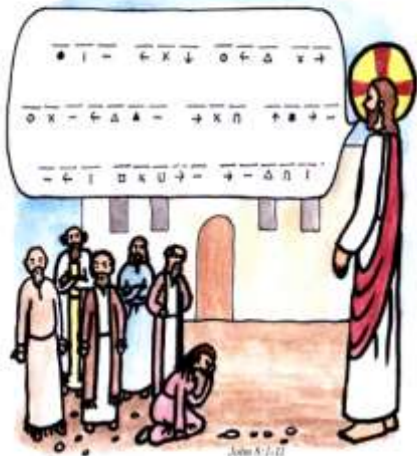


The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3rd, 2022



In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether they should obey their law and stone a woman who was a sinner. What did Jesus say to them? Use the code to find out!

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How Does Jesus Treat Sinners?



In the Old Testament, God gave His people rules that said they should punish the people who sinned. That's why in today's Gospel the Pharisees and scribes brought a sinful woman to Jesus to see what He had to say about the law.

Instead of telling them that they should punish her according to the law, Jesus told them that they should only punish her if they themselves had never sinned.

Sometimes we hear about a sin that someone else did. God does not want us to be mean to that person because of what they did. Does that mean that they didn't do a sin? No. Jesus told the woman to go and not sin again. That means that she did sin, but He was giving her another chance. We should try to be merciful like Jesus, and we should be kind to sinners because we are sinners too.



Answers: Q1. Let them who in without sin cast the first stone.
Q2. 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. True
Q3. 5. False 6. True 7. True

True or False?

In today's Gospel reading the scribes and Pharisees brought a sinful woman in front of Jesus. Do you know the rest of the story? See if you know which of these statements are true and which are false:

- The law said that a sinful woman like this one should be killed. True or False?
- The men were going to stone the woman anyway- they didn't care what Jesus thought. True or False?
- Jesus didn't say anything right away; He just started writing on the ground with His finger. True or False?
- Jesus said that whichever of the men had never sinned should be the first to throw a stone at the woman. True or False?
- One of the men threw a stone at her. True or False?
- All of the men walked away without throwing a stone. True or False?
- Jesus forgave the woman and told her not to sin anymore. True or False?



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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.

- 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.
- Use the sanitizing gel provided at the Church entrance.
- There are NO Current seating restrictions.**
- 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.
- Holy Communion is given only in the hand.
- 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.
- Please follow the ENTRY and EXIT rules.
- 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

The elderly can teach the younger generations how to trust in God, how to be merciful, and how to pray fervently not only in good times, but especially in difficult ones.



HOLY WEEK ROSTERS

If you are able to assist in one of the many roles required for Palm Sunday or at any of our Holy Week Masses, please place your name on the sheets on the table at the Church EXIT Door. Our thanks in anticipation.

Living Contemplatively: Nourishing the Spirit

Looking for a total break away from home? The Sisters of Saint Joseph's 2022 Living Contemplatively program offers a whole range of Sabbaticals, retreats, programs and other opportunities for nourishing the spiritual. Information can be accessed online at <https://www.sosi.org.au/nourishing-the-spirit/>

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Would like to invite you to join us, to contemplate our Lord's Mercy and love.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 24th April, 2022

in the Church at 59 Newton Road, Newton SA 5074

1.00pm – 1.30pm *Venerate the Divine Mercy image*

1.30pm – 2.45pm *Confession Adoration, Divine Mercy prayers & Divine Mercy Chaplet.*

3.00pm *Holy Eucharist*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deceased : Eric Labrooy.

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.



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5th Sunday of Lent, Year C

2nd / 3rd April 2022

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Entrance Antiphon Psalms 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 125. R. v.3

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. R.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we are glad. R.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. R.

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel Acclamation Joel 2: 12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel John 8:1-11

Communion Antiphon John 8: 10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more

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.

