

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

30 MARCH 2025

THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS. The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus' words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son's return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 66:10-11

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling
breast.**

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of
heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, who through your Word reconcile
the human race to yourself in a wonderful
way, grant, we pray, that with prompt
devotion and eager faith the Christian
people may hasten toward the solemn
celebrations to come. Through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Josh 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua
*The people of God went to the promised land
and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have taken
the shame of Egypt away from you."

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal
and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth
day of the month, at evening in the plain
of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover
they tasted the produce of that country,
unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn,
that same day. From that time, from their
first eating of the produce of that country, the
manna stopped falling. And having manna
no longer, the Israelites fed from that year
onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33:2-7. R. v. 9

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his
praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my
soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall
hear and be glad. **R.**

2. Glorify the Lord with me. / Together let
us praise his name. / I sought the Lord and
he answered me; / from all my terrors he set
me free. **R.**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; / let
your faces not be abashed. / This poor man
called; the Lord heard him / and rescued him
from all his distress. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Cor 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new
creation; the old creation has gone, and now
the new one is here. It is all God's work. It
was God who reconciled us to himself through
Christ and gave us the work of handing on
his reconciliation. In other words, God in
Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
not holding men's faults against them, and
he has entrusted to us the news that they are
reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ;
it is as though God were appealing through
us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's
name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake
God made the sinless one into sin, so that in
him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 15:18

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus
Christ!**

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:



**Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you.**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus
Christ!**

GOSPEL Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all
seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he
had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes
complained. "This man" they said "welcomes
sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this
parable to them:

"A man had two sons. The younger said to
his father, "Father, let me have the share of
the estate that would come to me." So the
father divided the property between them. A
few days later, the younger son got together
everything he had and left for a distant
country where he squandered his money on
a life of debauchery.

"When he had spent it all, that country
experienced a severe famine, and now he
began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself
out to one of the local inhabitants who put
him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he
would willingly have filled his belly with the
husks the pigs were eating but no one offered
him anything. Then he came to his senses and
said, "How many of my father's paid servants
have more food than they want, and here am
I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and
go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned
against heaven and against you; I no longer
deserve to be called your son; treat me as one
of your paid servants." So he left the place
and went back to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father
saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to
the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed
him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father,
I have sinned against heaven and against you.
I no longer deserve to be called your son." But
the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
30th of March 2025**

HOLY EUCHARIST & ST. MARY'S
MALVERN EAST

ST. JOSEPH'S MALVERN
ST. ROCH'S GLEN IRIS

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Mass Times

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's
	9:30 a.m.	St. Roch's
	10:30 a.m.	St. Joseph's
	5:00 p.m.	St. Roch's
Monday	5:30 p.m.	St. Roch's
Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	5:30 p.m. [Exposition until 7 p.m.]	St. Roch's
Thursday	9:15 a.m. [Exposition until 10:30 a.m.]	St. Mary's
	12:00 p.m.	Cabrini Chapel
Friday	9:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9:15 a.m.	St. Mary's

Confessions:

Monday	6.00pm (until the last penitent is heard)	St Roch's
Tuesday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	St Joseph's
Wednesday	6.00 p.m - 6:50 p.m	St Roch's
Thursday	9.45 a.m - 10.20 a.m	St Mary's
Friday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	St Mary's

MASS INTENTIONS THIS COMING WEEK:

Sat	29th	Mar	5:00 p.m	Leslie Rawlins, for the repose of his soul on his anniversary
Sun	30th	Mar	8:30 a.m	Private Intention
			9:30 a.m	Private Intention
			10:30 a.m	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
			5:00 p.m	Private Intention
Mon	31st	Mar	5:30 p.m	Private Intention
Tues	1st	April	9:15 a.m	Shaji Abrahani, for the anniversary of death
Wed	2nd	April	5:30 p.m	Livera Family intentions, in thanksgiving
Thur	3rd	April	9:15 a.m	Antonia Cortazzo, recently deceased
Fri	4th	April	9:15 a.m	Victoria Refalo, for the repose of her soul
Sat	5th	April	9:15 a.m	Private Intention

