

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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Church of the Sacred Heart

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

3 April 2022

Mercy and compassion above all

If you were asked to name ten famous figures in the Bible, you would probably list a series of well-known male identities, for example, Abraham, Moses, Job, Jesus, Peter, or Paul. Of the 1426 names of people mentioned in the Bible, 1315 are male. Only 111 women's names appear in the Sacred Scriptures.

Given these statistics, one might rightly assume that both women and the issues specific to women were largely ignored by the Biblical writers.

Today's Gospel, however, presents us with an anomaly — a nameless, adulterous woman whose story proved so powerful that it survived three centuries to be later included in the Fourth Gospel. What is even more remarkable is that it involved a woman who was far from exemplary in her behaviour.

Women play an important role in the Fourth Gospel. Jesus' mother is offered as an example of the perfect disciple (Jn 2:3-4); the woman at the well in Samaria (Jn 4) is presented as a prototype of the Christian missionary (Jn 4:4-42); and, the first witness of the resurrection is Mary Magdalene (Jn 20:11-18), a detail that grants apostolic status to a woman.

The story of the woman condemned by a mob for her extramarital affairs is very different. On the one hand, it appears to be a stray tradition about Jesus that was added to the Gospel in the third century. On the other, the subject of the story is not held up as an example of anything other than as a recipient of Jesus' mercy and compassion.

Some early manuscripts have this story in Luke's Gospel; and it is a worthy sequel to last week's story of the Prodigal Son (Lk 15:11-32). Just as the Lukan Jesus told that story of the shameless father who sought to reconcile his two sons, so too here this tale serves to highlight that the call to be a Christian is a call to be different, even shameful, in the eyes of wider society.

Jesus was not one to conform to the mob mentality. He saw through the hypocrisy of the crowd demanding the woman's death. He knew that their appeal to the authorities, both religious and civil, was but an attempt to hide from the real demands of God's covenantal love.

In a society that saw women as property, Jesus held to a broader, more equalitarian perspective, despite the risk of being seen as different and dangerous. For Jesus, mercy and compassion trump all other demands, even the legal customs of society. He chose to identify with someone shamed by wider society and condemned by the mob.

Like the dysfunctional family of last week's Gospel, the story of the adulterous woman suggests that Christians too must be shameless in their compassion for the poor and lowly, especially those whose behaviours are deemed shameful. To publicly declare one's allegiance to the crucified Christ is to identify oneself with all those marginalised by the cultural expectations of society — be they refugees, drug addicts, prostitutes, adulterers, or criminals.

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This week in the Parish 3 - 10 April

Sunday 3	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:15 am - Baptism
Tuesday 5	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer <i>No 5:30 pm Mass today</i> 6:00 pm - II Rite of Reconciliation - Kingscliff
Wednesday 6	4:30 pm - Hour of Prayer 5:30 pm - Mass
Thursday 7	8:15 am - Mass 9:15 am - Legion of Mary (<i>Philomena 0414201940</i>) 5:30 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting
Friday 8	12:00 pm - Mass 12:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (<i>see note below</i>)
Saturday 9	3:00 pm - Wedding - Sacred Heart Church Rachel Macartney & Cameron Barnes 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 10	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 7:45 am - Sacred Park with Anglican Community - process to the Sacred Heart Church 8:00 am - Mass

RECONCILIATION IN LENT

Friday: 11:30 am - 11:50 am
Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 7.30 am - 7.50 am

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Each Tuesday & Wednesday
from 4:30 pm

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, with
this weekend's readings, are
available for you in the Church.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month
11 am - 11:50 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Coleman (nee Norris), Lyle Houlahan,
Kath O'Keeffe, John Keevers

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Flanagan, Shirley Nolan, Genevieve Natera

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Deb Craig, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

II RITE OF RECONCILIATION

St Anthony's Church, Kingscliff
Tuesday 5 April at 6pm.
Several priests will be available.

