

Year A/2
First Sunday Of Lent
1 March 2020
Liturgical Colour: Violet

Archbishop's Lenten Message 2020

As we come to Ash Wednesday we think of the ocean of ashes in which we have drowned as the fires have engulfed the land. Ours is a land of fire. Fire is part of the ecology of Australia, and it has been for thousands of years. But this was something different, with a touch of the apocalyptic about it. It was not only the number of fires, but our sheer powerlessness to stop them. The efforts of the fire-fighters were heroic, but they too must have felt powerless before the blazes they faced. Flora and fauna were devastated; communities, families and individuals had their lives shattered. It will take a long time to recover and rebuild, and the Church has to accompany all these people in every way possible as they seek to recover and rebuild.

Then came the floods, which seemed to sweep away whatever was left after the fires. We had prayed for rain, and God knows we needed it. But in some places the rains seemed almost too much, and the floods again faced us into our powerlessness before the force of nature.

On top of all this came the threat of the coronavirus, which may be receding but is certainly not behind us. It may have begun in China but the data shows that it has spread far and wide as these pandemics do; and Australia hasn't been spared. Medical science is scrambling to respond, and that's good. But this virus seemed to come out of the blue and left us initially feeling bewildered and powerless, even to understand the virus, let alone cure it.

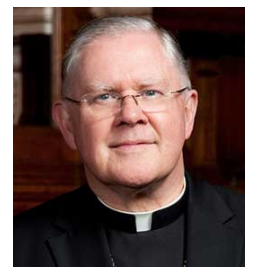
So as we begin the journey of Lent, events have confronted us with a sense of powerlessness and fragility. Illusions of omnipotence or invulnerability have been shown for what they are: a lie. The truth is that we are often powerless and always fragile. But the greater truth to which Lent looks is that there is a God who comes to meet us precisely where we are most powerless and fragile. That's what the Cross of Jesus means. When he dies on Calvary, Jesus goes to the very heart of all human powerlessness and fragility. He becomes so powerless that he lies finally a corpse on the ground. He becomes so fragile that He's crushed by the brutalities of a violent world. But from the ashes He rises in the moment of Easter, for which Lent is a preparation – a preparation which takes us down into the dark place of our powerlessness and fragility, the place where we'd rather not go.

We go down to that dark place through Lent, renewing our faith in the God who raised Jesus from the dead. This was the God who breathed life into the dark tomb of Jesus and led him forth into the light. All the false gods are masters of the lie of omnipotence and invulnerability. They leave us with nothing but the ashes; they are the lords of despair; and Lent is a time to dethrone the false gods.

But the true God is with us – with the fire-fighters battling the blaze, with the communities and families who have lost so much, with the many who are struggling to offer solidarity and support. The true God is with the farmers who have suffered years of drought, and with those who have been stricken by flood – and also with the many who have reached out to people tempted to despair because of drought or flood.

Lent is the time given to us to open our hearts to the power of Easter. On Ash Wednesday we take the ashes upon ourselves in recognition of the truth that we are often powerless and always fragile. But by the time we get to Easter, we have come to a deeper sense that we are empowered in our powerlessness, that we are made strong in our weakness. Knowing that we can walk from the tomb with Jesus; we can rise from the ashes with him to sing the song of Easter. Fires may rage and floods come, but the voice of hope is always heard. Nothing and no-one can silence the voice of Jesus risen from the dead.

Most Rev Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane
Message for Sunday March 1, 2020



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LITURGY TIMES

2nd - 8th March

Grovely	St William's
Monday	9:15am Mass CANCELLED
Wednesday	6:00pm Adoration 7:00pm Mass
Thursday	9:00am <i>St William's</i> <i>Year Level Mass</i> 10:30am <i>Bellevue</i> <i>Mass of Anointing</i>
Friday	7:00am Mass CANCELLED 7:00pm Stations of the Cross <i>World Day Of Prayer</i> <i>Autumn Ember Day</i>
Saturday	7:00am Mass
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday	5:00pm Reconciliation CANCELLED 6:00pm No Mass
Sunday	6:30am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 5:30pm

Oxford Park	St. Joseph's
Sunday	9:30am Mass

Mitchelton	Our Lady of Dolours
Monday	8:30am Mass
Tuesday	8:30am Mass
Friday	8:30am Mass, followed by Stations of the Cross <i>World Day Of Prayer</i> <i>Autumn Ember Day</i>
Saturday	3:45pm - 4:30pm Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday	4:30pm Mass
Sunday	8:00am No Mass

Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday	6:00pm Liturgy of the Word
Next Weekend Mass	
Sunday	8:00am Mass

CHANGES TO LITURGY TIMES

Please check the weekday
Liturgy Times carefully

Stations of the Cross

Join us during Lent for Stations of the Cross every Friday, 7pm at St William's and every second Friday after 8:30am Mass at OLD. This is a great opportunity for prayer and reflection. All welcome!



