



## 5<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.*

<http://www.mcb.org.au/press-and-communications-and-devotion/the-popes-monthly-intention>



### Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop

The community of the Church has been present in our part of the world since the early settlers explored the Aboriginal lands to the North of Port Jackson in the late 18th Century.

**Bishop Anthony Randazzo**

**First Reading**  
Jer 31:31-34

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

**Second Reading**  
Heb 5:7-9

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Jn 12:26

**Gospel**  
Jn 12:20-33

### Sunday Reflection

By Fr Manoj Manuel

We are in the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. The next Sunday is Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday. Then we enter into the Holy Week. All these celebrations are a recollection of the fulfilment of salvation through the New Covenant in Jesus.

The readings of the day are centered on the New Covenant. The first reading is from the book of prophet Jeremiah. The prophesy here is loud and clear that God will establish a New Covenant with God's people. It will be a lasting covenant. It is a different covenant from the one He established with the Israelites during their journey to the Promised Land. It was on Mount Sinai that God established the Old Covenant. We can read it in detail in the Book of Exodus, chapters 19 to 34.

The prophesy of Jeremiah in the first reading presents the promise of God to establish a New Covenant. What will this New Covenant be? The New Covenant is sealed in the Blood of Jesus. Thus the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from the Book of Hebrews tells that through the humble submission and obedience of Jesus to the will of the Father, Jesus became the source of eternal life for all who obey him.

Coming to the gospel reading of the day, taken from John, points to the fulfilment of the New Covenant as an imminent and eternal event. Jesus has to be that grain of wheat that falls to the ground first, so that, we can imitate Him and be partakers of the salvation promised in Jesus through the New Covenant.

### 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."**

### First Anniversary of our Live streaming Ministry 21 March 2021

We thank God for each member of our team and their families. While we thank God for each of them, we recognise the many who have benefited from their hidden work and we pray blessings upon each of them and their Ministry. We entrusted them and their Ministry into the care of Blessed Carlo Acutis, may He continue to support them and walk with them is our prayer.

Prayers and Good wishes and blessings to each of you.

### Palm Sunday 28 March 2021

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

### Lenten Program 2021

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

March 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 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.**

### 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.**

### Yakhumndeni African Orphans Easter Sale

**For Sale:** Choc Mud Cake, Date Loaf, Rosella Jam, Marmalades, Berry Jam, Chutney, Tomato Relish, Pickles, etc.

**To order, contact Helen or Gerry on 9487 1563**

Proceeds of Sale goes to Yakhumndeni African Orphans.

**THANK YOU** to those who stay after Mass to clean the pews.

**BB35 – Celebrating 35 years of the Diocese of Broken Bay**

Thirty five years ago, the Diocese of Broken Bay was established and this anniversary is an opportunity to look back and remember the story of our Diocesan journey with hearts of gratitude, so that we might look forward to the future in hope.

In the Universal Church, Pope Francis has also proclaimed a year for St Joseph and the Family for 2021. The combination of these three themes allow us to approach our activities and mission this year with renewed depth of faith in what God is calling us to be in the community of the Church of Broken Bay.

**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** – Marie Kearey ● Nicola Macri ● Ian McWhirter ● Fr Michael “Mick” O’Callaghan, Diocese of Parramatta ● Maximiano Panopio ● Bishop Bede Heather ● Louie Klauser ● Manuel Royo Blanco

**Anniversaries** – Bishop Patrick Murphy ● Graciano Cruz ● Jr Prospero Montesclaros ● Margaret Dewar ● Darren Egelhoff ● Nancy Richards ● Noel Christensen

**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)

**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 \(PDF\)](#)

**Position Vacant**

**Parish Administrative Assistant Part-time**  
**33.5 hours per week 5 days (9am-4.20pm Monday - Friday)**

Can you see yourself as a welcoming face of the Hornsby Catholic Parish?

The Parish is seeking an Administrative Assistant for our busy office. The role provides administrative support in the areas of visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, general administration, meeting and event organisation, compliance and simple financial processes such as credit card and direct debit processing.

If you have previous office administration experience and this role interests you, please email a cover letter and CV to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

**Applications close Friday, 26 March 2021.**

For a full job description, [click here](#).

*This role will be subject to a WWCC and National Police History Check.*

**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

11 a.m. Polish Blessing of Food

**Easter Vigil 3 April**

7 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

[Watch the Mass](#)

**Easter Sunday 4 April**

9:30 a.m. Mass

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

**(No evening Mass)**

**Queen of Peace****Holy Thursday 1 April**

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper in Korean

**Good Friday 2 April**

11 a.m. Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Lord’s Passion in Korean

**Easter Sunday 4 April**

8 a.m. Mass in English

**Easter Vigil 3 April**

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass in Korean

**Easter Sunday 4 April**

8 a.m. Mass in English

11 a.m. Mass in Korean

**(No evening Mass)**

**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.

[Donate to our Parish](#)

**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.