

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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 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 was 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

La Salle Enrolments

Enrolments are now been accepted for Year 7 2020 & Year 7 2021 at LaSalle Bankstown. Anyone wanting more information or a tour of the College can contact Mrs Saliba on 9793 5600.



Family Picnic

A picnic is being next Sunday 7th April straight after the 10am Mass in the grotto area. A great opportunity to come together to talk to each other and meet new parishioners and families in a relaxed environment. BYO picnic lunch, drinks, chairs and blankets. All welcome.



Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Line Collet 0410 568 103;
Youth : Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993 ;
St Vincent de Paul: Diago Rodrigues 0439643859; **Bankstown Josephite Associates:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;
Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;
Sacramental co-ordinator: Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933;
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;
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Project Compassion Caritas AUSTRALIA



Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to

build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

This weeks readings - Joshua 5:9-12;
2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Weekend: 5th Sun Lent - Year C.

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14;
John 8:8-11

4th Sunday of Lent - Yr C - 31 March 2019

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Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 7/4/19 Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul:	7/4/19	J Obeid	14/4/19	A Nguyen
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Church Cleaners: 5/4/19: Polish Group	Children's Liturgy: 7th April - Maricel
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Weekend Choirs: 31/3 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God			10am - St Felix Choir			6pm - St Mary Mackillop Choir		

Readers & Ministers					
Sat 6pm		31 MARCH	8am	10am	6pm
C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Anthony Rowe	Charbel Eltarraf	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O’Hea	Elias Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Judy Jones	Robyn Molloy	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc	
M	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltszheim	Ala Pesamino	Phu Nguyen	
7 APRIL					
C	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Kalisiana Mar	Imelda Dela Cruz	Jessica Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef	
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