This Week's Readings First Sunday Of Lent



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

Next Week's Readings Second Sunday Of Lent



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

GROVELY

Counters this week:

Sue Skehan, Jan & Lester Whiteway,
Monica & John Birchley

Rosary will be prayed in the home of Tess
Wagner at 3 Glenariff St, Ferny Grove at
7pm on Tuesday

Meditation Group: Tuesday 7pm in the
Church, in the Benedictine Fr John Main
Tradition. Enquiries to Bob 0428 813 483
All Welcome

MITCHELTON

Family Rosary

This week: Isma McIntyre
Next week: Minda Wright

Mitchelton Parishioners are cordially
invited to the Lent program in the Daley
Centre

SAMFORD

Lenten Little Black Book, a six minute
daily reflection. \$4 each

Samford Parishioners are cordially
invited to the Lent program in the Daley
Centre

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

Sacramental Program:

All our families now have their First
Communion Celebration times all sorted.
There are families who have not yet
contacted me. I urge you to please do
that soon. All masses on the 2 Sundays
of the celebration, are now full and
closed. Please understand that I have
tried to accommodate all your requests.

Thank you for your patience and
understanding in allocating you into your
groups. We would also like to remind
some Grovely families that they are most
welcome to the Sacred Heart Samford
First Communion masses.

Dates to remember:

March 8 (Sunday)

Blessing Mass

8am & 9:30am at St William's
8am at Sacred Heart

March 15 (Sunday)

Mass of the Liturgy of the Word

8am & 9:30am at St William's
8am at Sacred Heart

March 22 (Sunday)

Mass of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

8am & 9:30am at St William's
8am at Sacred Heart

March 28

Communal Reconciliation

9:30am at St William's

March 29 (Sunday)

Prayer Partner Mass

8am & 9:30am at St William's
8am at Sacred Heart

All corresponding masses also
celebrated at the 4:30pm on Saturday at
Our Lady of Dolours, Mitchelton

**Please remember to fill in your Prayer
Partner letter and put them in this
week at the office.**

With peace and blessings,
Marie-Louise F. Singson
Sacramental Coordinator

New Weekend Mass Times

These changes will begin in the 1st
week of Lent (Feb 29/Mar 1)

Sat 4:30pm (Vigil):

OLD, Mitchelton

Sun 6:30am, 8am, 9:30am & 5:30pm:

St William's, Grovely

Sun 8am:

Sacred Heart, Samford

Sun 9:30am:

St Vincent's Nursing Home, Oxford Park

Sat 5pm Reconciliation and 6pm Mass
at Grovely is **CANCELLED**

Sun 8am at Mitchelton is **CANCELLED**

Coronavirus and Mass

We pray for all those affected by the
Coronavirus (COVID-19) here and
around the world, particularly in China,
and for all those caring for them. The
virus has not been declared a pandemic
and our Government is monitoring the
situation. There are, of course some
practical measures our Parish can take.

Much of that is simply maintaining good
hygiene including, for example, priests
and ministers washing their hands and
using alcohol-based hand-sanitiser
before Holy Communion.

There is no current Government advice
suggesting churches should suspend the
receiving of communion through the
chalice. Although parishioners with
coughs and sneezes should certainly be
encouraged to receive Communion in
one kind only and to refrain from
handshaking during The Sign of Peace.

Pope's Prayer Intentions: March Catholics in China

*We pray that the Church in
China may persevere in its
faithfulness to the Gospel and
grow in unity.*





Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased:

Rebecca Agar, Bevan Horn, Kath Coyne, Leo Devereaux



We pray for the Sick

We pray for:

Vincent Arthur, Maureen Campbell, Dominic Condon, Kathleen Edden, Kieran Hogan, Jen Nilon, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, John Mitchell, Susan Downey, Carina Venning, Maureen Wilson, David Finlayson, Celeste Hallinan, Archbishop Emeritus John Bathersby

Please note All requests to have a Mass offered for someone, or newsletter requests for the name of recently deceased family members, prayers for the sick and anniversaries, need to be given to the parish office in writing. Forms and Mass request envelopes are available from the sacristy at all 3 churches, or from the Parish Office. Completed forms/envelopes can be given to the priest or handed in at the office.

