

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

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**Food for Thought—Holy Week....** Holy Week begins with Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord (Palm Sunday). It commemorates the entrance of the Messiah into Jerusalem, to accomplish his paschal mystery. It is customary to have a blessing of palm leaves before Mass. The blessing ceremony held outside the church includes the reading of a Gospel account of how Jesus rode into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey.

**Holy Thursday:** On this day the private celebration of Mass is forbidden. Thus, apart from the Chrism Mass for the blessing of the Holy Oils, the only Mass on this day is the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, which inaugurates the period of three days known as the Easter Triduum that includes Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with his Twelve Apostles, "the institution of the Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood, and the commandment of brotherly love that Jesus gave after washing the feet of his disciples."

**Good Friday:** This service involves a series of readings and meditations, as well as the reading of the Passion account from the Gospel of John which is often read dramatically. The Good Friday service is not a Mass and, in fact, celebration of Catholic Mass on Good Friday is forbidden. Eucharist consecrated the night before (Holy Thursday) may be distributed. The cross is presented with the people given an opportunity to venerate it.

**Easter Vigil:** In the Roman Catholic tradition, the Easter Vigil consists of four parts:

- (1) The Service of Light
- (2) The Liturgy of the Word

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<b>DAY</b>	<b>SS JOHN &amp; PAUL CHURCH SCHEDULE 15-21 MARCH 2010 FOURTH WEEK OF LENT</b>	<b>What's On!</b> 
<b>MON</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	<b>7.30PM-9.30PM—PARISH MISSION</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	<b>7.30PM-9.30PM—PARISH MISSION 7.30pm RCIA—Large Meeting Room</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>ST PATRICK, BISHOP 9.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass</b>	<b>9.30am Craft Circle—Large Meeting Room 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— John Paul Church 2.00pm Legion of Mary—Meeting Room 2 7.30PM-9.30PM—PARISH MISSION</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	<b>11.00am Divine Mercy Devotions—JP Church 7.00pm Personal Advocacy—JP Centre 7.30PM-9.30PM—PARISH MISSION</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY 12.00noon Mass</b>	<b>10.30am Growing Vine—John Paul Centre 7.30PM-9.30PM—PARISH MISSION</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>9.00am Mass 9.30am Reconciliation (till 10.00am) 5.30pm Reconciliation (till 6.00pm) FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) 6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass</b>	

## MINISTRY TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr Thai Vu (pp@johnpaulwilletton.org.au)  
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**Secretary/Bursar:** Rossana Terpolilli  
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**John Paul Care**  
**Co-ordinator:** Betty Thompson (9457 4991)



## Stewardship

*A Way of Life*

**The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.**

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(3) The Liturgy of Baptism: The sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for new members of the Church and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises by the entire congregation.

(4) Holy Eucharist

The Liturgy begins after sundown on Holy Saturday as the crowd gathers inside the unlit church. In the darkness, a new fire is kindled and blessed by the priest. This new fire symbolises the light of salvation and hope that God brought into the world through Christ's Resurrection, dispelling the darkness of sin and death. The Liturgy of the Word consists of between 2 and 7 readings from the Old Testament. The account of the Exodus is given particular attention in the readings since it is considered to be the Old Testament antitype of Christian salvation. Each reading is followed by a psalm and a prayer relating what has been read in the Old Testament to the Mystery of Christ.

After the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, the water of the baptismal font is consecrated and any catechumens or candidates for full communion are initiated into the church, by baptism and/or confirmation respectively. After the celebration of these sacraments of initiation, the congregation renews their baptismal vows and receives the sprinkling of baptismal water. After the Liturgy of Baptism, the Liturgy of the Eucharist continues as usual. This is the first Mass of Easter Day. During the Eucharist, the newly baptised receive Holy Communion for the first time. **FR THAI VU**

**THE MAIN THING....** Something to think about during our coming Lenten Mission. *A short reflection from Bruce Downes, the Catholic Guy*

Have you ever focused on an area of life thinking that it was the main "thing" only to discover you were wrong and wasted a lot of time because it wasn't really the main "thing?" I have!

When I was a teenager my focus was about being accepted. It dominated whether I did the right "thing," said the right "thing," what clothes I wore, who I was hanging out with and what events I was seen at. Image and being "in" were the main "thing."

It took time, some disappointment, hardship and a little maturity for me to discover that these things were not the main "thing." Right through school the big question was,

"what are you going to do for a career?" This must be the main "thing" I thought. So I got ready.

Some years later I get married, have five children and yes, career seems to be the main "thing." After all, I know that providing for my family is important.

As time goes by, my time with Rosemary, the children and other areas of life seem to come second to work. My constant thought is on my role as a provider. On top of this is a nagging feeling and knowledge that I don't want to be wasting my skills and talents. After all I know that God gave me abilities to make a contribution to the world.

Years go by and then one day, having accomplished many things, I wake up and ask myself, "is this really the main "thing?" Is providing, achieving and contributing, while very important, really the main "thing?"

