

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 14 March 2021



Readings for this week:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21



Readings for next week

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33



Liturgical Jottings

Chrism Mass

The Bishop and his priests concelebrate this Mass which he consecrates the holy chrism and blesses the other oils and manifests the communion of the presbyters with their Bishop. The chrism is used to anoint the newly baptised, to seal the candidates for confirmation, and anoint the hands of presbyters and the heads of bishops at their ordination. The oil of catechumens is used in the preparation of the catechumen for their baptism. The oil of the sick is used to bring comfort and support to the sick. Priests share the sacred office of the bishop in building up and sanctifying the people of God.

Ceremonial of Bishops 274

The Mass will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday 30 March at 11am. All welcome.

Looking at the Readings

The two books of the Chronicles contain 75 chapters in all. Only once do we hear from them on a Sunday, that is today, and it is the very last verses of the Second Book of the Chronicles. As the name suggests, they are historical books but the unknown author gives spiritual and unique perspectives to the salvific events from creation to the return from Babylonian exile. Because of these perspectives the readings are relevant for us in our time. Sin and punishment must be recognised for what they are. Conversion, mercy and forgiveness should be accepted, praised and celebrated.

The Gospel presents another insight into the death and resurrection of Christ before those events. To Nicodemus Christ prepares him for the mystery of the Cross: He is to be lifted up (on the Cross) for all to be saved and gain eternal life. John's Gospel emphasises the cross as the instrument of glory of God, a sign of God's love and life for the world.

Quote of the Week

"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity. Enter again into yourself." *St Augustine of Hippo*


Prayer for Today

O God, rich in mercy, You so loved the world that, when we were dead in our sins, You sent Your only Son for our deliverance. Lifted up from the earth, He is light and life; exalted upon the cross, He is truth and salvation. Raise us up with Christ and make us rich in good works, that we may walk as children of light toward the paschal feast of heaven. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

As new regulations are introduced, they strain on our memories, especially going shopping. In the 1960's we get to the grocer's door and remember we left the car key in the ignition; in the 1970's we go the supermarket and remember we forgot to feed the parking meter; in the 1980's we get to the front door and return to get the needed shopping list because of failing memory. In the 1990's we return to the car to get our credit card. In the 2000's we go back to get our mobile phone, in the 2010's we return to car get the green bags, and now in the 2020's we return to the car to don our face-masks.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Bernard McNamara
	Our sick and their carers	Carmel Trevaskis, Sue MacDonald

Please note that names on the sick list only remain for four weeks unless, unless the Parish Office is asked for them to remain on the list for an additional four weeks.



Arsad an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet, so he and his family always had to walk into the forest to an open defecation area. His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes.



With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save for toilets. Now Arsad's family is healthier. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More.'

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.

Easter Rosters

If you are available over the Easter period to help with Mass, could you please put your name and phone number on the Roster Sheet and tick your time availability.

We need commentators, readers, special ministers, screen operator etc. Thank you for your help.

EASTER MASS TIMETABLE

Parish Reconciliation

Wednesday 24th March 5:30 pm

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday 1st April 5:30 pm

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross

Friday 2nd April 10:00 am

Good Friday – The Pasion of our Lord

Friday 2nd April 3:00 pm

Easter Saturday – Vigil Mass

Saturday 3rd April 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday – Mass

Sunday 4th April 9:30 am

Mass Timetable Week commencing 15th March

Weekday Mass

Monday 15 th March	No Mass
Tuesday 16 th March	No Mass
Wednesday 17 th March	9:15 am Mass
Thursday 18 th March	No Mass
Friday 19 th March	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 20 th March	5:30 pm Mass
Sunday 21 st March	9:30 am Mass

Reconciliation (in the Nuns Chapel)

Saturday 21 st March	11:30 am
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Stronger Rally Online

The first 'Stronger Tonight' online Rally of 2021 will be on Friday 26th March at 7pm. With music, conversations and our 2021 theme "Let There Be Light", this is an online event not to be missed! The livestream will be available on the Stronger Youth YouTube Channel.

Follow Sandhurst Youth and Stronger Youth on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with the latest info including how to be a part of the live studio audience.

HOLY WEEK RETREAT

As part of your Lenten journey to holiness, FRG Ministry is so excited to offer you a **FREE** Holy Week Retreat.

This will be a time of daily live reflections with Fr Rob Galea and Alyssa Agius, as well as online Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Examination of Conscience, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass.

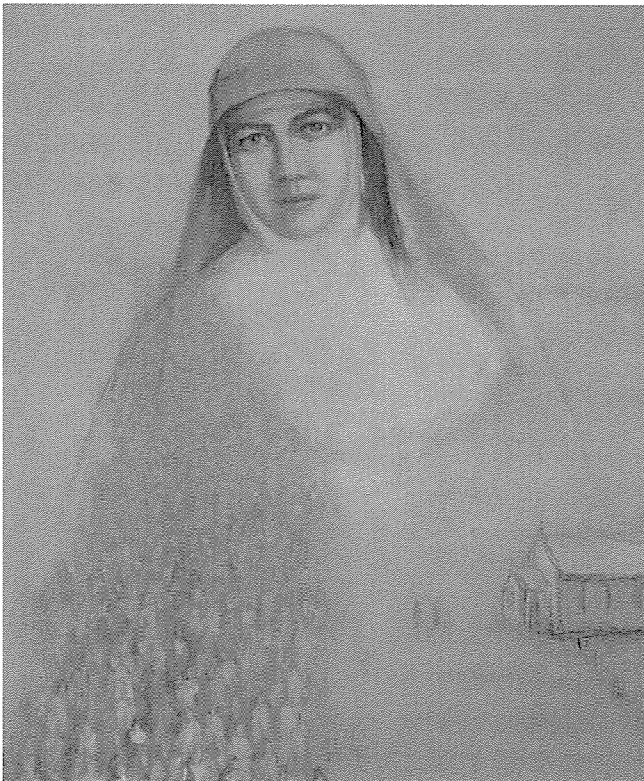
Places are limited and we don't want you to miss out. Register now
at courses.frgministry.com/register

Executive Assistant to the Bishop of Sandhurst:

An exciting opportunity exists for a highly organised, proactive, and detail-sensitive individual to provide administrative and personal support to the Bishop. This is a full-time role.

For more information, a copy of the position description and how to apply go to the Employment Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst website Executive Assistant to the Bishop of Sandhurst (catholic.org.au)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 2nd April 2021.



In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to

“Take fresh courage.”

This year is the ten year anniversary of
Mary's canonisation.

During the challenging times we all face,
please pray and support Mary MacKillop Today,
so that we can continue to transform lives through
our vital works and carry on the legacy of
Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross.

For more information
please call 02 8912 2777 or visit
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