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE:

CURRENTLY SICK: Pope Francis, Sr. Dr Mary Treacy LCM, Andy Basa, Sam Bernardo, Chris Connaughton, Peter Conroy, John Dals, Tony Davenport, Delfina Di Pasquale, Iris Dumenden, Linette Falckh, Gigi Falckh, Karl Falckh, Primo Giudici, Margaret Gladstone, Raymond Gibson, John Hill, Renee Lawrence, Arlette Lobo, Maria Lombardo, Gemma Lopes, Colleen Lloyd, Margaret Marriott, Mary Maconochie, Audrey Marden, Keith McDougall, Michelle Moore, Laila Petrie, Monique Poussin, Danuta Przekwas, Elizabeth Rusden, Mercedes Sanabria, Corrin Stares, Frances Trainor, Leigh Wingate, Susena Zeiden.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Antonia Cortazzo, Mary Favaloro, Peter Hoare, Kevin Naughton.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME: Joan Aylmer, Giannina Bortolazzo, Maurice Brown, Tess Browne, Clare Burke, Gerald Butler, Peter Clarke, Dolly Corrigan, Silvana D'Amico, Trisha Dempsey, Daniel De Pretto, Mary Devlin, Glenn Doswell, Patricia Exell, Clare Frawley, John Gibbs, Charles Gibson, Johana Gill, Johanna Gill, Edward Grant, William Kucks, Avis Kupcis, Kenneth McKay, Crystal Morel, Mary Nettlefold, Leonard Nigro, Danuta Odorej, Michael O'Sullivan, Kevin Plunkett, Graham Polak, Barbara Pope, Maria Proto, Leslie Rawlins, Una Rogers, Kathleen Scanlon, Louise Shearwood-Boyd, Smithie Strain, Peter Spotswood, Thomas Tuohey, Margaret Vernon, Ray Walsh, Ken Waters, Jean Watkins.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Monday	14 th April	5:30pm Mass	St Roch's (followed by confessions)
Tuesday	15 th April	10am Chrism Mass	<i>St Patrick's Cathedral – all parishioners welcome</i> (*No 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's*)
Wednesday	16 th April	5:30pm Mass	St Roch's (followed by Exposition, Confessions, Benediction)
Thursday	17 th April	7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Mary's (followed by Altar of Repose until 11pm Compline) (*No 9:15am Mass at St Mary's*) (*No 12:00pm Mass Cabrini Chapel*)
Friday	18 th April	9am Stations of the Cross	St Mary's (followed by confessions)
		10am Stations of the Cross	St Joseph's
		11am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross	Central Park
		3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion	St Joseph's (followed by confessions)
		3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion	St Roch's (followed by confessions)
Saturday	19 th April	7pm Easter Vigil	St Mary's
		8pm Easter Vigil	St Roch's
Sunday	20 th April	8:30am Easter Day Mass	Holy Eucharist*
		9:30am Easter Day Mass	St Roch's
		10:30am Easter Day Mass	St Joseph's

- Please note Holy Eucharist rather than St Mary's usual Sunday Mass

N.B. No 5pm Mass at St Roch's on Easter Sunday

**FUNERAL NOTICE FOR
ANTONIA CORTAZZO**

The Requiem Mass for the late Antonia Cortazzo will be celebrated at **10:30am, Tuesday 1st of April** at St Joseph's, Malvern.

May she rest in peace.

**FUNERAL NOTICE FOR
MARY GRACE FAVALORO**

The Requiem Mass for the late Mary Grace Favaloro will be celebrated at **10:30am, Thursday 3rd of April** at St Roch's, Glen Iris.

May she rest in peace.

**FUNERAL NOTICE FOR
PETER HOARE**

The Requiem Mass for the late Peter Hoare will be celebrated at **10:30am, Friday 4th of April** at St Joseph's, Malvern.

May he rest in peace.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

5:30pm Fridays

28th March Holy Eucharist

4th April St. Joseph's

11th April St. Roch's

All welcome!

