



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

4th March, 2018

“Go Make Disciples”

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.
Closed for lunch between 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm.
Saturday & Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

The Parish Library is open during office hours.

RESURRECTION PRIMARY SCHOOL

John Connors - Principal – 8312 6312
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PARISH MEETING NIGHT

All Parish Groups meet monthly on the 1st Wednesday. We begin with prayer at 7.15pm; individual groups meet between 7.30pm and 8.30pm.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am (or any time by appointment)

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Prior enrolment and preparation required.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Should you or somebody you know wish to become a Catholic, there is a great program called R.C.I.A.

Contact Pauline Debrincat or Fr. Gerard at the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Preparation program for couples is required.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. Please collect your information package from the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.

PARISH FINANCE

The Parish is financially dependent on our Stewardship envelopes. Contact the Parish Office for details.

FACEBOOK ENQUIRIES

Questions and suggestions for our Facebook Page should be directed to resparish.ict@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can send a message directly to our Facebook page by clicking the “message” button. Either way, the Comms Team will respond.

BULLETIN

A Bulletin is published weekly and on the last weekend of the month, a Big Bulletin is produced. Parishioners are encouraged to write articles for the Big Bulletin, particularly if personal testimony is included. When submitting an article, please make sure you mark it “Weekly” or “Big Bulletin” and send to bulletin.kingspark@cam.org.au

Mass Times

Saturday

6.00 pm

Sunday

9.00 am
10.30 am

Weekdays

Monday

Tuesday

Thursday

Friday

6.00 pm

9.20 am

7.00 pm

8.30 am

This Week at Resurrection

Monday 5th March 2018

6.00pm Mass
7.00pm Lenten Reflection
7.00pm RCIA

Tuesday 6th March 2018

9.20am Mass
12.00pm Lenten Reflection
7.00pm Prep Information Night

Wednesday 7th March 2018

9.30am Communion Service
7.15pm Parish Meeting Night

Thursday 8th March 2018

9.00am Playgroup
7.00pm Sacramental Meeting

NO MASS

Friday 9th March 2018

8.30am Mass
9.00am Stations of the Cross
4.15pm RCIC
7.30pm 24 Hours with the Lord

Saturday 10th March 2018

9.30am Reconciliation
10.30am Baptism Meeting
6.00pm Mass
7.30pm 24 Hours with the Lord concludes

Sunday 11th March 2018 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

9.00am Mass
10.30am Mass



We pray in thanksgiving for Angel De Jesus, Patricia De Angelis, Nene Asuncion and all those who have died recently.

We pray for Nina Tanti, Margaret & Louis Gatt, Barbara, Evangelista, Emanuel Mercieca, Lawrence Galea, Arthur Frendo, Carmen Frendo and all those whose anniversary occurs at about this time.

Please also pray for Doris Axiak and all those who are sick.

LENTEN REFLECTION

Every Monday night during Lent an opportunity exists for parishioners to listen, learn & discuss the following Sunday's Gospel. Lent is the opportunity to "go deeper", to go beyond your present comfort zone, to listen to Jesus. Everyone is welcome to meet in the Mackillop room at 7.00pm.

24 HOURS WITH THE LORD

Pope Francis has asked that every parish celebrate "24 Hours with the Lord" during a weekend of Lent. Our parish will celebrate "24Hours with The Lord" commencing on Friday 9th March with Mass at 7.30pm. We will conclude our celebration on Saturday 10th March with a prayer service finishing at 7.30pm.

Our church will be closed this year from 12am till 6am however prayers will still be lead at home.

For further information or if you are willing to lead a part please contact Maryann at the parish office.

The final details will be completed early next week and posted on our Facebook page www.resurrectionkingspark.org.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note that on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday our Mass time has changed from 9am to 8.30am. Please make note of this change if attending this Mass.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note that practice for Palm Sunday proclaimers is at 10.00am on Saturday 17th March, and practice for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil is on 24th March from 10am to 12pm. If you are unable to attend please contact Pauline Debrincat at the parish office.

A BIG THANK YOU

A warm thank you goes out to everyone that attended the Social Groups gathering to Welcome Fr Gerard to Resurrection. Also, thank you to the 18+ group for taking the time to face paint and meet and greet our children.

Please look out for more social group gatherings, everyone is welcome to attend. This is a good time to get to know our parishioners; you just never know you might become good friends with one another.

PARISH MEETING NIGHT

Our next Parish Meeting night will be held on the 7th March commencing with a prayer service at 7.15pm. Supper will be supplied by the Finance & 55+ group.

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

There was a misprint in the big bulletin calendar.

Please note there will be no 6pm Mass on the Labour Day public holiday (12th March).

Also the Parish Office will be closed this day.

OFFICE CLOSED

Our office will be closed on the 9th March, as the staff will be attending a First Aid course.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND SENIOR PARISHIONERS MASS

A warm invitation is extended to all Senior Parishioners to attend the Mass and morning tea on Tuesday 27th March, commencing with Mass at 9.20am and refreshments at 10.00am. If you wish to attend please place your name on the sign up board in the Narthex for catering purposes. If you're able to help with catering please contact the parish office. Your assistance is welcomed and your support is valued.

