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## **Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B - 10th March 2024**

### **FIRST READING**

**2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23**

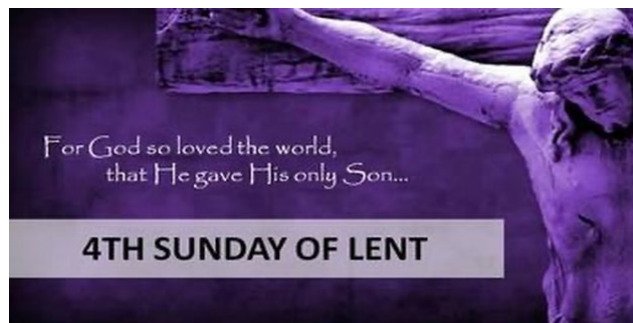
All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 136. R. v.6**

***(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!***

1. By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said,  
'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys! (R.)



### **SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**John 3:16**

***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!***

### **GOSPEL**

**John 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

*We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.*

**Dear Parish Family,     Some thoughts to ponder for this week,**

*God so loved the world; In Jesus, he went in search of us when we were lost. In Jesus, he came to raise us up when we fell. In Jesus, he wept with us and healed our wounds. In Jesus, he blessed our life forever. In Jesus, God spoke the definitive word about our life: you are not lost, you are loved. He is not a God who takes pleasure in the death of sinners, but a Father concerned that no one be lost. He is not a God who condemns, but a Father who saves us with the comforting embrace of his love.*



*Love always offers itself, gives itself, expends itself. That is the power of love: it shatters the shell of our selfishness, breaks out of our carefully constructed security zones, tears down walls and overcomes fears, so as to give freely of itself. That is what love does: it gives itself. That is why God comes to us: because he "so loved" us. His love is so great that he cannot keep it to himself.*

*The more we love, the more we become capable of giving. That is also the key to understanding our life. It is wonderful to meet people who love one another and share their lives in love. We can say about them what we say about God: they so love each other that they give their lives. This is the source of life; love that gives and receives.*

**Fr Chathura Silva**

### **DAY OF MERCY - Friday 22nd March**

**An invitation to be reconciled to the Lord this Lent.**

**Time** - 5.00 pm to 8. 00 pm

**Venue** - Church of the Apostles

Join us for an evening of Adoration, Prayer, Reflection and Reconciliation (Confessions offered from 5. 30 pm to 8. 00 pm)

**Please note-** there would be no confessions on SATURDAY 23rd March at 9. 30 am at the church of the Apostles.

### **Palm Sunday Pilgrimage - Sunday 24 March - St Finn Barr's Church, 4pm to 6pm followed by Mass**

*This year our annual pilgrimage will start from and return to St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay in the afternoon of Sunday 24 March. The walk will follow a 5km track around Invermay and Heritage Forest, returning for an open air Mass and a sausage sizzle. Registrations details will follow.*

**Please note – No Masses at 9.00 am @ St Finn Barr's and 6. 30 pm Mass @ Apostles.**

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024- FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Parents and Guardians wishing to present their children to participate in this year's First Reconciliation Sacramental program who missed the Information evening last Tuesday need to contact our Sacramental Coordinator Rosie Caelli by email: [pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au](mailto:pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au) or phone the Parish Office on 6331 4377 to arrange another meeting time.

**Faith sharing sessions will commence Monday 18th March.**

A Memorial Mass will be offered for Fr Terry Yard on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 pm in Corpus Christi Church, Bellerive**. All relatives, friends and parishioners are very warmly welcome to participate in this Mass, especially those who were unable to travel to Deloraine on Friday for the funeral Mass.

### **YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost, Will Smith, Merril Thompson, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahon, Louisa Buttazzoni, Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall, Kerrie Best, Ellen Bortolot..

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Fr Terry Yard and Kim Izard who have died recently, Tony Benneworth, Katelyn Taylor, Jeanette Lethborg, Margaret Muir, Maria Bordin, Lenore McKay, Fay O'Malley, Emil Johnston, Milka Njegac, Kevin Sullivan, Alfreda De Angelis, and we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus.

**FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY:** We continue to pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Friday evening during Lent at 7pm in Church of the Apostles. All are welcome.

**FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

**LENT PROGRAM** Every Friday during Lent at **1030am in the Pastoral Centre**. All are welcome

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** Launceston Branch, will be meeting next on **March 12th, 2024**, at the Launceston Parish Centre, Margaret St. The rosary begins at 12.30 pm, followed by the meeting proper at 1pm. Members bring a small plate. New comers welcome. For all enquires phone Victoria: 0408398785

**MORNING AND EVENING MEDITATION** will be held in the **Stables, Emmanuel Centre** on **Tuesdays at 10.30am** and **Wednesdays at 5pm**. All are welcome. Enquires: Tina: 0417305546

**MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY** Every Monday in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome**.

**THE CARMEL SHOP:** The Carmel Shop is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays.

### LAUNCESTON PARISH YOUTH PROGRAM

*For young students from grades 5 to 12*

**Meetings:** every 2nd and 4th Thursdays

**6.00pm - 7.30pm in St Ailbe's Hall.**

*Come join us for an evening of fulfilled activities and learning of our faith*

**Enquires: please contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578**

### A VOCATION VIEW

*When we are 'born again' in baptism, we become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction – heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.*



### REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

To assist those in need, St Vincent de Paul Society are seeking donations of warm jackets, blankets, warm socks, beanies, scarves and toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap etc.

Donations can be left at the Parish Office during office hours. Enquiries: Parish Office 6331 4377

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm Vigil</b>	Sacred Heart, Newstead
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Carmelite Monastery
<b>9.00am</b>	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
<b>9.00am</b>	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
<b>10.30am</b>	Apostles	
<b>6.30pm</b>	Apostles	

### WEEKDAY MASSES 11th—16th March

**7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmelite Monastery**

<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Newstead</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Apostles</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Invermay</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Apostles</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Carmel</b>

### RECONCILIATION

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>9.30am -10.30am</b>	Apostles
	<b>5.15pm –5.45pm</b>	Newstead

### NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**Psalms 50:3-4, 12-15**

**Hebrews 5:7-9**

**John 12:20-30**



*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*

**Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:**

**Account Name:** Launceston Catholic Parish

**BSB:** 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.

**Reference:** "your surname"

### MASS LIVE-STREAMED Each and every Sunday at 9am

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. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..*





POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION  
FOR MARCH:

Intention for evangelisation – For new martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.



**2024 St Patrick's Pilgrimage**

**16th/ 17th March 2024**

**Colebrook to Richmond**

Join Archbishop Julian Porteous for the 2024 St Patrick's Pilgrimage. Open to all young adults between the ages of 16 and 35, pilgrims will set out from St Patrick's Church, Colebrook on an overnight walk to St John the Evangelist Church, Richmond.

**Cost:** Cost \$55 **Register:** <https://events.humanitix.com/st-patricks-pilgrimage-2024>

**More information:** [youth@aohtas.org.au](mailto:youth@aohtas.org.au)

## Children's Corner

Write a prayer about how you would like God to help you.

*Dear Lord,*



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*Amen.*

## LIFE TO THE FULL CONFERENCE '24

*Featuring the Sister of Life from New York City*

*For high school students in Grade 7 –12*

**26th –28th April 2024, Camp Clayton, Turners Beach**

*Cost: \$230 includes food and accommodation  
(siblings discount available)*

*Further details: [youth@aohtas.org.au](mailto:youth@aohtas.org.au) or call 0448330238*

## LAUNCESTON ALIVE

### EASTER COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

*Parishioners are invited to an ecumenical*

*Childrens and Families Easter Festival to be held at  
Riverbend Park on Saturday 30th March*

*11am—2pm Free Entry*

*[www.launcestonalive.org](http://www.launcestonalive.org)*

## Project Compassion—Fourth Sunday of Lent



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

**Please donate to Project Compassion** by using the boxes and envelopes available from the church, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



**The Secular Franciscan Order in Australia** is seeking to reach out to members who have been professed overseas prior to relocating to Australia and would like to connect with one of our fraternities. email: [national@ofsaustralia.org.au](mailto:national@ofsaustralia.org.au)  
Here in the Launceston The Holy Family fraternity meets on 2nd Sunday of each month at St. Francis's Parish Hall, 12 noon. to 3pm. We would welcome any members who would love to come. Contact - Margaret Cherry 0457 575 770 or email [geo23f@bigpond.com](mailto:geo23f@bigpond.com)



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*Enquiries: Safe Communities officer- Parish Office 63314377 or email: [launceston@aohtas.org.au](mailto:launceston@aohtas.org.au)  
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