

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 3rd April, 2022 5th Sunday of Lent – Year C

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

RECENT DEATHS:

We pray for all those who have died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dorothy Davis, Pope John Paul 11, Carl Gustus, Theresa Mc Donald, Ellen MacAuley, Mathew Delaney, Graeme Loader, Tony Carnes, Phon Briody & Gayle O'Loughlan.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Anne Beer

10th April: sue Mahony

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Carita Clancy

10th April: Anne Ber

Assembly Leader

17th April: Sue Mahony & Anne Beer

Special Minister

17th April: Gail Hall

Music

Today: Sue Mahony

10th April: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

3 & 10 April: Chandler Family

Church Grounds

3rd & 10th April: Chandler Family

Newsletter

April – Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES for Next Week

April 10th Palm Sunday Mass 12 noon

RCIA SACRAMENTS to be celebrated on April 10 at 12 noon. This will be **Palm Sunday and the only mass that day** in Beaufort. Thank you to Sandy Watkins for her contribution to this very important aspect of our faith community. The 5 adults celeb-

rating will be Rachel Featherstone, Gail Franc, Josh Franc, Lauren Hayward and Andrea Watkins. Please remember them as they prepare for this milestone in their faith life.

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

April 10th Palm Sunday – Mass at 12 noon for RCIA.

Please bring your own palm/branch.

April 11th Mass of the Oils 6.30 pm Cathedral

Is there anyone available to go along & represent our Parish to collect our Oils?

April 15th Good Friday Passion 3 pm. LLA Spec Collection

April 17th Easter Sunday 10 am LLA.

Volunteers for Leaders, Reader, Prayers of the Faithful, adoration of the Cross, Special Ministers & Music etc. Please indicate your availability on the clipboard at the back of the Church.

A Prayer for Ukraine from the Aust Catholic Bishops-

God of peace and justice, who changes 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.

St Andrews Uniting Church Beaufort invite parishoner to a Passover Meal at the Burrumbeet Hall Thursday 7th April 6.30. Reply to Sue Carnes on 53492625 today for catering numbers.

As we approach the glorious season of Easter, the Lord equally says to us: "Go and sin no more." This is an injunction we must believe and put into practice. He promises us a better future and a share in his glory if we remain faithful to this command. Therefore, we must constantly run to Jesus irrespective of our situation. This is because he is ever ready to acquit us of all the charges against us. So, let us shout for joy: "What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed, we are glad!"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Jn 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

3 APRIL 2022

LIVING WATER

To the people of Israel in exile, Isaiah speaks of a new highway that God is making in the wilderness, a highway that would change the face of the wilderness forever. No longer desolate, the people would have what they needed, and their thirst for vindication and homecoming from exile would be satisfied.

On the road to Damascus, Paul's world had been changed forever. He had come to see that, for him, the living water that Jesus the Messiah offers is the only prize worth striving for. As a Pharisee, he had sought perfection through faithfulness to the Jewish law. He had come to appreciate that, as beautiful as the Jewish law was, Jesus' death and resurrection had opened a new pathway to God's grace. He knew he was not perfect. In response to his experience of the Risen One, he set out to travel that road with all his heart and love as a missionary and apostle.

The episode of the woman caught in adultery is another moving example of how the living God can break into our world and provide water in the desert of the human heart. Surrounded by rejection and mistaken self-righteousness, this woman is isolated and faces the threat of a brutal death. As her accusers call for her execution Jesus writes in the sand. Ever so gently a new highway is being laid and we are invited to walk it. By not condemning or judging, Jesus shows how, we too, can walk this path and provide living water for each other.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 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**

Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

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.

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