Anointing of the Sick

A Mass for Anointing of the Sick will be held on **Thursday March 5** at the **Bellevue Care Centre** at **10:30am**.



There will also be a Mass for Anointing of the Sick on **Monday March 16** at **Regis Aged Care**, commencing at **10:30am**.

Family School Mass

Students from St William's will lead a Family Mass at the St William's church, Grovely on Sunday **March 8** at **9:30am**. All welcome!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 6:00pm - 7:00pm
St. William's Church

PLEASE NOTE:

Leaflets, notices, and other papers are not to be placed in the Church without prior permission from Fr Nigel.



Mass is broadcast over
Radio Triple YYY 87.6 FM
Sat 5.00pm & Sun 10.00am

Did You Know?

There is a species of antelope capable of jumping higher than a house? This is due to its powerful hind legs and the fact that the average house cannot jump. 😊



FAITH MATTERS—GSM



Faith Matters www.faith-matters-gsm.com.au and
Plenary Council www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Lent began with Ash Wednesday on Feb 26. For each of the 6 Sundays of Lent, a **prayer card** will be available in all 3 churches. **As you enter the church please take one per family, or if you are an individual parishioner make sure you get one as well.**

In modern life we are so busy and we can find it quite difficult to set aside a bit of time to reflect on what Lent is all about. True, a number of parishioners find the time to participate in a 6 week Lent program but for so many others, finding 5 minutes each day can be a challenge. **There are a few possibilities to assist us.**

- The Little Black book for Lent (\$4 in the church shop) is one way to put aside 5 or so minutes.
- The Lent prayer card each week can also provide an opportunity for a daily short prayer.
- Being aware of someone else's need and being prepared to offer assistance is a Christ-like action.
- Forgiving someone is one of the hardest things to do.

Fr Chris Gleeson S. J., editor of the inspirational Quarterly Jesuit magazine, "Madonna", had this to say in speaking of the **Eucharist** in the latest edition of the magazine.

"The word 'companion' comes from 2 Latin words – *cum* meaning 'with' and *panis* meaning 'bread'. A companion is one who in the fullest sense of the word breaks bread, shares a meal, with another. To share food with a person is to share life with them. For us, Christians, the Eucharist is the most sublime celebration of companionship with Jesus and with one another."

Many people, in their lifetimes, never come to appreciate just how powerful the Eucharist (Mass) actually is.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION

At 3pm this Sunday, the RCIA *Rite of Election* will be celebrated at St Stephen's Cathedral.



This year we have three catechumens; Diana Ward, Inga Mertens-Walker and Lina Blazak as well as five candidates; Karen Reed, Rosalyn Hill, Cassie Watson, Rachael Bloomer and Maurice Awby participating in our RCIA program.

At the Rite of Election, the Church acknowledges the readiness of the catechumens for the sacraments of initiation and 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.

Bible Quiz

How did the father first respond upon seeing the Prodigal Son returning home?

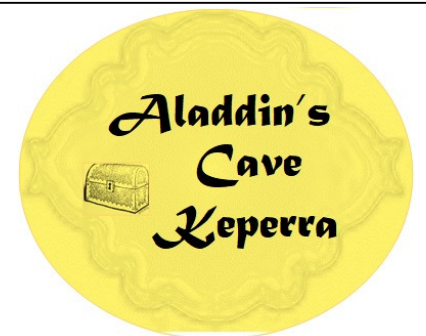
Answer next Week

Last Week's question:

What did the earth look like in the beginning?

Answer:

Without form and empty (Gen 1:2)



ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES FAIR

It's on again! Coming April 18
Find us on Facebook and Instagram at Aladdins Cave Keperra. Like us, share us, follow us!

Also coming soon...
the Aladdin's Cave website!
www.aladdinscavekeperra.com
Keep an eye out!

