

SECOND READING

Eph 2: 4 - 10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAM.

Jn 3: 16

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 3: 14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed;

but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Saint John Paul II Parish

11th March 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING 2 Chron 36: 14-16. 19-23 A reading from the second book of Chronicles

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his

kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.'"

The word of the Lord.

RESPONS. PSALM

Ps 136

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R**
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R**
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R**
4. O let my tongue cleave my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R**

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MASS TIMES Monday -Saturday 8:00am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 6:00pm **SUNDAY MASS** 9:30am

Reconciliation Sunday 8:45am to 9:15am or by appointment.
Baptism & Weddings by appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like to offer a Mass up for a special intention, please contact Fr Vinh.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - 10/11 MARCH:

ACOLYTES	Sat Vigil:	Thomas N	Sun 9.30am: Thomas A
LITURGY OF THE WORD	Sat Vigil:	1: Nina 2: Nenith	Sun 9.30am: 1: Remi 2: Pancy
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Sun 9.30am:	Ginny & Elsa	
ALTAR SERVERS	Sun 9.30am:	Volunteers needed, New Roster coming	

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 17/18 MARCH:

ACOLYTES	Sat Vigil:	Richard	Sun 9.30am: Arnell
LITURGY OF THE WORD	Sat Vigil:	1: John 2: Ivan	Sun 9.30am: School Mass
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Sun 9.30am:	Rachael & Tony	
ALTAR SERVERS	Sun 9.30am:	Volunteers needed, New Roster coming	

If you are unable to attend your rostered Mass, please arrange a swap with another person from the particular ministry. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent at 7pm. The Stations of the Cross are a reflective devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. At each station we recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day.

EASTER DINNER DANCE Easter is just around the corner and this year the parish will be holding a Dinner Dance at St John Paul II Catholic Primary School on Sunday the 1st of April. Only 150 tickets will be available for this event. Tickets will be on sale after Mass and will be \$10 per adult (13+) \$5 per child (5-12years), children under the age of 5 are free. On the night, a raffle will be held. The social committee are also asking for donations to go towards the raffle. We will be collecting these items from this Sunday onwards. More information about the Dinner Dance will be posted in the next few weeks.

JP2CARE As a parish, many of us are blessed and fortunate enough to have all that we need. Are you able to help? JP2CARE are asking for any non-perishable food items that can be donated, which will then be distributed by our JP2CARE Team to those in our parish, in need. We thank you in advance for your support and generosity.



EASTER CELEBRATION TIMES LEAFLETS As at Christmas time, SJPII is asking all parishioners to assist in spreading the word about the Holy Week and Easter Mass times of our multicultural and welcoming parish. As a way of letting our wider community here in Banksia Grove and surrounds know about our Holy week and Easter celebrations, we have printed leaflets for distribution in our area. It would be wonderful if families in attendance this weekend could collect enough leaflets to distribute to the street you live on, bearing in mind that we may have multiple parishioners living on the same street! If you are aware of another parishioner living in your street, then please share the load. We hope to distribute as many leaflets as possible. We thank you in advance for your assistance in this.



EXTRAORDINARY CHEFS NEEDED Throughout this year Fr Vinh will be holding a number of food fairs at different parishes to raise money towards our Church Building Fund. Those who are able to help with the cooking or are able to help with setting up, pick up of food, selling food etc please let Fr Vinh know. All offers of assistance will be appreciated.



THE GATHERING - NORTHERN SUBURBS SENIORS Greetings to all for a Happy St Patricks day. You are invited to 'The Gathering' our monthly social meeting of music, entertainment, and community information which will be held on Thursday 15 March at 10.30am at St Anthony's Parish hall, 15 Dundobar Road Wanneroo. (Parking at rear of Church). Irish Theme- please wear something green. Bring a plate to share lunch and enjoy the good old Irish sing along music, Irish dancers, and meet new friends. Guest Speaker WA Police. All welcome; Registration 10.15am (Gold Coin Donation) All enquiries to Sean Mc Donagh on 0431 018 388.

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD Pregnancy Assistance Inc. is holding its annual Mass and morning tea - Day of the Unborn Child -We have a special procession with flowers during Mass to remember and honour all the innocent babies who have died before birth. This will be held on Saturday 24th March at 9.30am, St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. ALL WELCOME.

VIETNAM MISSION TRIP Fr Vinh will be taking a group of youth from All Saints, Greenwood Parish for a mission in Vietnam from 14 - 28 January 2019. The cost is anticipated to be approximately \$2,000.00. Fr Vinh would love to be able bring some youth from St John Paul II Parish along too. Fr Vinh hopes to subsidise 50% of the cost for 5 of our young people. Those who are younger than Fr Vinh are eligible. Please see Fr Vinh for more details!

DONATIONS NEEDED The social committee are asking for donations to go towards the Easter Dinner Dance raffle. If you are able to donate towards the raffle please see Sr Tuyen or Sr Duyen or a member of the Social Committee. Thank you.