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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT C - 3RD APRIL 2022

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 125. R. v.3

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

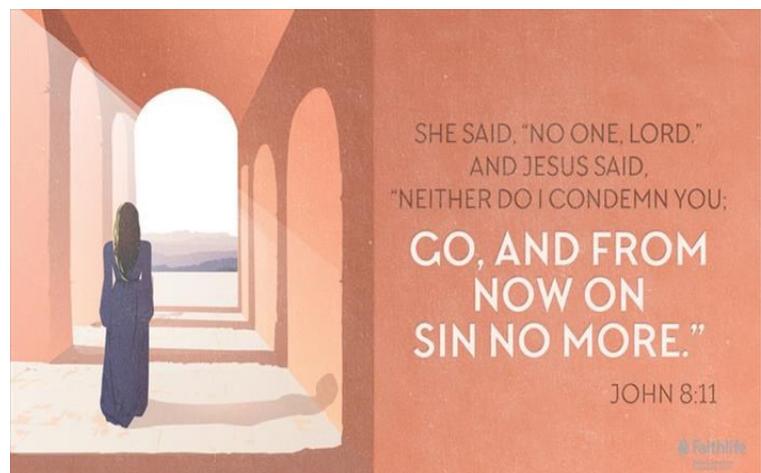
**With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.**

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king of endless glory!**

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'



Lenten Song.....

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

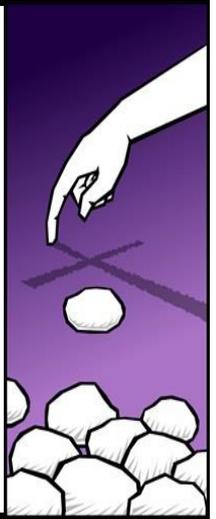
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Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent. Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

Reflection by Sr Dianne Bergant CSA



Making the most of Lent.....

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Individual Confessions on Saturdays, Church of the Apostles, 10.00am - 11.00am or Sacred Heart Church, Newstead, 5.15pm-5.45pm.

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This year the Archdiocese of Hobart is launching a very exciting program called the **Evangelium Project**. The program invites people to engage in a spiritual journey, discovering the wonderful ways that God has worked in their lives and helping them to be able to share their faith with others. Please visit the website, the details of which are given in the banner below. **Archbishop Julian Porteous**



A VOCATION VIEW

Lent is six weeks of being serious about forgiveness and knowing we are loved. Who will step forward to tell of God's great love for

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Harry Bass** (Christopher and Karen) and **Florence Bonde** (Kianah and Tyler) 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, Helen Wright, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Philip Carroll, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Bev Callahan, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Nanette Gunton, Joan Keefe, 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: Christopher Burgess, Patricia Barker and Brigitte Chene who have died recently, Sr Val Burns, Kath Powell, Cate Radin, Lili Sernaggio, Thomas O'Malley, Tereza Robson, Peter Williams, Joshua and Mildred Benneworth, James Café, Bernice Russell. Leandro Di Lullo, Jim Café, 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 *This 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.

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES will be gathering on **Saturday, 9th April** in the downstairs meeting room at the **Pastoral Centre, (next to Church of Apostles)** commencing at 2.00 pm. **Please take note of the changed venue.**

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

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses this weekend

"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

CARITAS AUSTRALIA UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Please continue with your generous donations for this appeal. To donate go to: 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 - 4th—9th 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

HOLY WEEK



HOLY THURSDAY 14th April

7.30pm: **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
Church of the Apostles
Carmelite Monastery

GOOD FRIDAY 15th April

10.30am: **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Sacred Heart Church, Newstead

3.00pm: **COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION**
Church of the Apostles
Carmelite Monastery

HOLY SATURDAY 16th April

7.30pm: **EASTER VIGIL**
Church of the Apostles

11.00pm: **EASTER VIGIL**
Carmelite Monastery

EASTER SUNDAY 17th April

8.30am: Carmelite Monastery

9.00am: St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay

10.00am: St Patrick's College Chapel, Prospect

10.30am: Church of the Apostles

5.30pm: Church of the Apostles

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.

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.*

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.

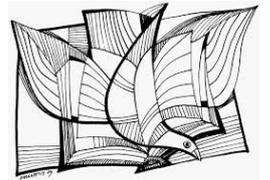


GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 4th:	John 8:1-11
Tuesday 5th:	John 8:21-30
Wednesday 6th:	John 8:31-42
Thursday 7th:	John *:51-59
Friday 8th:	John 10:31-42
Saturday 9th:	John 11:45-56

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: *Palm Sunday*

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24,Rv2
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

Children's Corner

Use the code below to work out what
Jesus said to the accused woman

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Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to over-come further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself.

Your donation will enable this transformational program to continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities *For All Future Generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting 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.