March 1, 2020 - First Sunday of Lent

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." (Matthew 4:10)

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS

GROVELY 2nd - 8th March

Monday	9:30am 10:00am 7:45pm	Library Daley Centre Church	Inner Peace Lenten Retreat Faith Matters Lenten Program Grovely Choir
Tuesday	9:00am 7:00pm 7:30pm	Daley Centre Church Daley Centre	Playgroup St William's Christian Meditation Faith Matters Lenten Program
Wednesday	8:30am 10:00am	Daley Centre Daley Centre	Mothers Prayers Evergreens Fitness
Thursday	9:00am 7:30pm	Daley Centre Library	ALPHA Timor Leste Companions
Friday	9:00am	Daley Centre	Evergreens Guest Lecturer

SAMFORD 2nd - 8th March

Monday	6:30pm	Church	Samford Choir
Friday	9:00am	Church	Samford Christian Meditation

MITCHELTON 2nd - 8th March

Tuesday	7:00pm	Church	Treble M Choir
Sunday	6:45pm	Church	OLD Choir

Thank You!

A big thank you from the prison chaplains at Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre to the parish community.

The donated clothes will enable men at our centre to attend court in appropriate clothing befitting the seriousness of the circumstances, and also provide clothing to those men leaving the prison who have little or no suitable clothing when returning to the community.

These men are some of the most disadvantaged and marginalised of our brothers, and though they may never know where the clothes they can now wear came from, their spirits will be lifted as they face judgement in court or venture out to restart their lives.

Our sincere thanks again for your generosity, and may you all be blessed as we begin the Lenten season.

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care

***We are called to be disciples of Christ
Could this be your ministry?***

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry in hospitals, supported housing and our day Centre. CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness.

The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am to 3:30pm, from May 6 to Nov 27. Upon graduating, the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hrs/week in one of the above ministries.

Applications close Friday April 17

Written applications can be sent to:

Fr Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street,
Fortitude Valley QLD 4006

Phone: 07 3252 5461

Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

Website: www.cppc.net.au

First Sunday Of Lent A Vocation View

Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.



To talk to someone about your vocation, contact our office or visit our website: 1300 133 544
vocation@brisbane.catholic.net.au

First Spiritual Exercises Retreat: Inner Peace In Divine Love

At St William's

When: Mondays from March 2 - 30,
9:30am - 11am

Where: Library at St William's Church

Donation: \$50

Booking: call 3355 2667

At St Peter Chanel Church

When: Mondays from March 2 - 30,
7pm - 8:30pm

Where: St Peter Chanel Church Hall,
41 Chaprowe Rd, The Gap

Booking: call 3300 6099

For more information, go to
www.faberspirituality.org.au



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

During the season of Lent *Aid to the Church in Need* would like to invite you to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar.

The Lent calendar features 47 true stories of modern martyrs, witnesses of love, who heroically offered their lives for God and their communities.

Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020



Mothers Prayers

Is it in your heart to pray for your children? Mothers of all ages and stages are warmly welcomed to Mothers Prayers. A traditional prayer group united with Mothers throughout the world, giving our children to Jesus, praying for our vocation of motherhood and for our children.

When: Wednesdays, 8:30am - 9:30am

Where: Daley Centre

All Welcome!

EVERGREENS

The HEALTHY AGEING seminar is now fully booked. No more registrations will be taken.

Contact John & Joan Broderick for further info: 0455 503 713 or
jobrod@bigpond.net.au

World Day Of Prayer Pray for Zimbabwe



Where: Seventh Day Adventist Church,
Cnr of Ruby and Blackwood St
When: Friday March 6, 9:30am

The service this year, "Rise! Take your mat and walk!" has been prepared by the Christian women of the Zimbabwe.

Join with us in praying for the church in Zimbabwe and in the World. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Morning tea will follow.

Parking restricted, but available at the Presbyterian Church, Ruby St - please consider carpooling, train or walking.

"There's More To This Than Meets The Eye" How Sacraments Work

Now's your chance to hear **Fr. Paul Turner**, renowned teacher, speaker, liturgist and prolific author.

He will be lecturing on the sacraments and how they work. We can see, taste, feel the sacramental signs of water, bread and wine, oil and the human touch. But how do these sacramental signs open up for us the mysterious and powerful action of our loving God?

Join us for this rich and inspiring exploration of how sacraments connect us to saving grace.

Brisbane:

Where: Hanly Room at the Cathedral

When: Friday March 6,
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Maroochydore:

Where: Stella Maris church, Church St

When: Saturday March 7,
9:30am - 12noon

Purchase tickets online: \$10 individual, \$40 parish or school group (as many as you like!)

Book at www.liturgybrisbane.net.au