

# The Son who was Sorry



Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away.

Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration!

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# FROM TERRORS PRAISE GLORIFY ANSWERED NAME SEE TASTE THAT HUMBLE TIMES MAKE TOGETHER 10A the Lord is good. I will bless the Lord at all 40 His VA is always 14D my lips; In the Lord my 2D shall 15D shall hear and be glad. the Lord with me.

Psalm 34 Cross-Word Puzzle

#### Download at - www.thekidsbulletin.com

#### **Latest COVID-19 Restrictions**

### The Covid-19 plan: From 12.01am Saturday March 12

Arrangements listed below will be in force until further notice:

As of December 1, all public buildings have been provided a QR Code. This code is to be scanned using the MySAGov phone app or using the camera on your smart phone.

Places of worship must be supervised by, and be clearly identified as, a COVID Marshal.

#### Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety.

- 1. Please scan the **QR Code** located on the door or external wall of the church. If you do not have a smart phone, please complete the Contact Register upon entry.
- 2. Use the sanitizing gel provided at the Church entrance.
- 3. There are NO Current seating restrictions.
- 4. MASKS are still mandatory for shared indoor public places so EVERYONE MUST wear a Face Mask while inside the Church. The Celebrant is permitted to remove their mask while saying Mass.
- 5. Holy Communion is given only in the hand.
- 6. Everyone must take reasonable steps to maintain 1.5m physical distancing at all times. Please keep the social distancing requirement when processing for Holy Communion and when leaving the Church after Mass.
- 7. Please follow the ENTRY and EXIT rules.
- 9. If you are unwell please consider the health of our community and stay home until you are better.

Your cooperation with these requirements is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

#### Pope Francis @Pontifex

Let us prepare ourselves to live a day of prayer on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, asking the Mother of God

to lift up the hearts of those who are afflicted by the cruelty of war. May the Act of Consecration to her Immaculate Heart bring peace to the world.

### UNITING WITH POPE FRANCIS IN PRAYER

This Friday, March 25, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On Friday, at the 5.45pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will join the Pope and Bishops around the world in asking for Mary's intercession. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference invite Catholics in Australia to find time on that day to pray for peace in Ukraine.

#### Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine God of peace and justice,

who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deceased: Fiorentino Di Rubbo, Vito D'Aloia, Giuseppa D'Aloia and Carmine Casiero. We pray for those listed and all the deceased

relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick: We pray for the sick or housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.



# Parish Bulletin

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Fr Roy John Elavumkal SMM

#### **Parish Secretary**

Karen Taylor - Tue to Fri

#### Finance & WHS Officer

Karen Taylor - Monday

#### **Police Checks Unit**

Hiacinta Msomi - Monday

#### Sacristan

Weekdays: Michael Pierce Sundays: Terence Yeow & Roger Worth

### **Parish Pastoral Associate**

Henry D'Assumpcao

#### **Mass Times**

Sunday 9.30 am Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30 pm Tuesday to Friday 9.15 am

#### Confessions

Saturday 6.00 pm

#### Rosary

Tuesday to Friday 8.45am

#### **Adoration of the Eucharist**

Every Friday before Mass 8.30am

#### Novena to St. Joseph

Every Wednesday after Mass

#### St. Joseph's Primary

Principal - Adrian Grbin Phone: 8431 2834

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# Youth Representative

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday to Friday 9 - 12Ph: (08) 8431 6932

LOVE HEALS

# 4th Sunday of Lent, Year C

26th / 27th March 2022

# Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

Entrance Antiphon Isaiah 66: 10 -11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading Joshua 5: 9-12

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33: 2-7.

#### Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make it's boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. R.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. R.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. R.

#### Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

#### Gospel Acclamation Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Communion Antiphon Luke 15:32

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

#### PLEASE NOTE

Once you pick up a copy of the newsletter it needs to be taken home with you. Kindly DO NOT leave it behind after Mass has concluded.



# Homily on 4th Sunday of Lent (27/03/2022)

Scripture: Josh 5:9, 10-12; Il Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

**Introduction:** Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). Anticipating Easter joy, today's readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and the confession of our sins and by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God.

Scripture lesson: In the first reading, the Chosen People of God are portrayed as celebrating, for the first time in their own land, the feast of their freedom, by using wheat that had grown in the Promised Land. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33), a rejoicing Psalmist invites us, "Glorify the Lord with me; let us together extol His Name!" In the second reading, St. Paul invites the Corinthian Christian community to rejoice because Jesus has reconciled them with God by his suffering and death. Today's Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his "homecoming" where he discovers his father's forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the rejoicing of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honour, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community, and his God. At the same time, by presenting a self-righteous elder brother, the parable invites us to avoid self-righteousness and self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother. Let us admit the truth that we are an assembly of sinful people, repentant, and now we are ready to receive God's forgiveness and to experience Jesus' Personal Presence in the Holy Eucharist as our loving and forgiving God.

**Application to life: 1)** Let us return to our Heavenly Father with repentant hearts: As prodigal children, we face spiritual famine all around us in the form of drug and alcohol abuse, fraud and theft in the workplace, murders, abortions and violence, premarital sex, marital infidelity and priestly infidelity, as well as in hostility between and among people. All of these evils have proliferated because we have been squandering God's abundant blessings, not only in our country and in our families, but also in our personal lives. Hence, let us repent and return to our Heavenly Father's home.

