

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR C

23RD MARCH, 2025

Readings: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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## FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH: CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL'S CENTENARY IN THE SEASON OF LENT

This past week, our parish community experienced a beautiful convergence of celebrations as we marked the centenary of our School, St. Joseph's Primary School on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, while journeying through the Lenten Season.

For one hundred years, St. Joseph's primary school has been forming young hearts and minds in our faith tradition. Like its patron saint - a man of quiet strength, unwavering faith, and steadfast commitment - our school has provided a foundation upon which generations of children have built their lives. St. Joseph, the guardian of the Holy Family, embodied the virtues of patience, humility, and devoted service. These same virtues have guided our school's mission across a century of educational ministry.

The timing of this milestone celebration during Lent invites us to deeper reflection, and the readings for this Third Sunday of Lent (Year C) offer us profound insights that resonate with both our school's milestone and our Lenten journey.

In the first reading from Exodus, we encounter Moses and the burning bush - a powerful image of God's presence that does not consume but transforms. Like Moses, we are called to recognize the holy ground beneath our feet. For a century, St. Joseph's has been holy ground where generations have encountered God's transformative presence in education, community, and faith formation.

The Gospel from Luke presents Jesus addressing two tragic incidents—the Galileans killed by Pilate and those killed when the tower of Siloam fell. Jesus challenges the prevalent notion that such sufferings were punishments for sin. Instead, he calls for repentance: "Unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." He follows this with the parable of the fig tree that has not borne fruit for three years. Rather than cutting it down immediately, the gardener pleads for one more year to nurture it.

This speaks powerfully to our school community. Over one hundred years, St. Joseph's has weathered challenges, celebrated triumphs, and continuously cultivated the growth of young minds and hearts. Like the patient gardener, generations of teachers, staff and parents have tilled the soil of young minds, nurtured seedlings of faith, and cultivated an environment where children could grow in knowledge and virtue. They understood that education, like spiritual growth, requires patience, persistence, and tender care.

As we commemorate our centenary, we are reminded that our school's story reflects God's patience and persistence. The fig tree teaches us that growth takes time, requiring cultivation, nourishment, and sometimes, second chances. Lent invites us to recognize our own need for transformation, to acknowledge the areas in our lives that remain unfruitful, and to embrace God's patient love.

May St. Joseph, our parish/school patron saint, whose feast we celebrated, inspire us to be faithful stewards of the legacy entrusted to us, as we look forward to the next century of nurturing young lives on this holy ground of learning and faith.

***Blessing and Peace! Odínaka.***



St Joseph's Church  
P.O. Box 569  
177 Currie Street  
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**St. Joseph's Parish Mass Times**  
Monday 8:00am, Wednesday 10:00am, Friday 8:00am,  
Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:00am

**Reconciliation**  
Wednesday 9:30, Saturday 4:30pm

**St John Bosco Church Kenilworth Mass Time**  
Third Sunday of the Month 10:00am

**St Augustine's Church Palmwoods Mass Time**  
Third Sunday of the Month 5:30pm



St John Bosco Church  
21 Anne Street  
Kenilworth

**THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES**

**Saturday 22nd March**

4:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass—combined Parish and St John’s College

**Sunday 23rd March**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

9:00AM - PARISH/SCHOOL COMBINED

**CENTENARY MASS**

9:15am - Week 4 - Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Monday 24th March**

8:00am Mass

**Tuesday 25th March**

3:00pm Bible timeline - R/Room

5:30pm Transformed Catholics/Arete

**Wednesday 26th March**

9:30am Reconciliation

10:00am Mass

10:30am Cenacle of the Marion Movement of Priest

**Thursday 27th March**

4:30pm Lent Group— R/Room

5:30pm RCIA meeting

7:00 Church - Gregorian Chant rehearsal

**Friday 28th March**

8:00am Mass and morning prayer

4:00pm First Reconciliation Celebrated

5:00pm - Stations of the Cross

6:00pm Men’s Social Group—Gathering space

**Saturday 29th March**

4:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

7:00pm Youth Group—Social

**Sunday 30th March**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00am Mass @ St Joseph’s

Baptisms celebrated

**PARISH WEEKLY DIARY**

**Sundays:**

6:00am TV Mass at Home ch10

Mass on Demand is available 24/7 on

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>

**Tuesdays:**

9:15am Tai Chi 2025 in the

Ryan Room

Phone Parish office

**ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH KENILWORTH**

**Thursdays:**

9:30am Christian Meditation

**Sundays:**

9:00am Lay Led Liturgy of the

word with Communion

**Third Sundays:**

10:00am Mass

**Fifth Sundays:**

9:00am Ecumenical Service

**Please pray for the Sick and needy and their families,**

particularly Des Mitchell, Irene Flint, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Margaret, Lesley Cole, Baby Olivia Littler, and all those affected by any illness, locally and globally, and their loved ones, and also those remaining in the Parish Journal for the Sick. Please advise the office when anyone is well removed from prayers.



