



Thank you Nick Papacosta for providing a new aluminium cover for our BBQ



**Thank you Giuseppe for your great work on baptismal font.**



Thank you Jude for joining Arthur and Romano for the hard work of keeping our gardens looking good.



The "globalization of indifference" was at the heart of Pope Francis' Lenten message, in which he urged faithful to fight individualism with merciful hearts that are more attentive to the needs of others.

"(Jesus) is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us," the Pope noted in his Jan. 27 Lenten message, saying that often times when we live a healthy and comfortable lifestyle, "we forget about others."



Congratulations to Mark, Myrna, Dolby, Keziah and Amelie and another brother or sister arriving in August. For the greater Glory of God

**In today's First Reading**, Job describes the futility of life before Christ. His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin. Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes. But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars, promised to heal the broken-hearted and gather those lost in exile from Him. We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel. Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself. But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand, Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for raising up. The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise. It's used again to describe His own resurrection. What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity - raised all of us who lay dead through our sins. Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ. We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence. Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel. Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come - that others, too, may have a share in this salvation. (by Dr Scott Hahn)

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**8<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2015 (B)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Job 7:1-4. 6-7

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** St Mark 1:29-39

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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

**HOLY HOUR:** Wed: 5pm

**RECONCILIATION:**

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

**BAPTISMS:**

Sundays 9:30am Mass

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &**

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment

**ANOINTING MASS:**

Quarterly: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend

**1<sup>ST</sup> SAT OF EACH MONTH:**

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:**

100% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

**FAITH FORMATION:**

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sat 9:15am:** †Bertha Zarzour      **Sun 9:30am:** †Guilherme Amaro (Anniv)  
**Sat Vigil:** Pro Populo      **Sun 5pm:** †Elio Pullela  
**Sun 8am:** †Ciro del Vecchio (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**OUR SICK:** Marie and Edgar Busuttill, Pat Raby, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Moira Butler, Alan Sargeant, Henry Morris and Minerva Alimario...

**Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – accommodation is available now! For further details please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Admin. Manager) Parish Office on 9349 1292**

**Happy Birthdays to: Emma Natoli (9<sup>th</sup>)**

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES** are now available in the church foyer for your Lenten donations.

**PARISH SCHOOL NEWS:** 1) Opening School Mass: **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 9:15am.**  
2) **Class Mass:** Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year 2; Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Mar: Year 4. 3) **Family Mass:** Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Kindy & Buddy; Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Feb: Kindy & Buddy.

**The 2015 Archdiocesan Rite of Election & Presentation of Baptised Candidates** will be held on Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb at St Mary's Cathedral, from 2pm to 4pm. All are welcome to attend.

**The Great Adventure:** Bible Study, 3rd Sundays of the month, 3:30pm presbytery.

First session: 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Catholicism,** The Journey with Fr. Robert E. Barron. 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. at 3:30 pm presbytery.

First session: 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

**Healing After Abortion:** Rachel's Vineyard ministries offer support and spiritual healing through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. The next retreat is 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Call the confidential voicemail: 0400 092 555 or go to [rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://rachelsvineyard.org.au). *"the Father of mercies is ready to give forgiveness"* Pope John Paul II.

**This weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A)      B Purdon, T Bell (R)      F & G Hogan(C)      Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab (A)      A Burke, Volunteer (R)      P Chen, L Hart (C)      P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A)      M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin T (R)      S Pedisich, K Wong (C)      T Chin (M)  
**5.00pm:** R Yang (A)      Volunteers (R)      Volunteers (C)      **Counter:** G Hogan

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A)      M Butler, V Hage(R)      F Doherty, C Lan Kam (C)      Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab (A)      M Marshielle, T Long (R)      A Burke, M Wells (C)      P Low (M)  
**9.30am:** A Varghese (A)      H Evening, K Wong (R)      C Findlay, C Goncalves (C)      T Chin (M)  
**5.00pm:** R Yang (A)      Volunteers (R),      Volunteers (C)      **Counters:** J Haggar, M Wells

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February:**

Mass times: 9:15am (School Mass)  
and 7pm. (Holy Hour from 6pm)

On this day, those who completed their eighteenth year and have yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain from meat. These observances apply also on Good Friday.



**Stations of the Cross** will begin from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Church.

**Lent lasts from Ash Wed to Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive (Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April).** On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed.

**Lenten books ("Rich in Mercy")** will be available for your groups. Please join the programme by forming groups for only 6 weeks. This year Lenten reflections are based on the resources from Brisbane Archdiocese. Please form your groups asap.

**Pope Francis - Latest News :** As the number of deaths in Ukraine continue to rise amid escalating violence, Pope Francis has called the war "a scandal," and urged the international community to "make every effort" for peace. Pope Francis on Tuesday authorized the promulgation of decrees recognizing the martyrdom of Salvadoran archbishop Oscar Romero, paving the way for his beatification, as well as the martyrdom of three priests in Peru. **In his homily Tuesday Pope Francis noted the importance of contemplating scripture, and urged faithful to read the Gospel for 10-15 minutes a day, rather than watching soap operas or exchanging gossip.** Pope Francis warned consecrated men and women against reducing their religious life to a "caricature," calling them to instead embrace a life of obedience, which in turn leads to wisdom. **Pope Francis praised Lithuania's bishops for their courage in a nation marked by both a history of persecution against the Church as well as modern threats of secularism and relativism.** During his Sunday Angelus address Pope Francis announced he will visit the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo in June, where WWI broke out in 1914 with the assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand. **The Vatican's continued efforts to help the homeless of Rome have expanded beyond showers and bathrooms at St. Peter's Square, with a barber shop set to open soon.** As a sign of "synodality" with local Churches, Pope Francis has decided that new metropolitan archbishops will officially be imposed with the pallium in their home diocese, rather than in the Vatican. (Catholic News Agency, CNA)