



Catholic Parish of St Patrick

Wellington – Stuart Town – Yeoval

Established 1856

Pastor: Rev Fr Carl Mackander

Parish Secretary: Mrs Enid Simpson

Prison Chaplain: Deacon Mike Williams

Chaplain Macquarie Prison: Fran Schubert

Parish Schools: St Mary's Wellington

St Columba's Yeoval



Welcome

4th Sunday of Lent – Year A
22nd March 2020

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22

Please pray the psalm together to praise God.

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

We gather to worship God of all time and all people and we acknowledge the Wiradjuri people as the traditional Custodians of this land and their cultural and spiritual connections to it.

MISSION STATEMENT OF PARISH

To foster an **Outreaching Community**
by developing **Relationships**
which manifest **Christ's Love-In-Action.**

I had the blood test for Coronavirus on Monday and the result is not known yet. I have voluntarily "self-isolated" for two weeks and can be out and about next weekend if result is negative. *Fr Carl*

This week's readings: 1 Samuel 16:1.6-7,10-13;
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Next week's readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14;
Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

PROJECT COMPASSION. Donations received to date: \$230.00 If you haven't already taken a **Packs of Project Compassion envelopes - please collect** from table at the entrance.

An **On-Line hook-up with the Bishop & PPs** on Wed. discussed issues of worship numbers, etc. in the light of new Government directives this week. With the **announcement on Fri of 4 sq metres of space per person the decision to cancel all Masses in the diocese, for the unforeseen future, is in place until further notice. REMEMBER** keep 2 metres between you and another person, no hand shaking, and no Communion on the tongue!

THANK YOU for your **church ministries.** I am in the process of completing a new roster for the next few months. If anyone wishes to be added could you **fill in the form on table at the entrance of the church and return to the presbytery ASAP.** Thank you *Enid*

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Parish Office hours: Tuesday: 9.00am – 1pm & 2pm – 5.00pm; Wednesday & Friday: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Diocesan website: www.bathurst.catholic.org.au Diocesan Youth website: www.youth.bathurst.catholic.org.au

DAY BY DAY

NO weekday or weekend Masses in this parish and throughout Bathurst Diocese, until further notice due to Government directive on 4 square metres of space per person!!

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL PASSAGES for your private Lenten daily prayer:

Monday: John 4:43-54
Tuesday: John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Luke 1:26-38
Thursday: John 5:31-47
Friday: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: John 7:40-53
Sunday: John 11:1-45

New Government limits on the number who gather for celebrations: On Wed. an on-line meeting with Bishop & PPs decided to abolish Confirmation itinerary for 2020, limit Baptisms to only 20 family & friends, postpone First Holy Communion as a group or celebrate individually if requested by a family. **This will depend on when public Masses will be allowed to be celebrated in future weeks or months ????????????**

DROUGHT PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations,
As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,

May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity,
Our almsgiving be an act of justice,
And our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.

Awaken our hearts and minds that we may be one human family as we all journey in faith together.

In your mercy, we pray for drenching rain to bring life back to the earth, and thank you for recent rain.

In your goodness be with us in this time of need, through Jesus who lives and reigns in our hearts. Amen.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Recently Deceased: Pearl Vaughan (Dubbo/Yeoval, Funeral at Yeoval 11.00am on Friday 3rd April); and all those who have died from coronavirus.

Sick: Bernice King (Mudgee, Fr Carl's sister), Margaret Ridley (Forbes, Enid Simpson's sister-in-law), Ian Miller (Pottsville, cancer), Jean Frazer, Vince Spradbrow, Paddy Iffland (Year 1, St. Mary's School - motor bike accident on farm), Jenny Bremner, Dimity Fitzgerald, Judith Hiatt, Fr Tim Cahill, Beryl Whiteman, Ruth Pope, Jacob Traynor, Marin Sardelic (Alexandria, brain tumour), Maree Williams (Canberra), Peter Jones (Wollongong), Garry & Kevin McMahon (SA, brothers of Michael McMahon), Brian Fulmer (Newcastle, cousin of Paula McMahon), Luke Miller, Judy White, Karen "Kazza" Heiler (Toukley), Isabella Patterson (Michael & Carol White's granddaughter), Kay Etheridge (Kogarah), Rosemary Doherty, Geoffrey Nicholas (grandson of Geoff & Margaret Jones), Jane Hayes (Townsville), Lila Foxall (Mudgee), Baby Lillie Moore (Gundagai), Joe Doherty, Jenny Manton (daughter of Geoff & Margaret Jones), Chantelle McMahon (Adelaide, Michael McMahon's niece), Marlene Williams (Bargo, sister of Delma Gersbach), Rebecca Turner, Sr Joanna Healy, Thomas Wells (of St Mary's), Neralie Dawson, Rosie Lozack (Noumea, niece of Margaret Jones), Nola Hoffman, Sally Anne Mannix, Lee Gibbs (Hamlyn Terrace), Elizabeth Cahill, Patricia Mitchell, Garry McGuire, Sue Smith, Joy Cook (Sydney)

