

First Sunday of Lent  
9th March 2014



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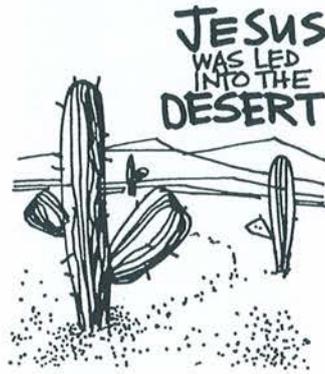
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BRONCOS!!  
GOOD SEASON!

## Repent and Believe in the Gospel



“Change your mind, change your heart” and “shape your life on the Gospel of Jesus”. A double project stands before us as we signed on for the season of Lent last Wednesday marked with ash.

There are many sides to our Lenten Retreat. The big goal is Renewal — metanoia — change of heart. Three primary tasks — fasting, prayer, giving alms — forty days of preparation for the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

We have two catechumens (for Easter Baptism) and two Candidates (for full Communion with the Church) and they go to the Cathedral today to also “sign on” with the Archbishop in the Rite of Election. This final Lenten Retreat crystallises their fresh life choices. Pray for them.

But we are all on Lenten Retreat — doing again what they do for the first time for the Christian life is “semper reformanda” - ever to be renewed. There is no final arrival till the great feast with the Lord.

There are lots of parish resources for the Retreat — you will find them advertised through the newsletter over the coming weeks. Each week there will be an **insert** to help our reflection on Project Compassion. Thanks to Tracie Gallagher & Clare Locke for this creation.

There are Lenten Discussions, Prayer Cards, Little Black Books, Lectio Divina, Friday Stations, Sacrament of Reconciliation, weekday Masses.

This weekend, the Archbishop addresses his local Church at all Masses. Inspired by Pope Francis' Exhortation to Mission, “Evangelii Gaudium”, his pastoral this year is a

self examination, a looking inside, a call to “Repent and Believe the Joy of the Gospel”. It is powerful stuff — a copy of which is available to take home after Mass from the church doors.

The liturgy this First Sunday of Lent starts us well. It focuses on that deep alienation within that stands in the way of our growing in life and love — **sin**. Jesus leads us humans in the quest for **life**.

Jesus withdraw to the Judean desert (Gospel). There he submitted himself to an inner spiritual struggle based on who he was and what he was being called to do. Notice that the tempter prefaces his suggestions with “if you are the Son of God ...” At his very core, Jesus was being challenged as to how he would use the power he wielded as God's Son. Would it be for himself and his own self-aggrandisement and satisfaction, or would he live for God? Despite the cost, Jesus faced down his tempter and chose to remain true to himself and to God.

Jesus' choice stands in sharp contrast to the choice made by the first humans, in the story of creation and the explanation for how evil became part of the human experience (Genesis, first reading). Although they were endowed with the same freedoms as Jesus, those who first walked with God did not use their freedom wisely or well. As a result of their poor choices, they found themselves alienated from God and from one another and at odds with the world that was to be their home.

Paul, (Romans—second reading), referenced the primeval experience and the experience of Jesus to create a powerful comparison. With Adam came sin and death, but with Jesus came forgiveness, justification and life. Paul's intent was to illustrate that God's power to heal and save is greater than any sin.

So Lent summons us to the desert retreat. Make ready for Easter. Repent and believe in the Joy of the Gospel.

LITURGY TIMES

10th March — 16th March

Grovelly	St William's
Monday:	9.15am Mass
Wednesday:	5.45—6.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass
Thursday:	9.00am Mass with Yrs 2/3 10.30am Anointing Mass Bellevue Nursing home
Friday:	7.00am Mass 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday:	7.00am Mass 11.00am—12 noon Reconciliation
<b>Next Weekend Masses</b>	
Saturday:	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	6:30am, 8.00am, 9.30am 5:30pm

Mitchelton	Our Lady of Dolours
Monday:	8.30am Mass
Tuesday:	8.30am Mass
Friday:	8.30am Mass 9.05am Stations of the Cross
Saturday:	3.45—4.15pm Reconciliation
<b>Next Weekend Masses</b>	
Saturday:	4.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8:00am

Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday:	7.30pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion
<b>Next Weekend Mass</b>	
Sunday:	8.00am Mass

**Readings for this Week**  
1st Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
Rom 5:12-19  
Mt 4:1-11

**Next Week's Readings**  
2nd Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

Gen 12:1-4  
2 Tim 1:8-10  
Mt 17:1-9

**GROVELLY NEWS**



**The Second Collection**  
amounted to \$6949.70  
We thank all who contributed.

**Counters this week:**  
**1st Coll:** Vera Arthur, Bernadette Bowles  
**2nd Coll:** Alexis & Wayne Lambley, Pat Nixon



**Rosary** will be prayed in the home of Harry & Mary Moyler, 44 Matthau Pl. McDowall at 7pm on Tuesday.

**Baptism:**  
We joyfully announce the baptism of Conor Croucher and welcome him into our faith community.

**Marian Rosary Group:**  
Meets on the second Wednesday of each month (next meeting on 12th March) 10.30am to 12 noon for prayers, gospel reading and rosary. If you would like to join with us, all are most welcome. Enqs. (including venue) please phone Ann 3351 2829.

