



St. Therese Catholic Church Padstow

10th – 11th March 2018

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Sunday Masses: Vigil 6.30PM, Sun 8.00AM, 9.30AM

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8.30M, Fridays, & Saturdays at 9.00AM, Wednesdays at 7.30PM.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday from 5PM. Baptisms & Marriages By appointment.

We Pray For Our Sick: Marie Mc Loughlin, Patricia Lopez, Joshua Durrant, Mary Sortwell, Matthew Morrissey, Romanos Nehme, Debe Beaini, and all our sick; may the Grace of the Lord be with them. Lord hear us.

We Pray For Our Dead: Victor & Bertha Jonathan, Colin & Violet Ragel, Honorata Serrano, Dave Durrant, Hazel Kennedy, Alfredo Carnivale, Nicholas Hasbani & deceased members of the Hasbani family, Jennifer & Ryley Delmage, Gaetana & Anthony Torrisi, Giovanni Pruscino, Augustino Bartollo, Gerry Edwards, and especially for those for whom Masses are being offered. We pray; Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Walk
in the
light
of the
Lord
(see John 5:39-41)

4th. Sunday of Lent.

From Fr. Stephen.

The fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday, from the first words of the opening Prayer at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" (Rejoice, O Jerusalem). Like Gaudete Sunday midway through the Advent Season, Laetare reminds us of the event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season, namely the joyful celebration of the

Resurrection of the Lord.

The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God given to us through Jesus His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion, the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ. As an act of love and gratitude to God who is "rich in mercy" and as an expression of our faith, we are invited to share his sufferings by doing penance during Lent so that we may inherit our eternal salvation and the glory of his resurrection in heaven.

The Liturgy this Sunday invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's grace, mercy and salvation. In today's Gospel from John we read: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." This is the summary of the whole Gospel message of salvation through our faith in Christ Jesus. This text is the very essence of the whole Divine Revelation.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- † In-service for Counters on Saturday 17th March in the Crying Room at 4PM.
- † In-service for all Lectors on Saturday 24th March in the church at 4PM.
- † Healing Mass on Wednesday 14th March at the Christiadelphian Nursing Home at 10AM. Parishioners are most welcome.
- † Clergy Conference: I will be attending the all day Diocesan conference on Tuesday. There will be a Communion Service instead of Mass in the morning. I will keep you posted with any news.
- † Our School is collecting the Coles for Sports Vouchers. If you shop at Coles the school would appreciate any vouchers you could donate. Please place in the box at the entry to the church.
- † Lenten Offerings; Please remember Project Compassion. Your donations are tax deductible.



We are looking for parishioners of St Therese Parish to join the 'One Meal' team. This would require you to cook and serve one part of a hot, healthy and nutritious meal to those in need. This service will be starting out of Riverwood Community Centre. Our team would be rostered on only 4 times a year but you could do less if needed. Please see flyer on the church bulletin board for more info or email me on: shannon.parawa@syd.catholic.edu.au

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES: Is looking for suitable applicants in the Greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants and seasonal work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators. For more information and application forms please contact NFS (02) 9509 1222.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS: All are welcome to join with Bishop Terry Brady to celebrate the Annual Feast Day Mass for St Patrick. Time: 10.00am - 17 March, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

GRIEF TO GRACE – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. Contact Anne: 0407 704 539.



ROSTERS for 17 th – 18 th March 2018			
READERS	6.30PM MASS	8.00AM MASS	9.30AM MASS
1 st Reader	W Yazbeck	K Setchell	A Tate
2 nd Reader	A Yazbeck	D Graff	N Nandan
ACOLYTES	Robert	Madonna	John
ALTAR SERVERS	A Long N Long	T Forrester C Nandan	D Abaya M Giaragarita
MUSIC	Youth Group		Maria
NURSING HOMES	J Mc Grath	CLEANERS	M Allergo
SUNDAY SCHOOL	M Gentilomo & Renee Coiner		
COUNTERS	G Roumanos, V & E Espinas, B Waters		
BANKERS	Brian	ROSARY	J Mc Grath
ALTAR SOCIETY	Group A: J Linder, J Mc Lachlan, K Ryan, O Sutiono		