ST JOSEPH'S MUSIC MINISTRY

We are looking for Pianists, Guitarists and Vocalists to join our Music Ministry! If you would like to volunteer, or know someone eager to join.

Please contact Joshua Mac
(joshua.mac0904@gmail.com).

ST JOSEPH'S EASTER RAFFLE

Easter Raffle tickets will be available for purchase after Mass from **March 23rd** onwards. There are lots of lovely prizes to be won. You must be in it to win it!

Tickets are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Winners will be announced in the Easter weekend bulletin.

All proceeds will go to support St Joseph's Parish.

A very special 'Thank you' to our wonderful Morning Tea Team for their generous support and contributions towards this worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your support.

ST ROCH'S AND ST JOSEPH'S OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners,

This is the final weekend of our Parish Offertory Program, and we want to thank you for your response. Your generosity is more than just financial support—it is an act of faith, trust, and gratitude to God. Every gift is a reflection of our relationship with Him and our commitment to His work in our parish.

If you have not yet returned your Pledge Card, they are available on the pews this weekend. I invite you to take a moment to prayerfully consider your offering and return your card during Mass.

You may also submit your pledge by placing it in the offertory collection, dropping it off at the parish office, or sending it by mail.

Thank you once again for your faithfulness and generosity. Every pledge—no matter the size—is a response to God's blessings and helps strengthen our parish for the future.

GOD AND BEER

Inspiration, ideas and a hot meal. Drawing on the truth, beauty and goodness of Christian faith in the Catholic tradition.

Topic: Spiritual Warfare and the Discernment of Spirits

Speaker: Rob Zaar

Date: Monday 14th April

Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk

Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room),
260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC

Contact: John –Email: jtsmyth@gmail.com

MAGI PILGRIMAGES

Magi Pilgrimages would like to invite you for the Jubilee Pilgrimages led by Fr. Sebastian, Streams of Mercy tour (20th May- 4th June'25) and the Marian Shrines tour.(4th June- 18 June). Few more seats are available.

The tour includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides.

For itineraries & bookings,

Call 03 8839 6615 or
1300 721 561 or

Email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

PROCESS FOR REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS

[ALL PARISHES]

Please make sure all requests for Mass offerings are sent, emailed or phoned into the parish office by 12.00pm Thursday. Each Friday the Mass Intentions will be allocated for the Masses in the coming week. With fewer Masses available, there is no guarantee that all requests will be fulfilled on the preferred date or at the preferred church.

We will do our best to allocate the Mass Intentions as closely as possible to the requests.



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Saturday 12th April • 9:45am to 5pm
St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs

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Lenten Retreat



**Saturday,
29 March 2025**

*Starting with 9:00am
Mass and conclude with
Benediction by 5:00pm*

**St Dominic's Parish
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Camberwell**

\$20 Registration fee
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out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

“Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

“The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.” ’

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I AND II OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 15:32

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy

and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

GOD'S LAVISH DELIGHT

This Sunday's Gospel brings us to the very heart of Luke's teaching—forgiveness and God's delight in the return of the sinner. The Gospel's introduction sets the scene: Jesus attracts and dines with moral reprobates. Is this mirroring what's happening with Luke's householders as they gather for the Lord's Supper? Like Jesus, are they too being criticised by religious legislators?

Three parables follow. Our focus is on the third, the parable of two lost sons. Preachers often exclusively focus on the young son who demands his inheritance to leave the farm for a life of pleasure. The son is virtually treating his father as though dead when inheritances were usually bequeathed. He wants to completely cut family ties. We know what follows. The son's need to address his chronic hunger and loneliness sitting with Earth's most unclean creature, the pig, brings him to acknowledge his wrongdoing. He wants to return to his father's farm not as a son but as a hired hand.

The father's longing for his son's return is palpable and completely upturns social expectation. It reflects God's visceral response to the lost one who returns. The second older son is also lost. His adamant rejection of his younger brother's behaviour and his unwillingness to join the celebration of the brother's return flags an attitude circulating in Luke's world. The father's plea to this son for a change of heart is also a plea to the Gospel audience: Are we able to celebrate the joy of God's lavish delight over those we would prefer to exclude?

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