**Combined Parish Councils' Meeting:**  
This Monday at 7.30pm in the Daley Centre.

**Bellevue Nursing Home:**  
Anointing Mass this Thursday 10.30am.

**The Youth Group Prayer:**  
We thank Neil Forster for preparing a prayer for the Blessing of the Youth Group Candle recently. The prayer certainly helped to begin a new year of youth activities well under God's care. Thanks, Neil!

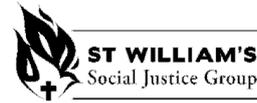
**Working Bee**



**St. William's Church**  
**12 April (just before Easter)**  
**After 7am Mass**

All parishioners who can help are welcome to join us. A light breakfast will be provided.

Enqs. Michelle 3355 2667



**National Lament for Asylum Seekers**

During Lent, Catholic Religious Australia is asking Catholics to participate in the National Lament for Asylum Seekers, with prayer, penance and action. For more details and resources go to <http://www.catholicreligiousaustralia.com.au/index.php/justice-network/issues/itemlist/category/228-asylum-seekers>

**Your Help Needed!**  
The government has re-commenced releasing asylum seekers from detention centres into the community on bridging visas. The Romero Centre has reported that in the past couple of weeks approximately 400 asylum seekers were released in QLD. They anticipate an increase in requests for assistance, so we are asking for your help. Items needed: household starter packs such as clean linen, towels, kitchenware, blankets, and new pillows. Non-perishable food items such as rice, olive oil, noodles and canned items such as tuna, lentils, beans, corn, fruit, beetroot, chicken, tomatoes, sardines etc. Items can be delivered to the Romero Centre, 20 Dutton Street, Dutton Park. Phone: 3013 0100. Any large furniture items could be donated to Vinnie's. Thank you for any assistance.

**Welcome Song**  
"Hold On" is a music video recorded in the Blue Mountains and is a Welcome Song to Australia's Asylum Seekers. It is a touching and inspiring 6 minute presentation, with pictures of real refugees from the UNHCR website. It is a wonderful message of hope in an otherwise hopeless situation worth reviewing and sharing. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXYQ275sQEg>

**Next meeting of the Social Justice group:** 7.30pm, Wednesday 19 March in the St William's Parish Library. Any new members or curious visitors welcome!

**Rite of Election**

This Sunday afternoon, 9 March, around 100 people who are preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter ceremonies (including Zoe Parmenter, Rachael Statham, Nadine Gagliardi & Jim Wilson from our parishes) will gather with their godparents, catechists and families at the Cathedral of St. Stephen for the Rite of Election.

At this ritual, the Church acknowledges the readiness of the catechumens for the sacraments of initiation and the catechumens, who now become 'the elect' declare their commitment to enter into a period of intense spiritual preparation for initiation at Easter. Our candidates also receive a special blessing for their journey into full communion.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this special time in their journey of faith.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

On Friday a wonderful World Day of Prayer Service was held at the Keperra Baptist Church.



It was enthusiastically attended by many members from our three communities.

Thank you to all who participated.

*Lectio Divina*

**Praying the Scriptures in Lent**

This is a beautiful booklet which invites prayerful and meditative reflection on the Sunday Readings during Lent.

Download your copy at [www.dbb.org.au](http://www.dbb.org.au)

**Golden Jubilee**

Say a prayer for Sr. Kerry Macdermott, a Sister of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, who celebrates 50 year anniversary of Profession March 8th in Sydney. (Sue Skehan's sister)



**Prayer Group –**

Come for as long as you can!  
 9 - 10am Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church, Samford  
 1<sup>st</sup> half hour – Rosary and Chaplet;  
 2<sup>nd</sup> half-hour – Adoration.

**Christian Meditation Prayer  
 the John Main Way.**

Come along and join with us at the Samford Church for 40 minutes each Friday 9am.

**Baptism:**

We joyfully announce the baptism of Madeleine Davies and welcome her into our faith community.

