



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.**

<https://www.atoch.org/pever-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/the-ages-monthly-intention>



### Vox Populi – The Voice of the People

Family  
By Suzy Caruso

At the beginning of each year in Pittwater Parish, we introduce a theme that we can concentrate upon and explore in the months ahead. In 2019, we focused on the virtue of love,

**Suzy Caruso**

#### First Reading

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136. R. v.6

#### Second Reading

Eph 2:4-10

#### Gospel Acclamation

Jn 3:16

#### Gospel

Jn 3:14-21

### Sunday Reflection

By Seminarian Adi Sugiarto

The first reading (2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23) this Sunday speaks about the infidelity of God's people despite God's tireless effort in sending messengers after messengers to convert the hearts of His beloved people. However, we know from St Paul in the second reading (Ephesians 2:4-10) and St John in the Gospel (John 3:14-21) that God never gives up on us, considering how unfaithful we are. He clearly wants to be a part of our lives.

When all else has seemingly failed, guess what? He himself walked amongst us, showed us the way to the fullness of life and for our salvation, He took the fall on the cross. So, we know that salvation is here and the Gift is already present. But do we still live in ignorance and in indifference like the Israelites? Or have we come to appreciate this great gift of Love? The choice is ours to make, do we want to be like the Israelites whose hearts were hardened, or do we want to invite Jesus to our lives and start living life to the full?

If we are to follow Jesus, who is "the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6), then listening is an art we would want to be better at. Unfortunately, listening is something a lot of us are not very good at. This is especially true in today's noisy culture and environment, where entertainment and immediate distractions are merely a few clicks away. In fact, I know people who fear silence. They would turn on their television sets all day or play with their smartphones until they fall asleep. Many of us also get anxious when left alone. Socially too, we often find ourselves no longer appreciating the real presence of others because our minds are filled with noise(s). This is unfortunate, because it is often in silence that we get in touch with the deeper sense of our reality, our inner compass, and this is where we could encounter the Divine.

During this Lenten season, let us renew our commitment to mental prayer and solitude. When one makes this a habit, one would be met with the peaceful solace and affectionate embrace of our loving Lord and Saviour. In turn, our lives will be slowly transformed! Don't miss this opportunity. Jesus is waiting for us, especially in the tabernacle to have a D&M (deep & meaningful) session with each one of you. Come and visit Him often!

### Prayer Space in the Cathedral

The Students of OLOR Primary School are reflecting on the call of Prophet Joel; "Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving", at the back of their minds are the images of the Stations of the Cross, their reflections are placed before each of you, May I request you to spend some time during the day visiting and also reflecting on their great thought. **"May the hearts of these little ones in all their innocence, help us on your journey of faith too."**

### LENTEN PROGRAM 2021

#### Jesus Christ, The Alpha And The Omega

March 18, 25 at OLOR Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.

The Boundless Young Adults Group will be leading the Parish in prayer and reflection.

Copies of the program are available in the Church and online [here](#).

#### Stations of the Cross March 12, 26

Stations of the Cross at:

1. Queen of Peace after the 8:45 a.m. Mass
2. OLOR Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. **While the stations are on, Priests will be available for Reconciliation.**

#### In the Year of St Joseph - 19 March 2021

The Feast of St Joseph will be celebrated on 19 March at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in dedicating the year to our Families, Communities, and the Diocese.

#### Palm Sunday 28 March 2021

Bring your own palms and please bring extra for those who don't have. If you have decorative palm pots to lend, please bring them too.

**My Gratitude to those Parishioners who have come forward to clean up after our Masses; we still need more hands to continue the good work.**

#### Planned Giving Envelope

We will be ordering weekly Planned Giving Envelope soon. We encourage you to change over to Direct Debit, if you are thinking so, please let the **Parish Office know by 9 April 2021.**

**May I ask you to pray for** those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19 in your special prayers.

**We remember those who died recently** – Ian McWhirter ● Fr Michael “Mick” O’Callaghan, Diocese of Parramatta ● Maximiano Panopio ● Bishop Bede Heather ● Louie Klausner ● Manuel Royo Blanco ● Paul Hutchinson ● Sr Dorothy Costigan CSB ● Arthur Fogarty

**Anniversaries** – Prospero Montesclaros ● Margaret Dewar ● Darren Egelhoff ● Nancy Richards ● Noel Christensen

### SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

**Father Geoff Bugden** will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021**.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you would like to attend.

### Caritas - Project Compassion

**“Aspire not to have more, but to be more.”** – St Oscar Romero  
Please help yourself to the envelopes at the back of the church. For Online Donation go to [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

### Caritas K'S pilgrimage

**(all are welcome to join for the same)**

from Hornsby Cathedral to Queen of Peace, Normanhurst

- When : 13 March 2021 (Sat) 6 p.m.
- Who : Youth Group in Korean Chaplaincy
- Where: from Hornsby Cathedral to Queen of Peace, Normanhurst

😊 Caritas K'S is a fundraising program where you can walk in solidarity with those in the world who walk many kilometres each day to survive.

### CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE

Please consider purchasing ethically-produced Chocolate this Easter (and all year!)

This ensures there was no child labour involved and the producers were paid a fair price.

[Download Easter Chocolate Shopping Guide \(PDF\)](#)

## Holy Week 2021

### Cathedral

#### Chrism Mass 30 March

at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral

#### Holy Thursday 1 April

Mass of the Lord' Supper

11 a.m. at McQuoin Park Chapel **(residents only)**

8 p.m. in the Cathedral followed by watch and pray 'till 10 p.m.

#### Good Friday 2 April

10 a.m. Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral

3 p.m. Lord's Passion in the Cathedral

#### Holy Saturday 3 April

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

#### Easter Vigil 3 April

7 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

#### Easter Sunday 4 April

9:30 a.m. Mass

10 a.m. Mass at McQuoin Park Chapel

**(no evening Mass)**

### Queen of Peace

#### Good Friday 2 April

11 a.m. Stations of the Cross

#### Easter Sunday 4 April

8 a.m. Mass in English

**Daylight Saving Time ends on 4 April 2021** adjust clock back 1 hour

### ONLINE PARISH GIVING

In light of the extraordinary circumstances we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of Church, Presbytery, offices, other buildings and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.

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