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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT C - 27TH MARCH 2022

### FIRST READING

**Joshua 5:9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9**

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Luke 15:18**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**  
**I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:**  
**Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.**  
**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Lenten Song.....

**Return to God with all your heart,  
the source of grace and mercy;  
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

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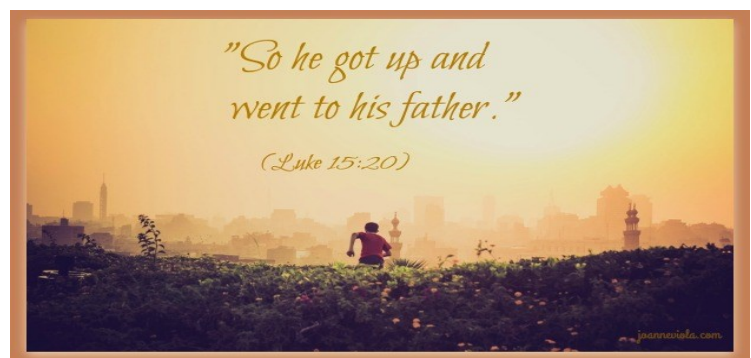
### GOSPEL

**Luke 15:1-3. 11-32**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

*"So he got up and  
went to his father."*

*(Luke 15:20)*



In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

**Reflection by Sr Dianne Bergant CSA**



## Making the most of Lent.....

**JOIN A LENTEN PROGRAM GROUP** Lent is a time of prayer and refocusing on God in our life. Join one of the following groups for prayer and sharing based on the Gospels as we journey through Lent to Easter: **Mondays: 10.30am or 7.30pm; Thursdays: 10.30am at the Pastoral Centre.**

**ADORATION, PRAYER AND REFLECTION** from 5.30pm - 6.30pm each Friday of Lent in the Church of the Apostles. Make this a time to reflect on the scriptures and the call to repentance and renewal of faith during Lent.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church, Newstead on the Fridays of Lent. Make this a focus for your Lenten prayer and renewal.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** is a way to make your Lenten efforts practical in assisting those most in need. Make sure every home has one of the boxes or a set of envelopes.



## FIRST RECONCILIATION REMINDER!

### 2ND FAITH SHARING SESSION:

**Monday 28th or Tuesday 29th March 2022**

**3.30pm - 7.00pm, Church of the Apostles**

**Enquiries: Rosie Caelli, Sacramental Co-ordinator**

email: pltn-sacraments@aotlas.org.au

## A VOCATION VIEW

**Jesus came to forgive. Since people continue to sin, we need people who will continue to forgive in Jesus' way. How about YOU?**



## DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS NEXT SUNDAY

From next Sunday, 3rd April 2022 the Evening Mass at Church of the Apostles will be at 5.30pm for the months of **April, May, June, July, August and September.**

## YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially **Aria Harris** (Christopher and Samantha) and **Indiana Richards** (Jake and Katherine) who celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Terry Yard, Teresa McMahon, Maureen Symons, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Elizabeth Roberts, Shirley Ambrose, Annette Poropat, Helen Wright, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Philip Carroll, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Bev Callahan, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Nanette Gunton, Joan Keefe, Lyn Butt, Alfred Weeding, Jennifer Dowell, Maureen Saunders, Andrew Campbell, Pat and Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Mary Morgan, Brian Beardwood, Denise Austin, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Mary Carter, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Marion Winterson-Jowett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean, John Bennett, and Peter Marshall.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Cecilia Abuk and Fideli Achor (parents of Akon Achor in the Sudan) who have died recently, Elizabeth Heckscher, Peter Smith, Philip Smith, John Marnell, Joan Oakey, John Zammit, Margaret Roles, Adrian La Palombara, Darryl Walsh, Matthew Wilmshurst, Adela Douglas, Jan Berlese, Nina Brzeski, Mary Summergreene, John Krushka, Michael Saunders, Henry Niewhof, Leslie Phillips, Laurence Geard, Shane Welch, Joan Peck, all victims of COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY:** During the COVID-19 crisis with its restrictions on our lives we remember each other in prayer. We pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. May we all keep safe and stay well during this time. We pray for the gift of peace, especially for those who are ill and for their families.

*Our mission is to love and serve our God, each other and the wider community*

## PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

**ONE HOUR WITH JESUS** *Next Sunday, 3rd April at the Carmelite Monastery.* You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction.

**LECTORS** This is an early request to all Lectors to please notify the Parish Office of your availability to read at the following Masses over Easter: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Please email or phone the office. Thank you.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be celebrated on **Sunday 24th April** at 2.30pm in Church of the Apostles.

**ROSARY:** is recited each and every Monday at 7:30pm in the comfort of your own home. We pray our Blessed Mother will watch over us all at this time of uncertainty and sadness. Enquiries: Jan (0409 175 940) or Adrian & Liz (0407 074 693)

**THE CARMEL SHOP:** 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is now open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm. Enquiries: Helen 6344 6382 or email: carmelshop@yahoo.com



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT COMPASSION  
**FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS**



From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow

**You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.**



## REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

The following items would be most appreciated to give out to people in need who use the Vinnies Van: soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant, jackets, blankets, shampoo/conditioner. (No body lotion). Please drop off to the Parish Office during office hours or call the office for further information.

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA

### UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Please continue with your generous donations for this appeal. Thank you to all who attended the Mass at Riverside last Tuesday—\$900 was raised in the leaving collection.

To donate go to: [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine/](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine/) or phone 1800 024 413 or leave an envelope marked "Ukraine" in the baskets at Church.

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
	9.00am	St Finn Barr's, Invermay
	10.00am	St Patrick's Chapel
	10.30am	Apostles
	5.30pm	Apostles (April—Sept)

### WEEKDAY MASSES - 29th March –2nd April

Monday:	7.30am	Carmel
Tuesday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday	7.30am	Carmel
	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Invermay
Friday :	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	9.00am	Carmel

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays:	10.00am - 11.00am	Apostles
	5.15pm - 5.45pm	Newstead

## "THE DANCE OF FORGIVENESS" A RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Two weekends (May 21st/22nd and June 25th/26th at Emmanuel Centre, Newstead) of live-in retreat bookending five weeks of individual directed retreat in daily life including weekly one-to-one spiritual direction. Cost: \$600. **Enquiries and bookings:** Belinda Chapman 0418 141 171 or Email: [belindachapman.sd@gmail.com](mailto:belindachapman.sd@gmail.com)

### MASS LIVE-STREAMED

**Each and every Sunday at 10.00am**



On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

*For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.*

Luke 15:24





## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



*My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..*

## PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength  
to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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Bishops Conference

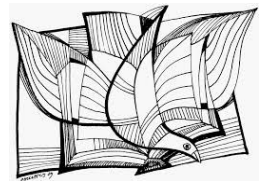
## GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 28th:	John 4:43-54
Tuesday 29th:	John 5:1-3,5-16
Wednesday 30th:	John 5:17-30
Thursday 31st:	John 5:31-47
Friday 1st:	John 7:1-2.10.25-30
Saturday 2nd:	John 7:40-52

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 125.Rv3  
Philippians 3:8-14  
John 8:1-11



*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*

## Children's Corner

Lent is a time to focus on  
the act of forgiveness.  
We ask God to forgive us  
for the wrong things that  
we do. In the story of  
the prodigal son....

What wrong things did the younger son do? \_\_\_\_\_

What did he do to show he was sorry? \_\_\_\_\_

When I do things against my friends,  
I can show them that I am sorry by...

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When I do things against my family,  
I can show them that I am sorry by...

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When I do things against God,  
I can show him that I am sorry by...

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