PREP PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7pm, come along to find out more about the school and view our facilities.

PALM BRANCHES

Any parishioner who is able to supply palm (large and small) branches this year for Palm (Passion) Sunday 25 March is asked to contact the Parish Office.



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Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills? Ever thought of sharing them with our global family to reduce poverty and make a fairer world?

Palms volunteers help build capacity of overseas communities over the long term. They don't do quick fixes on short stays, but immerse themselves in another culture and exchange skills within trusting, mutually beneficial relationships.

Right now, schools, clinics and community organisations in the Pacific, Asia and Africa, Asia seek volunteers to mentor their local personnel and develop communities sustainably.

Are you ready to "Get out there?"

Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

JUST LOSE IT SOMETIMES!

He loved people so much, he sometimes just lost it.

This was the situation. Faithful Jews coming to the temple for worship first had to buy animals for sacrifice and exchange their coins for those that would be acceptable for their temple tax. But some Scripture scholars say the people selling the animals and changing the money were making a huge profit because people had to deal with them. They had a monopoly.

Some scholars say this infuriated Jesus. He saw a system set up to take advantage of good people coming to worship their God. The system especially hurt poor people. It was an example of how the religious and political leaders of Jesus' time abused people.

Getting angry over injustices isn't unchristian - but it doesn't have to lead to violence. Martin Luther King Jr. is a perfect example. He fought racism with righteous anger, but

never used violence or threats of it against his opponents. Dorothy Day, Nelson Mandela, Mohandas Gandhi, Rosa Parks, Oskar Schindler, and Salvatore Massaro "Eddie Lang" are other fine examples.

The closer you grow to Jesus, the more you'll become angry when you see people - especially the outcasts - ignored or abused. Use that anger as fuel to stand up non-violently for people. Speak for young people at school who are put down. Refuse to back away from our society's outcasts, like poor people or people with a disability. Join with other Catholic activists when they mobilise for peace or pro-life issues. But always remember Jesus' other words, "Love your enemies," even while you oppose their actions.

Just think how much the world will change when more Christians lose it over injustices like Jesus did.

What injustices anger you? What are you doing about them?

Stewardship Corner – thoughts on Giving.

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

Prayers of the Faithful

That we may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society – those visible and invisible.



www.acrath.org.au
People are NOT for sale

News Release ... February 2018

Make Your Easter Chocolate Slavery-free

“Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.” Pope Francis 2015

Please buy and sell only slavery-free chocolate this Easter. That’s the message from ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) to everyone intending to buy chocolate, or run chocolate fundraising during Lent.

Australians will spend about \$2 billion on chocolate at Easter and much of it will be chocolate produced using child labour from West Africa. These children pick cocoa beans – a key ingredient used to make chocolate. Many of these children are forced to do this work. Many do not know what the cocoa beans are used for and most have not even tasted chocolate.

Slavery-free chocolate carries one of these three labels - FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ certified. This shows that the cocoa beans used in the chocolate’s production have been sourced ethically, from farmers who engage in good labour practices.



ACRATH’s call is in line with Caritas Australia, which funds projects such as cocoa production in Bougainville. In this project young people in Bougainville are learning cocoa production skills. This ensures they get a fair price for their crops at the market and helps break the poverty cycle.

The purchasing of slavery-free chocolate is an important choice that consumers, all of us, can make every day. We can choose to buy only chocolates that are produced slavery-free.

Slavery-free supply chains are becoming a major issue within the Catholic Church and in the wider business community, not just at Easter. Two of Australia’s largest Archdiocese, Sydney and Melbourne, are moving to ensure their supply chains are slavery-free. Sydney has already established a Taskforce, which will look at where possible, only purchasing slavery-proofed products and services. Melbourne is set to follow this lead.

Christine Carolan, the Executive Officer of ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans), said buying slavery-free chocolate at Easter gives people the opportunity to take a stand against human trafficking and slavery.

“We know that some children, working in some of the cocoa farms in West Africa are trafficked. Many others work in dangerous conditions for little or no wages and cannot attend school,” Ms Carolan said.

“Lent is a very important time for schools who raise funds for Caritas’ Project Compassion. We support this wonderful project and ask schools and parishes to remember to use only slavery-free chocolate in their fund-raising. If you buy chocolate with one of the three slavery-free labels you can be sure that the cocoa beans used in the chocolate’s production have been sourced ethically, from farmers who engage in good labour practices.”

Tulane University’s 2013/2014 ***Survey Research on Child Labour in West African Cocoa Growing Areas*** found that 2.12 million children were working in child labour in cocoa production and 2.03 million children were working in hazardous work in cocoa production in Cote d’Ivoire and Ghana combined.

A decade ago there was almost no slavery-free chocolate sold in Australia. The global movement, led by many groups in Australia, including ACRATH, has seen a dramatic increase in the availability of slavery-free chocolate for consumers.

