## **GOSPEL:** John 12: 20-33

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,

it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world

will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me,

wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;

now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,

I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

# Charlie Jay Vella

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.



Catechist: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; Choir: Line Collet 0410 568 103; Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; Youth: Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; Pastoral Council: John Sarkis 0400 606 297; St Vincent de Paul: John Ashe 9796 1055; Childrens Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; Cemetery Committee: Maureen Vincent 9790 4217; Sacramental co-ordinator: Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; Polish Priests: 8783 0533; De La Salle Brothers: 9708 2692; St. Felix Primary School: 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal; LaSalle Catholic College: 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal; Archdiocesan Website: www.sydney.catholic.org.au

# PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

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#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil), Sunday: 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).

#### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 8.00am. Thursday - 9.00am

#### **Stations of the Cross**

**Friday** - 7.30pm

#### **Nursing Home Masses**

Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona

#### **Vietnamese Mass**

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

#### **DEVOTIONS**

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

#### **Divine Mercy Prayer:**

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

#### **SACRAMENTS**

#### Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please call the Presbytery.

**Baptisms:** By appointment. Preparation classes are held in the Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10AM Mass.



The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a ringle seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.." John 12:23-24

## Responsorial Psalm

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

# Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord: and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Comm Antiphon: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

This weeks readings - Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; Gospel - John 12:20-33

Next Weekend: Passion Sunday - Year B. Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel - Mark 14:1 - 15:47

5th Sunday of Lent - Yr B - 18th March 2018

**Easter Mass Times** 

imes Holy Thursday - 7.30pm Mass followed by prayers until midnight Good Friday - 10.30am Youth re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross.

3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion

Easter Saturday - 7.00pm Vigil Mass



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# Volunteers for Easter Masses

We are looking for volunteer readers, ministers, acolytes, altar servers and volunteers to help carry the offertory & sacred oils during our special Easter Masses. Please write your names on the blank roster forms found in the Sacristy for the Masses you wish to serve. Everyone's assistance makes our liturgies extra special.

Easter Sunday - 8.00am; 10.00am & 6.00pm

# Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation

The Stations of the Cross are prayed in the Church this *Friday commencing at 7.30pm*. All Welcome. Fr Van will be available for Reconciliation immediately afterwards.

## **Palms**

We are looking for Palm leaves for the Palm Sunday Masses and also long branches to help decorate the Church. If anyone has any Palm Trees please let Fr Van know or contact the office ASAP.

#### Mass Intentions:

**Recently Deceased:** Nhu Thoai Vu; Nada Al-Arou **Anniversary:** Alan Walker; Teresa Folinazzo.

Deceased: Joseph Rodrigues; Fredrick D'Souza; Milinka Kiceec; Marcelino D'Souza; Felix

Aguiar; Shrikant Pandit; Fabiano Nguyen Thai Sao; Le Thi Thinh; Le Thi Tien.

**Sick:** Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Jovie Casuso; Reyes & Adelle Lim, Madelyn Nicole, Rose Nuner; Maria Carta;

Carmel Mascara; George Malouf; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros.

(Please advise the office when the names of the sick can be removed)

# Weekly Rosters

**Altar Society: 25/3/18 Group 4:** Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam *(Florist)* 

St Vincent de Paul: 25/3/18 J Obeid 1/4/18 Andrew Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 23/3/18: Mai Hai Children's Liturgy: 25th March – Donna

Weekend Choirs: 25/3 Saturday 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10 am - Children's Choir. 6pm - Youth Choir.

#### **Readers & Ministers**

Sat 6pm 18 MARCH 8am 10am 6pm						
С	Gabrielle Nguyen	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef		
R	Patrick Abourizk	Maxwell Asuzu	Thu Ha Kim	Lucia Mezentsef		
Α	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)		
М	Gloria Booby	Melanie Campisi	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc		
М	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Helen Vujevic	Phu Nguyen		
25 MARCH (PALM SUNDAY)						
С	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Jennifer Nguyen	Charbel Eltarraf		
R	Gloria Booby	Joseph Dang	Emmanuela Viner	Elias Eltarraf		
Α	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)		
М	Cindy Hoang	Thao Nguyen	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf		
М	Emmanuel Icard	Chris Kreltszheim	Gordon West	Loreto Eduardo		

# Serve one another

Family life is often a balancing act in which we prioritize and attend to a variety of competing needs. We learn the value of putting others' needs ahead of our own. In family life we also learn that when we make personal sacrifices to serve others, we gain so much more than we may have lost.

As you gather as a family, talk about how important it is to your family life to gladly serve one another. Ask each person to consider the last time that another family member asked for help. What was your response? Did you cheerfully try to honor the request, or did you ask "Why me?" Read today's Gospel, John 12:20-33. How do you think Jesus would want us to respond when someone in our family asks for help? Invite each family member to make a commitment for the next week to try to respond cheerfully to requests for help. Pray together, asking God's help with this commitment.

Pray the Prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

#### Dearest Lord,

teach me to be generous; teach me to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.

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## Feasts of the Week

#### 19 March - St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemnity.

A carpenter, though born of the royal house of David, Joseph was an upright man who, as husband of the Virgin Mary, cared for Mary and the child Jesus. **Venerated** in the East after the fourth century, and his cult flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary.

# **Chocolate Lambs**

Chocolate Pascal Lambs will be selling from this weekend. The cost per lamb will be \$8.00. The money raised will go toward the running of the Parish. We wish to thank St Michael Mission Society Inc. for making and providing us with these beautiful chocolates.



# Men's Lenten Retreat Day – Notre Dame Broadway

On Saturday, March 24 from 10am to 4:30pm. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, lunch, afternoon tea, and inspiring talks from three fantastic speakers who will present the sessions: • Fr James Baxter, OP • Fr Lewi Barakat • Fr Ed Travers, MSC. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential: Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au or (02) 8204 4189.

# A Retreat for Young Women on Womanhood following the example of MARY

When: Saturday 14th April 10am - Sunday 15th April 2pm 2018. Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745. Investment: \$130 - Registration and Payment by 8th April Contact: Sr M Julie Brcar - 0408 738 334 or <a href="mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com">juliebrcar@gmail.com</a>

# Private Movie Screenings: Paul, Apostle Of Christ

Paul, Apostle of Christ is the new and highly anticipated film which explores Saint Paul's final days. You are invited to 3 special screenings on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 at Dendy Opera Quays. Choose between the 12pm, 3pm or 6pm sessions with tickets selling for only \$12 each. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Priests' Retirement Foundation. To reserve your seat phone the Development and Fundraising Office on 1800 753 959. No tickets sold on the day.

# Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

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. To request an application contact Anne by emailing <a href="mailto:info@grieftograceaus.org.au">info@grieftograceaus.org.au</a> or phone 0407704539.