I am not alone!!! Lots of people get to a point in life where they also ask these questions.

Jesus spent three years with His followers teaching them and preparing them to do his work. One day He said to them, 'it is now your turn to go and represent me and to do the things you have seen me do.' In Luke 10 he sends out seventy two of them in pairs.

Some time later his followers return and they are excited. They tell stories of the amazing things that they have done in His name. They have cast out demons and healed the sick. The buzz and excitement must have been incredible as they got back together. You can imagine them saying to Jesus, 'can we go do that again because even the demons obeyed us?'

Jesus probably smiled and was thrilled to see their excitement and then said to them, 'yes, I saw demons fall and yes you did do amazing things but guys that's not the main "thing." The main "thing" that you should be excited about is that your names are written in heaven.'

In other words the things the returning seventy two got excited about were important but they were not the main "thing."

Are you spending time with your loved ones or is your job, your hobbies or your volunteer work all dominant in your life? They might even seem like you are doing the right "thing?" Will you wake up one day and say I thought what I was doing was the right thing but I have discovered it was not the main "thing?" Wake up and focus on the main "thing" today!

Take the time to consider what the main thing is in your life—join the Willetton Parish Lenten Mission in preparation for Easter. **DATES: 15-19 March (incl).**

**TIMES: 7.30pm-9.30pm each night (with supper).**

## 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.**

## PROJECT COMPASSION—FOURTH SUNDAY

**OF LENT...** Care for God's creation has always been an important part of Christian tradition. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Clare from the Southern Highlands in Papua New Guinea. Clare works in the maternity ward, supporting local women to have access to safe maternity services. She also works as an educator on maternal health issues and provides ongoing support to mothers about child health, nutrition and prevention of disease. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps PNG communities to have access to safe maternity and child health facilities as well as primary health care.

**RCIA – First Scrutiny....** The Scrutinies are rites of self-searching, repentance and healing. The Scrutinies enliven our recommitment to Christ at Easter; and help our 7 RCIA candidates approach the water of baptism and the Eucharistic table in a worthy state. At the 6.30pm Mass this weekend, we celebrate the First Scrutiny; and present our candidates with the Creed of our Church. As a community, we join the candidates in praying the Scrutiny to encourage a spirit of repentance. The words of the Creed are few, but the mysteries they contain are great. May our RCIA receive them with a sincere heart and be faithful to them. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

**PROCLAIMERS PLEASE NOTE: THE PROCLAIMERS WORKSHOP SESSION FOR MONDAY, 15 MARCH 2010 IS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE PARISH MISSION.**

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS

**DATE WITH JESUS?** Our 8 week Introducing God Sessions are well under way. Our sessions run every Sunday night at 7.00pm until Easter. By then the youth would have learned and established a new dimension to their faith and have a great relationship with Jesus. If interested to learn about your faith and ask as many questions as you want, please come along. For more details contact Joel or Kathleen on 0450 903 606 or 0421 755 731.

**JPYM MASS AND FORMATIONS**—resume at the Saturday Vigil Mass next week (20 March, 6.30pm) - all youth welcome.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2010....** Thank you to all who attended and assisted at the Service on Friday, 5 March. As the Host Church we can be proud of the participation in the service and the following morning tea. Our gratitude to Father Anand who spoke eloquently on praising God, the theme for this year. **PAT BONSER, KATHERINE McAULIFFE, WDOP REPS**

**THE JOHN PAUL PRAYER MINISTRY** is organizing a Healing Mass on the 31 March, 2010, at John Paul Catholic Church, Willetton. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Roy Pereira and will start at 7.00pm. Come and experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit and be blessed. All welcome. Coffee and Tea will be served in the Parish Centre after the Mass.

**Honouring Blessed Mary MacKillop in the Year of the Canonisation 2010:** When: Thursday, 18 March 2010 at 7.00pm. Vigil Mass of the feast of St Joseph followed by supper. Where: Sisters of St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York St, South Perth. Everyone welcome. Phone: 9334 0999; email: [lmccarthy@sosjwa.org.au](mailto:lmccarthy@sosjwa.org.au)

### ROBERT CURTIS, RIP

The sincere sympathy of the parish community is extended to Norm Curtis and family on the recent loss of Norm's brother, Robert.



**ST NORBERT COLLEGE** invites applications for Academic & Music Scholarships for commencement in Year 7/8 2011 & Basketball Scholarships for Years 7 to 12 in 2011. For more details phone Angela Hughes 9350 5433 or website: [www.norbert.wa.edu.au](http://www.norbert.wa.edu.au)

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

- 1st Reading: *Is 43:16-21*
- 2nd Reading: *Phil 3:8-14*
- Gospel Reading: *Jn 8:1-11*

## GOSPEL CHALLENGE

(Acts 13:14, 43-52; Apoc 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30)

The second son worked for his father out of duty and expected to be rewarded accordingly. Is my participation in the Eucharist only out of duty or have I developed a love for the Eucharist?