpaulwilletton.org.au)
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Pastoral Workers: Sr Monica (9310 4072); Sr Veronica (9443 1036)
Rosa Pasquale (9332 3813)

Secretary/Bursar: Rossana Terpolilli
R.E. Co-ordinator: Mildred Rego (9450 4573)
John Paul Care
Co-ordinator: Betty Thompson (9457 4991)



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Peter, James and John wanted to build a “booth” for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His crucifixion. We, too must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

RCIA – Rite of Sending and Election....

The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults prepares new members to join our Catholic faith; and helps baptised Catholics in renewing their faith. Since July last year, our 7 candidates have been meeting weekly and learning about our faith. At the 6.30pm Mass last weekend, we celebrated the Rite of Sending, where our parish community met our candidates, express our approval and send them forth to the Bishop. On Thursday (25 February), our candidates were presented to the Bishop at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, in a ceremony called the Rite of Election. This ceremony marks the beginning of their Lenten journey to Easter when they will be initiated as full members of our Church. The Tree Of Life displayed at the front of the church (near the baptismal font) holds the names of our RCIA candidates: Eloise, John, Michelle, Sandi, Sharon, Shu Vun and Tim. As a parish community, let's lend the candidates our support and keep them in our prayers. For more information, please visit the parish website.

LIVE AND PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD....

“Who is Jesus in Luke's Gospel?” A workshop for Proclaimers and Leaders of Children's Liturgy and all who listen to the Word. Please bring your Bible.
When: Tuesday, 2 March 2010 from 9.30am-12.30pm at Saints John & Paul Parish Centre, Pinetree Gully Rd, Willetton and Saturday, 6 March from 9.30am-12.30pm at Infant Jesus Parish Centre, Wellington Rd, Morley. To register your interest in attending phone Centre for Liturgy on 9207 3 3 5 0 ; F a x 9 3 4 9 0 3 6 2 ; E m a i l liturgy.centre@perthcatholic.org.au

OLD PALMS.... Parishioners, please return all old palms to Sacristy.

PROCLAIMERS PLEASE NOTE that there will not be a session on Monday, 1 March (Public Holiday).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)....

1st Reading: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel Reading: Lk 13:1-9

THE CATHOLIC GUY LENTEN MISSION....

Join Bruce Downes and “The Catholic Guy” team for a 5 night event in preparation for Easter. The Catholic Guy team is known for presenting a weekly Catholic television program as well as numerous events at parishes around Australia and overseas.

Each night of The Catholic Guy Lenten Mission will include talks, music, multimedia and an opportunity for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth. This event is guaranteed to be an excellent experience for both regular parishioners and those whom you may wish to bring with you. No matter your age, young or old, you're guaranteed to enjoy this experience. This is a great opportunity to come together as a parish and explore our faith and reconnect to God as a truly Eucharistic community.
DATES: 15 to 19 March 2010 inclusive. TIMES: 7.30pm-9.30pm each night (with supper). MORE DETAILS: Flyers available in the Church foyer.

In order to make it a really successful event we will need assistance over the 5 evenings and would like to request volunteers to help in the following areas:

- platters of savoury food for the supper (2 platters per night);
- serving the supper;
- child-minding for the creche (activities are provided by the Catholic Guy organisation);
- assistance with setting up and cleaning up.

If you can assist in any of these ways please phone the parish office or **Betty 9457 4991** so that a roster can be drawn up.

First Holy Communion.... There will be a Parent Information Evening and Enrolment for children receiving First Holy Communion in the Parish this year both from Orana and the After School Program on Thursday, 4 March at 7.00pm at the parish centre. It is important that at least one parent attends this meeting where Fr Thai will talk on the Sacrament and details of the program will be given. Should you have any queries, please call Mildred on 9450 4573 (after hours) or at the parish office on Tuesdays 9332 5992.