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Fr Roy John Elavumkal SMM

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Karen Taylor - Tue to Fri

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Karen Taylor - Monday

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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

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LOVE HEALS



Homily on 5th Sunday of Lent (03/04/2022)

Scripture: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Introduction: Reminding us of God's readiness to forgive sin, give the sinner a second chance, bind up broken lives and restore people to His friendship, today's readings challenge us to show the same mercy to the sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation with God and one another. The central theme of all three readings is a merciful God's steadfast love. The readings remind us that we should not be self-righteous and condemn the lives of others when God is calling them tenderly to conversion.

Human experience: Mother Teresa is certainly famous for the charity with which she poured herself out in love for Christ in the distressing disguise of lepers, AIDS victims, the dying and the untouchables. She was likewise a great "Missionary of Mercy" in calling everyone to receive Jesus' forgiving love in the Sacrament of Confession, a Sacrament she received at least once a week. She would counsel others, "One thing is necessary for us: Confession. Confession is nothing but humility in action. We call it Penance, but really it is a Sacrament of Love, a Sacrament of forgiveness. It is a place where I allow Jesus to take away from me everything that divides, that destroys. Confession is a beautiful act of great love. Only in confession can we go in as sinners with sin and come out as sinners without sin. There's no need for us to despair, no need for us to commit suicide, no need for us to be discouraged, if we have understood the tenderness of God's love." She said elsewhere, very simply, "Confession is Jesus and I, and nobody else." And then she told us, "Remember this for life."

Scripture: Explaining how a merciful God forgives the sins of His chosen people and leads them back from the Babylonian exile, the first reading reminds us that we too are forgiven, and we are saved from our own sinfulness. In the second reading, Paul presents himself as a forgiven sinner who has been completely transformed by his Faith in Christ Jesus. His life is an example of the Gospel exhortation, "Sin no more." Paul loves Christ so much he wants to share in His sufferings and even in His death so that he may share Christ's Resurrection. The sinful woman's story of sin committed, and sin forgiven in today's Gospel, shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus offers to repentant sinners. In addition, by making sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone, Jesus forces the accusers to assess their own souls and to leave. Thus, He grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman. In our own lives, we bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and resolving to avoid sin, and we bear witness to God's Mercy by accepting the forgiveness of our sins and promising to forgive those who have offended us.

Application to life: 1) We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation: Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict, or the shoplifter, ignoring Jesus' command: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them Jesus' compassion and working with the Holy Spirit to make our own lives exemplary so that we can help lead them to Jesus' ways.

2) We have no right to judge others: We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very faults we condemn, we are often partial and prejudiced in our judgments and we do not know the circumstances which have led someone to sin. Hence, let us leave the judgment to our merciful God who does read people's hearts. We should show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we ourselves are sinners in need of God's forgiveness. The apostle Paul reminds us: "But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment." (1 Cor 11:31).

MARIAN PROCESSION 2022

Where:- Adelaide Showgrounds

When:- Sunday May 22 Group assembly begins 1:30pm

Details:- This year, in support of the Ukrainian community, the image that will lead our procession is *Vyshhorodska - Mother of God*. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. The Procession will take place in the Main Arena however if the weather is inclement, it will be moved to the Wayville Pavilion. Car parking will be available onsite. For more information, please contact the Archdiocesan Events on P: 8210 8220 or E: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Rosters for 9/10 April 2022 - Palm Sunday Year C

Time	Commentator / Reader
6:30 pm	Josh Page Dorothy Pierce, Michelle Page
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Grace Yeow, Maureen Fernando
Children's Liturgy:	Anne and Angela
Count Team No: 3	Julie Priem, Leo Priem, Anne Dudzinski, George Dudzinski.
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 Kurna 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 10th 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

MARIAN PROCESSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Archdiocesan Events Office is currently seeking volunteers for the Marian Procession to support in a range of roles.

If you are available and willing to help, please contact

E: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au or P: 8210 8220.

The Marian Procession is being held on Sunday May 22nd at the Adelaide Showgrounds.

Sunday Collection Summary

20th March 2022

First Collection	\$ 511.05
Second Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 733.00
Open Plate	\$ 259.25
Electronic Giving	\$ 65.00
Parish Account Total	\$ 1,057.25



Fifth Sunday of Lent 2 & 3 April



Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.

With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities *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.

