

Prayer in Time of Drought

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created and sustain us.
We ask you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land.
Send abundant rain and restore our parched fields.
Sustain us as we address the environmental and personal toll of the drought.
Renew your people.
Renew the face of the earth.
Mary, Help of Christians – Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.

PARISH NEWS

ARCHDIOCESAN REGULATIONS IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 OR CORONA VIRUS

Holy Water is to be removed from the fonts;

The Sign of Peace will entail acknowledgement of each other but not touching;

All distributing Holy Communion are to sanitise their hands before and after distributing;

Holy Communion is to be received **on the hand only**, not on the tongue;

Only the Sacred Host, not the Precious Blood will be distributed.

THIS TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 7-7.30pm LENTEN DEVOTION is Exposition concluding with Benediction.

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE: Anyone willing to go on a roster to assist Parishioners with transport to Masses please contact the Parish Office.

CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE: 'Lord, as You will', Bach Cantatas, BWV, 111, 92,73,7; 7.30pm, Fri 27 and 2.30pm, Sun 29 March, St Christopher's Cathedral. Tickets: www.canberrabachensemble.com

AMICUS: Support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics; next gathering 'Bread n Putter Bistro' Queanbeyan Golf Club, Sat 14 March at 7pm. Enquiries please call Lyn 0400 265 926.

"Learnings for Australian Catholics & the Australian Plenary Council": 7.30pm, 2 April, the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Forum to inform on the processes and outcomes, including the Pope's response ^{to} of the Amazon Synod. Background Paper is available on the CCCG website: www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org

St Patrick's Day Ecumenical Service, Marist College Senior Hall, 12pm, Saturday 14 March. Dublin born David Caldicott, Emergency Medical Consultant at Calvary John James, Snr Lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine ANU and drugs harm reduction advocate is guest speaker. All welcome.

Prayer Circle Support: Cathy Harris, 6281 2574.

Planned Giving and Loose Collection: \$1242.15.

Readings for Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS NEXT WEEK: 14-15 March, the Third Sunday in Lent, Year A

<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i>	Curtin Sat. 6pm	Garran Sun. 9.30 am	Sun. 5.30 pm
Acolyte	Dan McKay	Stafferd Fernandez	Mark Murphy
Servers			Ava and Ella Morris
Reader	Emma Fairfax	Marie Docherty	Anne Maher
Commentator	Emma Fairfax	Claire Frazer	
Welcomer	Kim Hofmeier	Lesley Kettle	
Ministers of Comm.	Christine McLaughlin, Nedra Kelaart	Claire Frazer, Marie O'Donnell, Juliana Maher	Lyn Granlund, Cecil Wagstaff
Communion to Sick	St Andrew's: Anne Perera	Fred Ward: Lina Vigliotta	Homes: Moya Kennelly
Collectors	J David, C Wagstaff	Ted Fitzgerald	G Nash
Collection Counters	Margaret Wilson, M Flinn, Michael Higgins		



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7-8 March, the Second Sunday in Lent, Year A

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, LITURGY and RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Monday	9.30 am Curtin
Tuesday	9.30 am Curtin
Wednesday	9.30am Curtin Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Thursday	5.30pm Curtin
Friday	9.30am Curtin (incl. Anointing of the Sick on First Friday)
Saturday	Reconciliation 5.00-5.30pm Curtin; Mass 6.00pm Curtin
Sunday	9.30am Garran, 5.30 pm Curtin

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. .

MAY THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN EASTER GLORY

Recently Deceased: Maureen Boyle, Don Furner, Richard Arnel, Rod Frazer, Mary-Anne McGrath, Patsy Edwards, Gary Pertzel, Nance Kenny, Dorothy Hennessy, Victims of the bushfires, Victims of the Corona virus, Kobe Bryant, Eric Fitzsimmons, Margaret Yvanovich, Policarpio Barawid, Nicholas De Grave, Ilario Ciacio, Yolanda Viovicente (mother of Fr Loi PP North Belconnen), Peter Macnicol.

Anniversaries of Death: Doris Falzon and Falzon family members, Hartung and Marlow family members, Richard Pugh, Rosario Suazo, Gary Woods, Jack Perry, George Pugh, Desmond Lilley, Sylvia Cronin, Policarpio Barawid, Frank Williams, Kevin Walsh, Kevin Wilson, Pat Macnicol, Frank Williams, Bryan Docherty.

MAY THE SICK BE COMFORTED BY OUR PRAYERS

Bella Davison, Leah Yaxley, John Kololo, Frederick Schinkel, Maree Peters, Witlock family, Timothy Francis Roberts, Rosa B Nguyen, Lourdes A Bautista, David Sandground, Kathleen Stuart, Dick Barry, Luke Ward, Eric Reiher, John Vincent, David Parker, Mark Shepherd, Violet Webster, Catherine Peachey, Lucy Duncan, Rod Duncan, Edith Schumann, Kevin Cains, Stephen Evans, Dermott Cummins.

TO SET OUT IN SPITE OF ...

If you compare and contrast the First Reading and Gospel today, Abraham is told to go whereas Peter wants to stay. Abraham was told to leave the security of his homeland, promised that he would be the father of a great nation. Peter wants to stay on the mountain where the Lord is transfigured, exclaiming what has been adopted as our parish motto: "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here." In 1982 the English punk rock band 'The Clash' released "Should I Stay or Should I Go". That reference is made for no other reason than to highlight the tension that is often in our lives. **Lent is a time of decision, of new beginnings under God's grace.** Abraham journeyed away from the familiar in trust. Peter did not want to leave the mountain initially but did so in trust too. Abraham, an old man had to believe that despite his advanced years God would make him the father of a great nation. Peter chose to believe and follow Jesus to Jerusalem, despite his inability to reconcile that the anointed of God would have to first suffer and die before being gifted by the Father with new life. We can have all manner of reasons not to go, but Lent is the time to listen anew to where God is calling. **Through Lenten prayer, fasting and support of Project Compassion we can grow in awareness under God's grace and set out in faith, contrary to our default position. The call to move might be in terms of our thoughts, words or deeds, or combination thereof. To respond under God's grace will be to our individual and common good.**