JOHN PAUL CARE

This parish pastoral organisation offers, through its volunteers, short term (up to 3 months) emergency care to anyone who lives within the parish. Assistance is offered in the areas of bereavement/grief support, visiting the sick and the elderly, **mental** health, support for parents, cooking, transport, gardening and handyman. To enquire about these services, please contact the following:

- Parish Office (Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm) 9332 5992
- FAMILY SUPPORT: Betty 9457 4991
- MEALS: Mary 9310 2426
- MENTAL HEALTH: Bob 9332 3528
(Information only)
- GARDENING: Greg 9456 1747
- BEREAVEMENT: Geraldine 9456 2985
(or Betty: 9457 4991)
- TRANSPORT: Reena 9310 4173

The John Paul Care brochure is available in the foyer of the Church. It offers the opportunity to volunteer or to request assistance. **Please feel free to take one home. CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED AT ALL TIMES**

LOSING A LOVED ONE may be the most difficult time in your life, but you need not be alone. The **JOHN PAUL CARE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** welcomes you to our meetings which are conducted in a friendly, relaxed and confidential setting. Meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**

WHAT'S ON

1 MARCH 2010:

7.00pm Personal Advocacy Advocate Preparation—JP Centre

2 MARCH 2010:

9.30am Readers & Leaders Workshop—Main Hall—JP Centre

7.30pm RCIA—Large Meeting Room— John Paul Centre

3 MARCH 2010:

9.30am Craft Circle—Large Meeting Room—John Paul Centre

9.30am-11.00am Exposition of the BS—John Paul Church

7.30pm JP Prayer Ministry—John Paul Church—All welcome

7.30pm JP Bereavement Support Group—Meeting Room 1

7.45pm Liturgy Committee—Meeting Room 2

4 MARCH 2010:

11.00am-12.00noon Divine Mercy Devotions—JP Church

7.00pm Personal Advocacy Integrated Group—JP Centre

5 MARCH 2010:

10.30am Growing Vine—Large Meeting Room—JP Centre

THANK YOU FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED....

To Fr Thai and Fr Anand and all Ss John & Paul parishioners, some of whom have even sought help from their overseas prayer groups, my family and I would like to thank you most sincerely for the prayers that have made it possible for me to recover from my recent serious illness. I have never received so much spiritual and moral support as I have during that terrible ordeal. Thank you once again. And may God bless you too. **JEFF FRANCIS**

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

A DATE WITH JESUS.... JPYM is running an 8 week course called "INTRODUCING GOD" straight after the Vigil Mass each week. The message focuses on the importance of having a solid relationship with Jesus and is CAFE style. All youth aged 16+ are welcome. Come along and discover something wonderful this LENT!

PROJECT COMPASSION—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT...

As Christians we are called to walk with those who are in need. This week's story introduces us to Teneille, from Derby in Western Australia. Limited job opportunities, low family literacy levels and poor health and housing are some of the issues affecting poor school performance amongst indigenous children in the area. Teneille participates in a Caritas Australia supported program that is empowering children to attend school, have healthy and nutritious food and improve the school performance amongst the area's children. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to work towards the goal of ensuring primary education for all children.

PARISHIONERS—NO PARKING PLEASE on the grass area near the entrance and exit from the Church car-park as people cannot see when turning left or right. **FR THAI**

Corpus Christi College Tour Days, Thursday 11 March and Tuesday 16 March 2010. The Tour Day will commence with registration from 8.40am-9.00am followed by the Principal's Welcome Address and a guided tour of the College. Refreshments provided at the conclusion of the tour at 10.40am. Please RSVP to the College by Thursday, 4 March via email: tourday@corpus.wa.edu.au or phone 6332 2517.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is to be held in Saints John & Paul Church on Friday, 5 March at 10.00am. The service will be for approximately 1 hour followed by Morning Tea. Let us have a good roll up as we are hosting other Churches in our area.

WEEKLY LENTEN REFLECTION SHEETS designed for individual or small groups are available in the church foyer.

GOSPEL CHALLENGE

(Gen 15;5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36)

If we suppose the tents in the Gospel might represent the Church of the past, the present and the future: How could I learn and grow from the traditions of the past? How can I participate in the Church of today? What should I do to ensure a joyful faith community for tomorrow?