ACRATH urges consumers this Easter to:

- Buy only slavery-free chocolate – use your buying power to take a stand.
- Use only slavery-free chocolate in school fundraising.
- Eat only slavery-free chocolate. If your local/favourite shop doesn’t sell slavery-free chocolate then ask them to please start stocking it.
- Find out about cocoa bean production and the plight of many children in chocolate production.
- Thank the managers of stores that are stocking slavery-free chocolate this Easter.
- Discuss your slavery-free chocolate decision with five other people to help spread the word.

What to Look for

Slavery-free chocolate carries one of these three labels - FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ certified.



To find out more about the campaign and slavery-free chocolate please go to <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter-chocolate/>

Media Contact: Rosie Hoban on 0431 471046 or Christine Carolan 0427 302755

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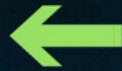
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Reflection

The further thirst

There is a thirst in every human heart. Each of us is like that lonely Samaritan woman. We are thirsting of something, something that will satisfy all our longings. But often we search in the wrong places. We draw water from many wells: the water of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem;

the water of success to quench our thirst for importance;

the water of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy...

But we still get thirsty. Only God can give us what we are looking for.

He alone can cause a spring to well up inside us. The water from this spring will sustain us in our journey to the Promised Land of eternal life.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Great response so far from parishioners taking shopping bags with the intent of bringing them back full of groceries on Holy Thursday night for the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The groceries are then distributed to those in need in our parish and beyond.

This is a Corporal Work of Mercy thus is a sign of the Spirit of the Risen Jesus in a person's life.

Please do not give "out of date" groceries as they have to be thrown out making additional work for the very busy small group of parishioners who make up our St Vincent de Paul Group. Remember if the groceries are no good for you they are no good for anybody else.

10th & 11th March 2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent

	6 PM	9 AM	10.30 AM	
MASS OVERSEERS	John Borja	Pauline Debrincat	Aurora Asuncion	
HOSPITALITY	Joe Caruana Jane Caruana Charlie Grech	Anna Cassar Andrew Cassar Maryann Psalia	Evelina Tumiauga Dolly Zipagan Paul Bossini	
DATA PROJECTOR	Jacob Galea	Sebastian Brizuela	Leanne Alderson	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Oliver Zipagan	
PROCLAIMERS	1 st Aaron Paul Response Choir 2 nd Max Michel Intercessions Karen Colaco	Teresa The Choir Oliver D'Souza Emmanuelle Brizuela	Cleo Oliveria Choir Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena Atalina Ulugia-Sa'ena	
Narrator	Henry Dunn	Kathy Wale	Jane Inot	
Jesus	Fr Gerard	Fr Gerard	Fr Gerard	
Part 1	Sandra Galea	Colleen Wolfe	Calvin Alderson	
Part 2	Rebecca Galea	Brandon Wolfe	Zita Alderson	
Emergencies	Trinh Duong	Dudi Nicart	Evelyn Tuimauga	
COLLECTORS	Ollie Farrugia Charlie Grech Roberto Bracco Rocky Hughes Stephen Thejage Stephen Thejage Steve Thejage Tyrone Tallent William Hudson Mary Do	Frank Gatt Michael Donnelly Milton Young Raul Dizon Virgilio Romerona Teresita Komarow Tammy Truong	Rebekah Vilardo Alberto Dimo Andrew Morrison Brian Briffa Charlie Grima Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Mario Debono Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena	Richard Marshall Royston Du'Pratt Teddy Bernardo Tilo Mataji Tony Tuimauga Josephine Medilo Marta Molina Oliver Zipagan Marlena Ulugia-Sa'ena
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Henry Dunn Lucia Portelli Lina Sylvester Fely Baltazar Maria Le Maria Lapid Jane Caruana Joe Caruana Joyce Zahra	Fr Gerard Keith Mauri Sendapperuma Vilinda Rebustillo Colleen Wolfe Nadia Young Eve Balfour Marc Dicconson Judy Leckie Karen D'Souza Kathy Wale	Fr Gerard Keith Jane Inot Marissa Medilo Marques Navarro Owen D'Cruze Rachitha Antony Tessie Lim Veronica Santiago	Dolly Zipagan Yvonne Utoasega Zita Alderson Atalina Ulugia-Sa'ena Analiza Pascual Angelita Ramat Catherine Pedralvez Cecilia Navarro
Emergencies:	Martine Grech	Minh – Tam Pham	Christine Perram	Clem Beltran
SACRISTY DUTY	Patricia Marek	Rianne Brizuela	Marques Navarro Cecilia Navarro	
COFFEE MAKERS	No Coffee	Leon D'Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Mary Rulla Katrina Abagatnan	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	No Coffee	Oliver D'Souza Valerie Stockbridge Nazzarena Renda	Zenaida Magtoto	Jane Inot
CHURCH CLEANERS NO CHURCH ROSTER	Batpism Meeting 10th March 10.30am Owen D'Cruze Liz Michaelsen Judith Makripoulias		FLOWERS: No Flowers during Lent ALTAR LINEN: Rahab Chege PARISH OFFICE CLEANING: Daniella Gozun	

Next Week's Readings — 11th March 2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Reading 1

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel:

"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him;

we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6.

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Reading 2

Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Gospel

Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who

used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue.

For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he."

He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.