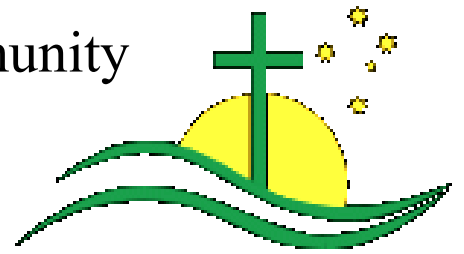




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Third Sunday of LENT Year B, 6-7 March, 2021

Message from Fr Brendan

Dear Parishioners

I trust this letter finds you well.

As our numbers at Weekend Mass continue to slowly increase and Easter quickly approaches I thought it prudent to communicate some of our plans for the coming weeks.

We have already had many inquiries in regard to our Easter ceremonies but I would ask you to be patient as the Pastoral Council and Parish Team will be meeting on Sunday March 14th to finalise details. We will provide as many opportunities as possible for people to attend the Easter Triduum but a number of logistical issues need to be investigated before we can confirm our timetable. The timetable will be published on the website on March 17th and in the newsletter on the weekend of March 21/22.

The sacramental cohort from last year will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on Saturday March 20th and Sunday March 21st. These celebrations will be held separately from the normal Parish Masses as numbers make it impossible to incorporate the ceremonies within our normal Mass times. Please keep the children in your prayers at this very important time of their faith journey.

I cannot illustrate enough the importance of all volunteers attending one of the two professional standards courses that look at safeguarding our children and vulnerable adults. ALL volunteers must attend ONE of these sessions. The sessions are Tuesday March 16th at 10.00am and Wednesday March 17th at 7.30 pm, and will run for about an hour. Please contact the office to book in.

The Parish finances have remained steady due to a combination of cost cutting, your generous support and the Government jobkeeper subsidy. When Masses resumed we have had only a leaving collection and while the planned giving program has been steady, the loose change or presbytery fund has dwindled significantly. The jobkeeper allowance will conclude at the end of March and in April we will be reintroducing the 2 collections. We are currently working out how to operate this in a covid safe manner.

Blessings,
 Fr Brendan

Station of the Cross
 is on Friday evenings at 7pm in
 the church

Weekday Masses

Monday
 9am Mass

Tuesday
 9am Mass

Wednesday
 7pm Mass

Thursday
 9am Mass

Friday
 9am Mass

Weekend Masses

Saturday
 6pm Mass

Sunday
 9am, 11am & 6pm Mass
 (11am Mass will also be live
 streamed)

Parish Reconciliation:
 Saturdays 10am - 10.30am

Priests:
 Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
 Deacon Luke Bulley CP

Passionist Community
 Fr Brian Gleeson CP
 Fr Kevin Hennessy CP

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 Principal
 Mr Paul Gleeson

**St John's
 Regional College**
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 Principal
 Mr Tim Hogan

Parish Staff:
 Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
 Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Parish Calendar, News & Events

2021 PROJECT COMPASSION

This year the theme for Project Compassion is 'BE MORE'. May we be able to spare more for those who are underprivileged. Project Compassion boxes will be available at the Church and at the parish house. Please contact us if you wish to have some of them to take home.



9am to 2pm. This new procedure is in place due to the COVID regulation

ONLINE MASS FROM THIS WEEK (7 March)

Starting from this weekend, we will be moving our livestreaming of the Sunday 11am Mass (as well as any future livestreamed Masses/events) from Facebook to YouTube. This will make it easier for our tech team, as well as improving the quality of the stream. Each week, the link to the livestream will be made available in advance on our website, our Facebook page, and in the Newsletter. We're working to make this shift as seamless as possible, however we know it will involve a bit of a shift in practice for many of you, so we thank you in advance for your patience.

To follow this Sunday Mass please click here:

<https://youtu.be/nk8pUy5bcXA>

FIRST COMMUNION (from the 2020 group)

(This news is for all children who received their First Sacrament of Reconciliation at the end of 2020)

All of candidates are now busy with their work and studies preparing themselves leading up to the last family night on **Thursday, 18 MARCH at 7pm** in the church. *(For those attending outside our parish schools, please note that you must attend the After School Religious Education Classes 'ASRE' - please see the ASRE article in this newsletter)*

In the mean time, we hope your knowledge will grow as you attend Mass either during the week or on the weekend.

We have now finalized the list of the First Holy Communion Masses and have also sent out more information to all families.

After School Religious Education Classes (ASRE)

These classes are intended for all children who attend non Catholic Schools. This year classes have been designed differently, we have started with the 2020 First Communion group who are receiving their First Communion in March 2021. Their next session of ASRE is on **Tuesday 9 March from 4pm**. Please remember this is only for those children who are attending non parish schools.

Soon after Easter you we will announce our sacramental programs for this year.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES - only for WEEKLY giver

We still have some envelopes to be picked up. Please approach either Gillian or Didi after the weekend Mass and they will give you the set of envelopes. You may also contact them at the parish office during the week, Monday to Friday

SAFEGUARDING MEETING FOR "ALL" VOLUNTEERS

As we all return to "Covid-normal" over the coming weeks and months, we will also resume the varied volunteering roles that we participate in. There will be an information session for **ALL** volunteers, both new and existing on **Tuesday the 16th March at 10am and Wednesday the 17th March at 7.30pm in the Church**. Please ensure you are able to attend **either** of these sessions (Duration will be approximately one hour)

Please book your space at either of the sessions after Mass (weekday or weekend) or contact the parish office 97003781. If either of these dates is unsuitable please let either Didi or Gillian know. Please note that this is a **compulsory session for all volunteers**.

EGG COLLECTION (runs by Parish Justice Group)

The Justice group wishes to express their gratitude to those who have been donating to the 'egg collection fund'. If you wish to donate to this good cause, please leave the donation at the parish house (in an envelope marked as 'egg collection' on it) The egg collection is our support to the asylum seeker

Readings:

Third Sunday of LENT Yr B:

Ex 20: 1-17;
1 Cor 1: 22-25;
Jn 2: 13-25

Fourth Sunday of LENT Yr B:

2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23;
Eph 2: 4-10;
Jn 3: 14-21

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Denise Rodgers, Camilla D'Rozario, Angela Ameruso, Sr. Serafina, Andre Machado, Yvette Woods, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Gaetan Clark, Ismael Bermudez, Cyril Hendricks, Jack Scanlan, Domenica Lombardi, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Chase McCarthy, Irma Aiello, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues

Those who have died

Hemalatha Wijaygoonerathna, Adolphina Ndemasi, Clive Neydorff, PJ Joseph, Ruben Braz de Carvalho, Ruth Gregory, Thomas Brennan, Deon Lawrence, Clare Pappachan Chennampally **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