**MITCHELTON NEWS**



**Collections:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Coll. \$ 299.50  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. \$1275.20

**Counters:**

This week: Group H—Barry Giddens  
 Next week: Group A—Michael Kulboer



**Family Rosary:**

This week: Roberta Nenzl  
 Next week: Avin & Daryl Parke

**Parish Council:**

Meeting this Monday at 6.30pm in the Daley Centre at Grovely, followed by a combined Parish Councils' Meeting at 7.30pm.

**Lenten Prayer Group:**

Friday 9.30am in the church after Stations of the Cross.

**Urgent Plea!**

Can you spare 2½ hours per week during school terms?

The Grovely Atrium of the Good Shepherd is in dire need of a catechist's assistant for our Wednesday morning group of 3 & 4 year olds. The sessions are from 9am until 11.15. Your initial commitment would be for just the 4-5 week remainder of this term. A great opportunity for a Lenten Retreat!

Without the ongoing support of our volunteer catechists and assistants, we are at risk of losing this vital ministry to the very youngest members of our community.

**Please help if you can!**

Call Tracie on 3355 2667 (Wed—Fri).

**Faithful Departed**

**Recently:**

Jim Anchant (*Thora Carroll's brother-in-law in Malaysia*) Kevin Campbell, Edward Reordan.

**Anniversaries:**

Deceased members of the Walsh family.

**Parish Volunteer Position**

The Parish Team would like to invite a volunteer from our communities to help us as we renew our parish music library.

It is quite a simple job, consisting mostly of photocopying compiling and assembling of convenience copy materials for approx. 40 musicians & choristers across our three communities. All materials and training will be provided.

The commitment will be for 4-6 hours per week, for an initial period of 2 months.

Please contact Tracie Gallagher on 3355 2667 (Wed—Fri) or email [pcgrovely@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pcgrovely@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Going Forth during Lent**

During Lent, our three communities will be united in a change to the liturgical action of "Going Forth" at the conclusion of Mass.

This "ending" of our celebration is also our beginning of fresh engagement with the world and each other.

**HOW?**

*Rather than singing a recessional song, we are all invited to immediately follow the presider out of the church through the main aisle.*

Once outside, we are ready to give witness to God's presence in our lives, through our care for the stranger, our greeting to newcomers, and our concern for one another, as we go out into the world.

**Little Black Books for Lent**

**Little Black Books for Lent** - it's not too late to get your Little Black Book from the church shop—\$4. Lent has begun but there are still 6 weeks to go. The little readings and reflections will help keep us on track during Lent



**Adult Faith Education**

The Lenten program starts in the Daley Centre this coming Monday (10am) and Tuesday (7.30pm).

The Church no longer attempts to prescribe Lenten practices in detail. Apart from what the Church requires us to do on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the more fundamental obligation is to make Lent a penitential season, choosing practices that are adapted to one's own circumstances. (Quote from the Little Black Book for Lent).

Traditionally people have given up certain things for Lent and that is indeed very good. While this requires self discipline there are also other things that one can do which can be harder to do. Seeking reconciliation with someone (possibly in your family) with whom you have major differences or forgiving a neighbour for something that can often be blown out of all proportion, would be 2 such examples.

Whatever you do to enter into the Lenten spirit to prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter will be acceptable to the Lord. Try to make some time for a bit of quiet prayer if you can or perhaps 5 or 10 minutes reading the Scriptures. The Sunday Gospel would be a good start. If you wanted a different approach you could try [www.prayasyoucan.com.au](http://www.prayasyoucan.com.au) to see if that appeals to you.

**April 27, 2014:** This is the date set aside by Pope Francis for the canonisation in Rome of 2 Popes of recent times - **John XX111** (1958-1963) and **John Paul 11** (1978-2005).

In speaking of John XX111, Pope Francis said he was a bit like a country priest, who loves each of the faithful and knows how to care for them. He was holy, patient, had a good sense of humour & especially, by calling the 2nd Vatican Council, was a man of courage.

Of John Paul 11 he said, "I think of him as a great missionary of the Church because he was a man who proclaimed the Gospel everywhere". He certainly did, taking 104 trips outside Italy to bring the Good News to so many countries.

Both men were beatified earlier on – John XX111 in 2000 and John Paul 11 in 2011. Canonisation is the second stage of a 2 part process. You might remember how Mary MacKillop was beatified in Sydney in the 1990s and then canonised in this century.

Pick up your **Prayer Card for the First Sunday of Lent** today. A different one for each Sunday of Lent



# Western Hills Youth

## Upcoming events:



14 Mar - 7pm: Youth Night - Gotta get your head in the game. It's bring a friend night at WHY! Be there to experience all the epic fun!



