



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Lesmurdie

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Please Note: Monday is **Father Michael's DAY OFF** so, unless it is urgent, please wait until Tuesday to contact him. Thank you.

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3rd Sunday of Lent / B 7th March 2021


SUNDAY MASS TIMES OUR LADY OF LOURDES Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm OUR LADY OF GRACE Sunday 8.00am	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES NO Monday Mass Tuesday 8.00am or 9.00am School Mass Wednesday: 8.00am Thursday 8.00am Friday 9.00am	PLEASE REMEMBER Covid-19 directives remain in place. These guidelines must be followed to keep us all safe and well. There is no room for complacency!
RECONCILIATION OUR LADY OF LOURDES Saturday 11.30am-12.00pm & 5.15pm - 5.45pm OUR LADY OF GRACE Sunday Before 8.00am Mass	CELEBRATIONS Baptisms: Contact Parish Office Weddings: Contact Father	FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

PARISH EVENTS

- ♦ Easter Choir Rehearsals **Wednesdays at 7.30pm**, in the Church
- ♦ Lenten Prayer Group **Thursdays from 10.45am**, in the Parish Centre
- ♦ Weekend 13/14 March Commitment Mass for ALL Confirmation Students

<u>WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS</u>		
06/03	6.00pm	Jim Bianchini (MM)
07/03	8.00am	Mass for the People
	9.30am	Holy Souls
	5.30pm	Holy Souls
09/03	8.00am	Holy Souls
10/03	8.00am	Holy Souls
11/03	8.00am	Holy Souls
12/03	9.00am	Holy Souls
13/03	6.00pm	
14/03	8.00am	Robyn Mary Ellis (Ann)
	9.30am	
	5.30pm	
<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK</u>		
Louise Miller, Philip Everett, Ron Sprehe, Keith Hawkins, Lyn Sole, Sean O'Connor, Janine Webster, Jane Merrick, Lesley Paravicini, Mark Blackwell, Elvin Fernandez, Fiona Ball, Fiona Mackenzie-Round, Rosa Maria Santos, Steele Serramondi, Christopher Wyrewenaden, Leo Klein, Barbara Chodorowski, Reece McCutcheon, Matt Don, Lisa Callard, Rosemary Clarke, Mary J Wilson, Kathy Young, Pekka Marttinen, Tanya McGrath, Harvey Loftus, Yolande Helman, Ross Jacobs, Vincent Cappiello, Peter Allen, Nicolo D'Orazio, Colleen Searle, Jim Everett, Mili Zuvela, Ralph Leon Mendoza, Bram Ziegelarr, Tony Connor, Tony Spencer, Ann Elliott, Vincent Ramsay, Paula Silla, Chris Burke, Olive Ferguson, Ted Chodorowski, Helen C, Emily C <i>and all those who have asked for our prayers.</i>		

<u>PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS</u>
Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved. Amen.
<u>Prayer in time of COVID</u>
Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.
<u>RECENTLY DECEASED:</u>
<u>ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:</u> Jim Bianchini, <i>Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.</i>





SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

In today's gospel we hear that Jesus enters the Jerusalem Temple in anger, cleansing it of commercial enterprise. The account of the purification of the Temple is found in all the four Gospels. Jesus' anger is fueled that his Father's house was being used for profit. It was not only that a place of prayer was being used for commerce it was the fact that poor people were being "ripped off" by the money changers.

Perhaps Jesus was thinking of the many times his own parents were cheated? His observers are shocked - where is his authority for doing this? It is in his resurrection. He will be raised up the sanctuary they are soon to destroy, the sanctuary which is his Body. Only at Easter would this sink in for his disciples. God's presence, once thought to be localized in the sanctuary of the Temple, now resides in the Body of Christ as we saw last Sunday in the event, we call the transfiguration. Do we have to wait for death before we can see that Body, and thus God's glory?

St. Paul gives us the answer. **WE** are the body of Christ. Now God dwells among his people, the Church. The early Christians were so convinced of this that they called the building constructed for worship the "House for the Church". It is the people who are the Church, not the building. The building simply houses the Church. In his first letter to the Corinthians, St Paul adds: "Didn't you realise that you were in God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred: and you are that temple. (1Cor 3:16-17).

Like the Jerusalem Temple, we have been sullied by commerce. Let is that time to restore prayer and holiness so that Christ's Body may truly speak with his voice and touch with his healing power. When we speak of Lent as being a time of "restoring prayer", it does not mean for us to increase our "one way" ever so humble conversation to God. No! We are called to be STILL and to HUMBLY LISTEN, attentively to God speaking to us. If the world believes the Church is losing ground, it is a judgement on us who are the Church. It is a sobering thought and an incredible challenge to the modern Christian. But remember the words we used to sing (perhaps glibly) in the hymn to our Lady of Lourdes, referring to "the tempest tossed Church"

The Church has never been without problems. Perhaps the "Good Pope" (John XXIII) saw in prophecy what he was unleashing when he prayed that the Second Vatican Council would be a new Pentecost, the wind and the fire of the Holy Spirit cleansing a stagnant Church. Simone Weil, a philosopher beloved by Pope John Paul II, wrote: "You cannot be born in a better epoch than that in which all has been lost". In other words, perhaps in the past we took too much for granted. Perhaps we even hid behind the institution.

The future is ours to make.

Parish Busy Bee Saturday 27 March from 8.30am Volunteers are asked to assist in a Busy Bee to tidy both the inside of the church (windows, window sills all furnishings etc) and the surrounding grounds for the Easter Ceremonies. Please bring your own gardening and cleaning equipment. Thank you.

Third Sunday of Lent Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up. Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes. Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Collections Beginning the weekend of the **6/7 March** we require the assistance of 4-6 collectors per Mass for both the 1st and 2nd collections. We will be using long handle offering baskets. If you believe yourself up to the task and are able to help the parish in this endeavour, please let the Parish Secretary or Fr. Michael know. Your assistance with this is appreciated. Thank you.

The Planned Giving program is an important part of the Parish as it allows us to maintain all aspects of the Church, Presbytery and Parish Centre. In order to keep the Parish viable we must maintain a target of 95% and above each week.
This week's giving was 82% of the target. *Thank you!*

MARCH	13	14	14	14		20	21	21	21
MASS	6PM	8AM	9.30AM	5.30PM		6PM	8AM	9.30AM	5.30PM
READER	Christine G	Denyse R	Aida P	Emily G		Melanie D	Ellita D	Bambi G	Eric M
ACOLYTE	Martin	Terry	Lou	Dermot		Lou	George	Terry	Dermot
COLLECTION									
MUSIC	Shirley	Quiet Mass	Mark, Eddie Karl	-		Shirley	Quiet Mass	Mark, Eddie, Karl	-
CLEANING	Steph B					Maggie D			