Masses: Margaret Doherty, Norma Manning, Silverio & Estrella Alit, Angus & Daphne Gough, Fabian & Kit Kerin, deceased members of Kerin family, Agnus & Daphne Gough & deceased family members, Peter & Tony Gough,

LITURGY ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK 29th March

	SATURDAY 6.00pm	SUNDAY 4 th Sat/5 th Sun 10.00am
Welcomer:	A. East	D. Tate
Comm:	K. Mason	J. Southwell
Reader:	K. Kenworthy	H. Johnston
Min. of	M. White	T. Frost
Eucharist:	Volunteer	M. Williams
Servers:	Volunteers	Volunteers

Ministries this Saturday: Welcomer: C. Gain, **Comm:** K. Mason, **Readers:** K. Mason, **Euch.Min:** S. Knowles, B. Redfern, **Servers:** Volunteers

Sunday: Welcomer: P. Neville, **Comm:** Volunteer, **Reader:** T. Frost, **Euch.Min:** M. Fitzgerald, T. Frost, **Servers:** Volunteers

The First Collection supports the priests of the diocese (active and retired).

The Second Collection (Planned Giving and loose money) for maintenance of church buildings, insurances and parish running costs.

HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES

If you can help with any of the ministries on **Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday** evening, **Good Friday** afternoon or **Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday** please put your name on the rosters at the back of the church. We need your involvement, please!!

Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER programme
if allowed to go ahead on Gov. directives: -

Holy Thursday:

6.00pm Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross

9.00am Yeoval

10.00am Stuart Town &
Wellington

3.00pm Wellington – Liturgy of
the Passion and Holy
Communion

Holy Saturday: Mass

6.00pm Wellington

Easter Sunday: Masses

8.00am Wellington

10.00am Yeoval

5.00pm Stuart Town

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH. We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

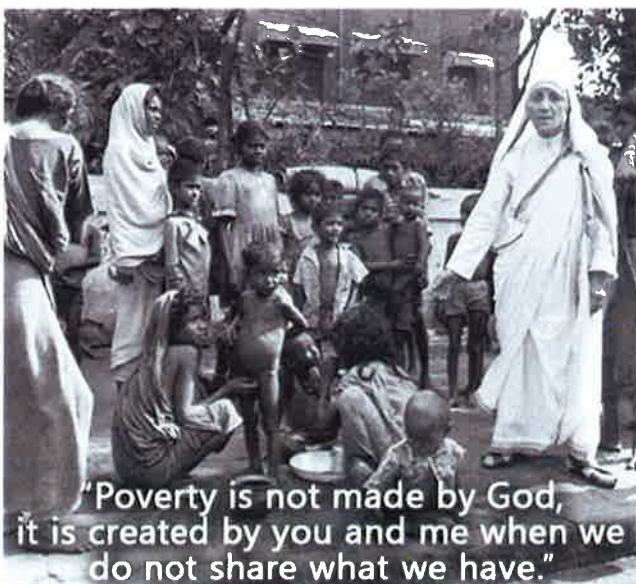
THE RELICS OF ST THERESE and her parents National Pilgrimage finished earlier than planned this week due to Coronavirus.

REFLECTION by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?



St Teresa of Kolkata

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20th March 2020

To the Pastors and People of the Diocese of Bathurst

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every day, there are new developments in slowing the spread of Covid19. Only a short time after my last announcement, I regret that we shall have to make another change, based on the latest regulation from the Commonwealth Government.

The celebration of all public Masses in the Diocese of Bathurst will cease from tomorrow, Saturday 21st March 2020. Churches will remain open every day for private prayer.

The priests will continue to be available for the other sacraments, especially the Anointing of the Sick and Penance as needed.

I urge all Catholics to increase their time in personal prayer and reflection on the scriptures as we journey through these difficult days. In particular, Pope Francis is encouraging us to pray the Rosary. I urge those who are younger and healthier to be available to help your neighbours who may be confined to home.

Put all your trust in God, who made us and invites us to share the fulness of life in Jesus Christ, the conqueror of death.

+Michael McKenna
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