READING ROSTER | YEAR C

2/3 April | Fifth Sunday of Lent

6 pm - Lyndy Severs
8 am - Jan Bruce
10 am - Mary-Ann Thackray

VIEW MASS AT HOME - *There are several options
to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:*

- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass
on the [Diocesan YouTube](#) channel - 9:00 am.
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sacred Heart Church - 12.30pm
Fridays during Lent led by Legion
of Mary (following 12.00 pm Mass)



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Bruna Olive Blackman
to our faith community.

'MASS OF ANOINTING'

9AM | SATURDAY | 23 APRIL

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prayer
of healing which may be celebrated individually and
communally, and may be received more than once.

All Parishioners Are Welcome.

Readings for this Sunday and next week:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

PALM SUNDAY - Year C

(Entrance: Lk 19:28-40)

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

ENTRANCE HYMN

MAY THIS LENTEN DISCIPLINE

James McAuley

Ref: May this Lenten discipline
which we undertake with love,
turn our minds to things above.

Sin has sundered us from God,
selfish we have grown and cold,
foolish were the ways we trod,
evil habits keep their hold.

Now we fast that we may feast
where the Lord of life presides;
may our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides.

As we keep this Lent with prayer
and from pleasures are withdrawn,
minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn.

COMMUNION HYMN

JESUS, MY LORD, MY GOD, MY ALL

Frederick W Faber

Jesus my Lord, my God, my all,
how can I love thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift
so far surpassing hope or thought?

Sweet sacrament we thee adore;
Oh make us love thee more and more
Oh make us love thee more and more.

Had I but Mary's sinless heart
to love thee with my dearest king,
oh with what bursts of fervent praise
thy goodness Jesus would I sing!

Sweet sacrament we thee adore;
Oh make us love thee more and more
Oh make us love thee more and more.

REFLECTION HYMN

GRANT TO US O LORD Lucien Deiss

Ref: Grant to us O Lord, a heart renewed;
Recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord!

Behold, the days are coming,
says the Lord our God,
When I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel.

Deep within their being
I will implant my law;
I will write it in their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

And for all their faults
I will grant forgiveness;
Nevermore will I remember their sins.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Suzanne Toolan

I am the bread of life;
he who comes to me shall not hunger.
He who believes in me shall not thirst,
no one can come to me
unless the Father draw him

And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live forever,
he shall live forever.

And I will raise him up ...

I am the resurrection, I am the life;
he who believes in me, even if he die,
he shall live forever.

And I will raise him up...

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*Has not one condemned you, woman?
No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you.
From now on, sin no more.
- John 8:10-11*

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

 Australian Catholic
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**A reminder ...
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
3 am SUNDAY 3 APRIL**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 125)

R: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

IF SUNG:

R: The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

PASSION SUNDAY - 10 April

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm - Blessing of palms.

Passion Sunday: 7:45 am - Blessing of Palms in Sacred Park with the Anglican Community, then process to Sacred Heart Church for **8:00 am Mass.**

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - 14 April:

7:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration.

Good Friday - 15 April:

9:00 am - Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm - Solemn Celebration Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil - 16 April:

7:00 pm - Easter Vigil - Sacred Heart Church

EASTER SUNDAY - 17 April

9:00 am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church

MASS ATTENDANCE

What you need to know ...

Please DO NOT ATTEND MASS if you are unwell, have any cold or flu-like symptoms or are a close contact of a family member with covid-19.

Masks are no longer mandatory, but encouraged in Mass to protect the vulnerable members of our parish community.

We also encourage people to still socially distance wherever possible.

Sacramental restrictions remain in place including the distribution of Holy Communion strictly **BY HAND only.**

We will maintain our covid-19 safety plan and review regularly to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all parishioners, clergy and staff.

Thank you all for your care and consideration of each other. Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann Thackray in the Parish Office.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 & 3 April



Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself.



Please donate to Project Compassion so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion envelopes available in the Church today, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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