- 2) Holy Mass enhances our "pass over," from a world of sin to a world of reconciliation. At every Mass, we come to our loving Heavenly Father's house as prodigal children acknowledging that we have sinned "I confess to Almighty God". In the Offertory, we give ourselves back to the Father, and this is the moment of our surrendering our sinful lives to God our Father. At the consecration, we hear God's invitation through Jesus: "this is My Body, which will be given up for you... this is the chalice of My Blood ... which will be poured out for you...All I have is yours. In Holy Communion, we participate in the banquet of reconciliation, thus restoring our full relationship with God and our fellow human beings.
- 3) We need to accept the loving offer of our Heavenly Father: "All I have is yours". Faraway hills and forest look green; there are many attractions in life; there are many voices saying to us, "Follow me," or "Follow your desires and you will find happiness." But the best and the only real offer of lasting happiness is from God our Father, "All I have is yours." God our Heavenly Father stands outside our door waiting for us to open it to Him. For the remainder of Lent, let us try to make every effort to answer that invitation from our Heavenly Father, "All I have is yours." Each Lent offers us sinners a chance to return home with a confession of sins, where we will find His welcome and open-armed love. Such a confession will enable us to hasten toward Easter with the eagerness of Faith and love, and it will make possible the rejoicing which today's liturgy assures us in our Lord's words: "There is more joy in Heaven over the one sinner who does penance than over the ninety-nine just who do not need penance."

# Healing Prayers for a Wounded World – Ecumenical prayer service

**Churches Together SA** invites people of all cultures and faiths to pray for peace and justice during this time of acute crisis – extreme weather events, conflict and invasions of sovereign states, and devastation across lands and waters

When:- Wednesday March 30 at 7.30pm Where:- St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Bookings:- via www.trybooking.com/BYFHE



# Don't forget to turn your clocks back

before you go to bed Saturday night or you will be extra early for Mass on Sunday morning.

# Rosters for 2/3 April 2022 -

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year C

Time Commentator / Reader
6:30 pm Anne Marie Platten

Fil Ciancio, Giulia Giuliani 9:30am Paul Halliwell

Sandy Mazzarolo, Sheila Hoogland

**Children's Liturgy:** Evangelin and Anne

**Count Team No: 2** Frank Mazzarolo, Sandy Mazzarolo, Terry Pickering, Christine Holmes.

Altar: Mon. 14 March to Sun 24 April

Sarita Ingham & Bronwyn Gleeson

All those who volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that mass

#### **Palm Sunday Peace & Justice Walk**

On Sunday April 10 2022 Churches Together SA along with other justice and peace networks, are organising the Palm Sunday Peace & Justice Walk. This has been a long-standing tradition in South Australia, where the broader community as well as churches and faith communities, walk together in solidarity for peacemaking and justice keeping. As a radical, visible sign of peace-making presence, respect, solace, and harmony, this walk will be in silence, with our banners as our voice. We walk for many areas of concern. This year's key focus are: Reconciliation & Statement from the heart, Justice for Refugees, Environment & Climate Change and Peace & Conflict Resolution.

#### The Walk

- 1. Gather at Tarntanyanga/Victoria Square from 1.30pm for a 2pm start
- 2. Bring Banners, wear symbols or statements as a visible presence
- 3. Welcome to Kaurna Country
- 4. The Walk travel down King William St, turn at North Tce and return to Victoria Square
- 5. Speakers on the key foci will share information
- 6. Engage with the sponsors and endorsers via the promotion tables and enjoy the music

See the website - https://churchestogethersa.org.au/events/palm-sunday-peace-justice-walk/

#### **Adult Formation at Semaphore**

"When Sacred Heart College was at Semaphore and Largs Bay"

Where:- the Lefevre Catholic Community meeting rooms 253 Military Road, Semaphore

When:- Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 4pm – 5pm Presented by:- Br. Michael Green FMS

Enquiries to Fr Roderick O'Brien P: 8449 6378. Please register before the event and on the day. See flyer on Notice Board

#### **CHRISM MASS**

All are welcome to celebrate Mass of the Oils on Monday April 11 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm.

Due to the lifting of density requirements, no bookings will be necessary to attend Mass. However, please note there is **NO onsite car parking** available.

If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact the Events Office on P: 8210 8220

#### **CHARIS SA**

Invited you to

GOD IS LOVE Seminar
With – Fr. Roy John Elavumkal
When – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022
10.30am – 3.30pm
Where – St Peter Claver Church,

Dulwich

First Collection \$ 485.70
Special Collection
- Flood Victims Qld & NSW \$ 1,386.20
Second Collection
Envelopes \$ 530.00
Open Plate \$ 277.50
Electronic Giving \$ 2,675.50
Parish Account Total \$ 3.483.00

**Sunday Collection Summary** 

20th March 2022

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#### CWL Easter Raffle

CWL Easter Raffle \$1 tickets to be sold after both Masses 2/3 April. Proceeds to the Tranmere Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society



# Forth Sunday of Lent 26 & 27 March





Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope *For All Future Generations*.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

