

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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5th Sunday of Lent / B 21st March 2021

SUNDAY MASS TIMES WEEKDAY MASS TIMES PLEASE REMEMBER Covid-19 directives remain **OUR LADY OF LOURDES NO Monday Mass** in place. These guidelines Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Tuesday 8.00am or 9.00am School Mass Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm must be followed to keep us Wednesday: 8.00am all safe and well. There is no Thursday 8.00am **OUR LADY OF GRACE** room for complacency! Friday 9.00am Sunday 8.00am RECONCILIATION **CELEBRATIONS** FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK **OUR LADY OF LOURDES** 25/03 Annunciation of the Lord **Baptisms:** Contact Parish Office Saturday 11.30am-12.00pm & 5.15pm - 5.45pm Weddings: Contact Father **OUR LADY OF GRACE**

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Before 8.00am Mass

- Easter Choir Rehearsals **Wednesdays** at **7.30pm**, in the Church
- ♦ Lenten Prayer Group **Thursdays from 10.45am**, in the Parish Centre
- ♦ Weekend 27/28 March Commitment Mass for ALL Reconciliation Students

| WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Sat 20 | 6.00pm | Robyn Ellis (Ann) | | |
| Sun 21 | 8.00am | Bob Agar (Ann) | | |
| | 9.30am | Matthew Sala Tenna (MM) | | |
| | 5.30pm | Mass for the People | | |
| Tues 23 | 8.00am | Holy Souls | | |
| Wed 24 | 8.00am | Holy Souls | | |
| Thur 25 | 8.00am | Holy Souls | | |
| Fri 26 | 9.00am | Holy Souls Stations of the Cross following Mass | | |
| Sat 27 | 6.00pm | Brendon Conti (Ann) | | |
| Sun 28 | 8.00am | Peter Nash (Ann) | | |
| | 9.30am | Joseph McStravick (Ann) | | |
| | 5.30pm | | | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, 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, Peter Allen, Yolande Helman, Ross Jacobs, Vincent Cappiello, Nicolo D'Orazio, Colleen Searle, Jim Everett, Vincent Ramsay, Ralph Leon Mendoza, Bram Ziegelarr, Tony Connor, Ann Elliott, Paula Silla, Chris Burke, Olive Ferguson, Ted Chodorowski, Helen C, Emily C, Michael Alnes, Fred Fernandes and all those who have asked for our prayers.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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.

Prayer in time of COVID

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Trus,

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Bob Agar, Matthew Sala Tenna, Robyn Ellis, Caroline Payne, *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.*



SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Love vs Loving

So much is written, spoken and sung about love. It is at the heart of many stories worth listening to, the songs that we embrace, and the poetry that breaks open life and helps to create meaning. Amid all our stumbling's and imperfections is this constant grasping for the need to be known and loved. It is the fuel of every great saint and is evident in the desperate reaching of even the greatest of sinners. In his book "The Power to Change Your Life", Rev. Rick Warren notes that, "Hurt people hurt people." While this may seem like a strange quote in the breaking open how God calls us to love, understanding this, in a sense, is vitally important if we are to get past our own limitations and the unavoidable stumbling block in the Christian life – that we all find some people hard to love. To a certain extent, we are all wounded, and none of us can escape the pain that comes from living in our fallen world, with some hurting more than others, sometimes through little fault of their own.

The antidote - from the perspective of God - is that: loved people love people. God knew that given our fragile, untrusting hearts, he would have to love us, and do so first, powerfully and shockingly with a love that would see him willingly stretch out his arms out on a cross so that we could know profound forgiveness. Little wonder that one of the most poignant aspects of the Lenten season is the call of the Church to deep, heartfelt conversion and repentance. With this repentance is the assurance of mercy and forgiveness, and as with the sinful woman who anointed Jesus prior to his passion, where there is much forgiveness, there is much love (as we are told in the Gospel according to Luke).

Loved people love people, and Jesus wants us to know the depth of his eternal love. It is in the encounter of this love through the Holy Spirit that we are graced with the capacity to love God with all that we have got, and love others as ourselves. You may wish to focus on either of these two prayers this week.

Come Holy Spirit, open my heart to the reckless love of God and fill me with all I need to love you with all my heart, and to love others as you have loved me. Amen.

You are the peace of all things; you are the place to hide from harm. You are the light that shines in the dark; you are the heart's eternal spark. You are the door that's open wide; you are the guest who waits inside. You are the stranger at the door; you are the calling of the poor. You are my Lord and with me still; you are my love, keep me from ill. You are the light, the truth, the way; you are my Savior this very day. Amen.

5th Sunday of Lent Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh while caring for her mother, who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State and arrived at the camp with nothing. Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets. Halima aspired to 'Be More'. She is proud that she is now able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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.

Lenten 2nd Rite of Reconciliation St. Francis of Assisi, Maida Vale Monday 29th March at 7.00pm.

Potluck Dinner postponed until Saturday 10th April due Easter Vigil ceremonies.

Easter Celebrations *Volunteers required* please check the clipboards in the church foyer. 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 81% of the target. *Thank you!*

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| MARCH | 27 | 28 | 28 | 28 | |
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| MASS | 6PM | 8AM | 9.30AM | 5.30PM | |
| READER NARRATOR OTHER | Volunteer Chris Gibson Volunteer | Volunteer Chris L Volunteer | Bambi G Melanie D Volunteer | Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer | |
| ACOLYTES | Richard | George | Terry | Lou | |
| COLLECTION | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer | |
| MUSIC | Shirley | Quiet Mass | Mark, Eddie, Karl | - | |
| CLEANING | Veronika & Bernadette | | | | |