#SaveThe Date for an epic challenge of minds at Western Hills Youth's inaugural **iQuiz** Challenge! Come one and all for this exciting night! Only on **10th of May 2014**. Tickets will be on sale in April.

Email: [westernhillsyouth.grovely@gmail.com](mailto:westernhillsyouth.grovely@gmail.com)

Twitter: @whygrovely

Facebook: [facebook.com/westernhillsyouthgroup](https://www.facebook.com/westernhillsyouthgroup)

Web: [www.westernhillsyouthau.wordpress.com](http://www.westernhillsyouthau.wordpress.com)

## Sacramental Program

St. William's  
Sacred Heart  
Our Lady of Dolours



We ask our Parish communities to keep our Confirmation/First Communion children and their families in their prayers as the children come to the last few weeks of preparation for the celebration of the two sacraments. This Sunday the children are receiving a special blessing filled with the spirit of prayer. We ask you to include them especially in your prayers this weekend.

Our children are preparing a little message about themselves for us older parishioners and asking your prayerful support. Watch for their letters seeking "Prayer Partners" in the next weeks.

Marie-Louise Singson  
Sacramental Coordinator  
33551665 Mon. & Tues mornings

## TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Neil Forster of Grovely Parish will again compete in the Special Olympics.

Please join in a fundraising evening of trivia/raffles & fun.

Sat. March 29 at Ferny Hills State School Hall, Illuta Ave. questions start at 7pm. Cost \$10 pp (please bring nibbles for your table to enjoy—drinks for sale). 8 per table.

RSVP 22nd March to Robyn 3851 4295 or email [heit5@bigpond.com](mailto:heit5@bigpond.com)

## Bus Trips



Every third Thursday of the month, at approx. 8am a bus leaves from St. William's car park travelling to various social day trip destinations. (There **may** be a couple of other pick up/drop off points along the way). The bus returns to the car park at approximately 4.30pm.

More travelling companions are required—male and female.

Next trip will be Thursday 20th March.

For more information contact Joan O'Riordan on 3851 0582.

## Project Compassion

An advocacy program in São Paulo, Brazil, enables *favela* (city slum) residents to gain legal deeds for their land, as well as securing access to basic services. A youth empowerment program is enabling young people from the *favelas*, like Maristely, to work for justice so that peace, rather than violence, rules the streets where they live.



Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides young people like Maristely with the opportunity to become leaders for justice. [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

As a parish community this Lent, all proceeds from our Just World project (your weekly newsletter insert) will also support Project Compassion.

• **Positions Vacant:** Episcopal Centre, Francis Rush Centre, 249 Elizabeth St. Brisbane.

1. Junior Office Assistant—permanent full time.

Requirement: basic administrative, secretarial, Microsoft suite of program skills and some understanding of the Catholic Church..

2. Administration Assistant—permanent full time.

Requirement: sound administrative and secretarial skills, excellent skills in Microsoft suite of programs and some understanding of the Catholic Church.

Closing date for both: 12 March. Position descriptions can be obtained from Cindy Hayer HR office on 3367 6332. Applications should include two referees, one of which preferably is from a Parish Priest. Applications by email to [hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au)

• **Jumbo Jumble Sale:** St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church, 146 Maundrell Tce. Chermside. Fri. 28 March 6pm—9pm and Sat. 29 March 6am—12 noon. Also coffee shop, cake stall, sausage sizzle & gift shop. Credit cards and eftpos accepted. Donations can be left at the church from March 15. Enqs. 3359 0088 (office hours).

• **Faith on Tap:** Speaker Fr. Jose Thekkemuriyil (*just call me Fr. Jose*) this coming Monday 7.30pm. The Pineapple Hotel 706 Main St. Kangaroo Pt. Enqs. Lizzie 0430 198 971 or email: [faithontap@yahoo.com.au](mailto:faithontap@yahoo.com.au)

• **Recover your Joy with Fr. Jack Soulsby:** Do you want to discover your gifts for your personal joy and maximum effect on those you love? 9am Sat. to 3pm Sun. 5—6 April. Mass celebrated Sunday morning. QCCC Brookfield. Accommodation & meals provided. Contact Kathy Bosua 0438 300 659 RSVP 21 March.

## Anonymous Donations

At various times during the year, the Parish Office may receive an anonymous donation via an envelope dropped into a Mass time collection basket.

Sometimes, we are unsure of the intent of the generous donor—is it for the church, St Vincent de Paul, possibly Project Compassion for Lent or at the moment, the Little Kings Movement?

It would be helpful to add a word or two so that we can direct your generosity to the intended recipient.



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