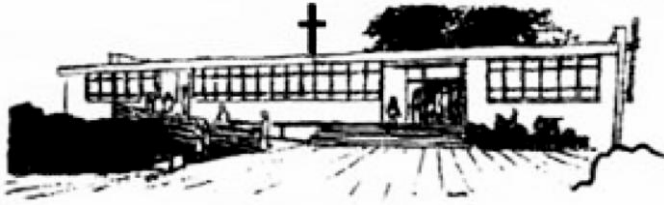


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026, Year A/2



BBONDONE, Giotto Di, Raising of Lazarus, 1304-06

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am  
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
(Please let the Priest know.)

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Rochelle Borg – Principal

#### School Office Times

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 37:12-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:8-11

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Calcidon Bugeja

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

Special Family Intention

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Special Family Intention

**Tuesday** 8:00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Luke Mathew (Birthday Blessings)

**Wednesday** 8.00am ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD † Kieren & Grieving Mum Lynn

**Thursday** 8.00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent Ken & Donna Henry (Wedding Blessings)

**Friday** 8.00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent Julie, Roger & Family (For God's Blessings)

**Saturday** 8.30am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent †† Lawrence & Dilip Gregory

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

An hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend.

Confessions are also available during Adoration.

**BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:** Speak to the Priest.

### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Good Friday – after the Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday – 9.30am

Easter Sunday 8.00am

Monday to Saturday – after morning Mass

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

2.00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Prayers and Meditation

3pm – Mass

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 6pm during Lent.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pellegrino Penna, Daphne Holmes, Melania Reyes Quijano

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Calcidon Bugeja, Kieren, Lawrence & Dilip Gregory

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday – 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March** – Masses as usual

**Reconciliation for Easter** – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

**Holy Thursday** April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday** April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Stations of the Cross – 11am  
Passion of Christ – 3pm

**Holy Saturday** April 4<sup>th</sup> – Paschal Vigil – 7.30pm

**Easter Sunday** April 5<sup>th</sup> – Masses at 8.30am & 10am

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Michael Muema, Gary O'Brien, Shayla, Garry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

**SICK LIST:** Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

### POPE'S MARCH INTENTIONS

#### For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**First Communion:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Confirmation:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 19<sup>th</sup> July

**SECOND COLLECTION:**            **Loose: \$463.25**  
   **Planned Giving: \$1875**  
   **Smart Facilities: \$940**  
   **Project Donations: \$140**

### BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

### PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

This Lent, our Parish Community is called to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia. Please collect your Donation Box or you can donate online at [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate) or by calling 1800 024 413.

### PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to our Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



### FAMILY CLUB 2026

Next session is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please see poster for details and scan the QR code to register. For further information please call Marta on 0412 539 127.

### SACRED SECRETS – SHALOM WORLD

A profound journey into the passion of Jesus and programs to accompany you through Lent. See flyer at the back of the Church.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday – Friday 7.00am – 7.50am**

**Saturday – Sunday 7.30am – 8.20am**

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
is available during Adoration.

### EUCHARIST28 PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenseless and homeless, the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ. Amen.

### SCRIPTURES FOR REFLECTION

“Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”  
Matthew 28:20

“All things work to the good for those who love God.”  
Romans 8:29

### SAINTLY THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

“Father, I am hungry; for the love of God give this soul her food, her Lord in the Eucharist.” St Catherine of Siena

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What is God asking of me personally, during this year of prayer and eucharistic renewal?

How can I live a more eucharistic life?

Do we as a community live intentionally as the Body of Christ, broken and given up for others?

**Web Site:** <https://eucharist28.org>

## POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Catechesis. The Documents of Vatican Council II.  
II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*.**

**4. *The Church, a Priestly and Prophetic People***

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning.

Today I would like to revisit the second chapter of the Conciliar Constitution *Lumen gentium* (LG), devoted to the Church as the people of God.

The messianic people (LG, 9), receive from Christ the participation in the priestly, prophetic and kingly work office through which his salvific mission is carried out. The Council Fathers teach that the Lord Jesus, through the new and eternal Covenant, has established a kingdom of priests, constituting his disciples as a 'royal priesthood' (1 Pet 2:9; cf. 1 Pet 2:5; Rev 1:6). This common priesthood of the faithful is given with Baptism, which enables us to worship God in spirit and truth, and to "confess before men the faith which they have received from God through the Church" (LG, 11). Furthermore, through the sacrament of Confirmation, all the baptized "are more perfectly bound to the Church ... and the Holy Spirit endows them with special strength so that they are more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith, both by word and by deed, as true witnesses of Christ" (*ibid.*). This consecration is at the root of the common mission that unites the ordained ministries and the lay faithful.

Pope Francis observed that, "Looking at the People of God is remembering that we all enter the Church as lay people. The first sacrament, which seals our identity forever is Baptism. Through Baptism and by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we 'are consecrated as a spiritual house and a holy priesthood' (LG, 10), [so that] everyone forms the faithful Holy People of God" (*Letter to the Pontifical Commission for Latin America*, 19 March 2016).

The exercise of the royal priesthood takes place in many ways, all aimed at our sanctification, first and foremost through participation in the offering of the Eucharist. Through prayer and active charity, we thus bear witness to a life renewed by God's grace (cf. LG, 10). As the Council summarizes, "it is through the sacraments and the exercise of the virtues that the sacred nature and organic structure of the priestly community is brought into operation"

(LG, 11).

The Council Fathers then teach that the holy People of God also participate in the prophetic mission of Christ (cf. LG, 12). In this context, the important theme of the *sense of the faith* and the *consensus of the faithful* is introduced. The Doctrinal Commission of the Council specified that this *sensus fidei* "is like a faculty of the whole Church, by which she, recognises the revelation handed down, distinguishing between true and false in matters of faith, and at the same time penetrates it more deeply and applies it more fully in life" (cf. *Acta Synodalia*, III/1, 199). The sense of faith therefore belongs to individual believers as members of the People of God as a whole.

*Lumen gentium* focuses on this latter aspect, and places it in relation to the infallibility of the Church, to which that of the Roman Pontiff is inherent and by which it is served. "The entire body of the faithful, anointed as they are by the Holy One (c. 1 Jn 2:20,27), cannot err in matters of belief. They manifest this special property by means of the whole peoples' supernatural discernment in matters of faith when from the Bishops down to the last of the lay faithful they show universal agreement in matters of faith and morals" (LG, 12). The Church, therefore, as the communion of the faithful, cannot err in matters of faith: the organ through which this truth is preserved, founded on the anointing of the Holy Spirit, is the *supernatural sense of faith* of the entire People of God, which is manifested in the *consensus of the faithful*. From this unity, which the Magisterium of the Church safeguards, it follows that every baptized person is an active agent of evangelization, called to bear consistent witness to Christ in accordance with the prophetic gift which the Lord bestows upon His whole Church.

Indeed, the Holy Spirit, who comes to us from the Risen Christ, "distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank. By these gifts He makes them fit and ready to undertake the various tasks and offices which contribute toward the renewal and building up of the Church" (LG, 12). A particular demonstration of this charismatic vitality is offered by consecrated life, which continually germinates and flourishes through the work of grace. Ecclesial associations are a shining example of the variety and fruitfulness of spiritual fruits for the edification of the People of God.