**Please pray for those who are seriously ill or suffering in hospital**

including Pam Ware, Barry Pobjoy, Don Hartley, Ted Hannan, Peter Nix, Leanne Kreis, John Rowe, Pauline McAney, Christene Page (former Teacher of St Joseph’s Primary), Imelda Danara Ronario, Jo von Schomburg, John Collard, Margaret Wasmund, Peggy Caton, Elaine Martyn, Paul Mullane, Doreen Ayres, Jack Green, Colin Erbacher, Herbert Lehner, Paul Byrne, Marian Bull, Noel Reddy, Paul Azzopardi, Dorothy Kelly (Perth), Nevaeh Coogan (8 years of age), Baby Huxley Hudson (newborn), Shirley Haslem, Jim Turfrey, Josephina O’phelia, Margaret Madden, Des Mitchell, Wally Jankiowskyj, Peter Madue, Glenda Kassulke, Dave Pitt, Noeline Herdy Ferguson, Maree Kruger, Bruce Power, Marie Gannon, Anne Strudwicke, Elsie Ford, along with all those who work and serve in hospitals, in any capacity. *Please advise the office if your loved ones are now well and can be removed from the prayer list.*

**Please pray for all Parishioners & Friends in residential or home care and those who care for them**

including Noreen Ryan, Elaine Lawrence, Irene Ford, Elvira Quinn, Eileen Bradford, Kathleen D’Rozario, Glenda & Les Atkinson, Pia Aarts, Cherrie Gerathy, Maria Rowe, Denis Kidcaff, and all those in the Parish Prayer petition book. The Prayer petition book is present at masses where the larger list of names of the sick, seriously ill and residential people are placed. The petitions will be updated regularly and present at all masses.

**Anniversaries:** Remember in your prayers Nell Hopkinson 25/02, Paddy Kenny 22/2/23, Therese Woods 23/1/2012, William (Ian) Cole 30/1/22, and all those whose Anniversary occurs at this time and we pray for all their families and loved ones.

*Please pray for the suffering souls in Purgatory, especially deceased relatives and friends, including Domingga Rago, Susana Rago, Juana Rago, Segundina, Tabar, & Cefriana Rabadon, Tarcella Abella, .*

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the recently departed**

especially David Francis Kuhnert, Winifred Rose Marucci, Benildus Jayasekera, Fr Leo Burke, Marlene Jackson (wife of Ross). Please also pray for loved ones in their grieving.



**Faith Education Morning  
Life and Teaching of Servant of God  
Luisa Piccarreta**

The New and Divine Holiness – Pope

St John Paul II

**Date:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Time:** 9 am – 12 pm

**Venue:** Ryan Room – St Joseph’s Parish, Nambour

**Facilitator:** Dcn. Adrian Eldridge  
The Divine Will, Three Fiats, Writings, Prophecies, Ecclesiastical Approval, Jesus and Mary.

**Faith Education Morning**

We are all called to holiness, and one of the most effective ways to reach holiness is through Contemplative Prayer. Come and here from Monks from the *Community of the Sons and Daughters of God* talk about Contemplative Prayer, Living in the Divine Presence and how to pray unceasingly.

**Where:** St Joseph's Community Centre.

**When:** Wednesday April 2nd, 7pm.

**Enquiries** via the Parish Office for **Ross Miller 0466846913**







## JUBILEE COLUMN

### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

The “24 Hours for the Lord” was introduced by Pope Francis in 2014 and has been held every year since. It is a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation. It is celebrated on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent each year. Its intention is to put the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre of the pastoral life of the Church. Parishes and communities can implement this initiative taking care to adapt it according to local needs and customs.



### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

### DATE CLAIMERS 2025:

#### School Open Day Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9:30am-12:30pm

Come and see what our school has to offer your family. Meet our Leadership Team, Student Leaders and tour our facilities, including our original and heritage listed Convent opened by the Good Samaritan Sisters in 1925. School Tours will be held at 9:30am and 11:30am Morning tea and coffee included. <https://www.trybooking.com/CZAVJ>

#### Community Mass and Breakfast Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March @ 9:00am

A reminder to please book your ticket for our combined school and parish mass & BBQ breakfast via <https://www.trybooking.com/CZAVP>



Former Parish Priest, Fr Graham Gatehouse & Present Parish Priest, Fr Odinaka Nwadike celebrating St Joseph's Feast day Mass on Wednesday 19th March, 2025. An element of St Joseph's Primary School Centenary Celebrations, which continue over this weekend (as above), with former and present students.



Fr Odinaka & Former students: Zita Smith, Veronica Richmond and Denise McKenna.

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE LITURGY GROUP REGARDING EASTER

If you are involved in a Ministry and will be here over the Easter Triduum, the nomination sheets for Holy Thursday, Good Friday (Stations of the Cross at 10 am and the Passion of the Lord at 3 pm) and the Easter Vigil are available now until the weekend of 22 and 23 March. The sheets are on the work room bench so please leave your name for consideration if you are able to assist.

Bring your smile and be a greeter at the Masses on Holy Thursday evening and the Easter Vigil before we move to the Easter fire, bring the Offertory gifts forward on Holy Thursday evening, be a cross bearer during the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. Please give this request your prayerful reflection and indicate your willingness to assist. Thank you. Maureen

### 2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR RECONCILIATION

Week 4: March 22nd/23rd  
First Reconciliation Celebrated:  
Friday, March 28th @ 4:00pm

### AGED CARE MONTHLY DIARY

#### 1st Thursday

Nambour Garden Care  
10:00am - Communion Service with Anointing

#### 1st Friday

Sundale Bowder Lodge  
11:00am - Anointing Mass

#### 3rd Thursday

Sundale Palmwoods  
10:30am - Communion Service with Anointing

#### 4th Thursday

Estia Care, Nambour  
10:00am - Communion Service with Anointing

### CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE: THANKYOU EVERYONE

#### OUR BANK BALANCE IS RISING.

Please support St Joseph's Church Nambour fundraising initiative for the 2024 Parish Study Groups. Save your bottles and cans and go to the Burnside depot at 7/1 Windsor Road. Hand over your items and Key in the code **C11246505**. The funds automatically go to St Joseph's account.



**Counters:** This week - Group 4: B. & M. Barker, T. Leahy, V. Richmond  
Next Week— Group 1: R. Whittington, T. McCorley, T. Keegan, D. Cuskelly  
Please contact the Parish Office if any Parishioner/s would be in a position to join the counting Ministry for 2025. NB: Police check required for Parish Policy via the Parish office. Thank you, Cecilia.

Planned Giving  
Last week  
Loose: \$737.85  
K/worth Loose: \$496.50  
(total loose \$1234.35)  
Envelopes: \$2045.00

### ST JOSEPH'S MONTHLY DIARY

#### 1st Monday:

◆ 5:30pm Liturgy Meeting - next 7th April

#### 1st Wednesday:

◆ Fr Hefferan Bursary & Awards: Seeking 10:00am Anointing Mass  
◆ 10:30am Seniors Gathering & M/tea—new Parishioners welcome  
◆ 6:00pm Leadership meetings bi monthly—(next tba)

#### 1st Friday:

◆ 8:30am—6:00pm  
◆ 10 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Followed by Benediction concluding At 6:30pm

#### 1st Saturday:

◆ 8:30am Baptism Preparation  
◆ 11:00am Mass Marion Movement Combined Cenacle SS Coast—all welcome

#### 3rd Sunday:

◆ 10:00am Mass at Kenilworth  
◆ 5:30pm Mass at Palmwoods

#### 5th Sunday:

◆ 9:00am Ecumenical Service at Kenilworth

#### Last Monday-bi-monthly

◆ 5:15pm Helping Hands  
Next meeting tbc

#### Last Friday:

◆ 6:00pm  
St Joseph's Men's Group



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### TERM 1 DATES

FEBRUARY 15 (FORMATION)  
MARCH 1 (SOCIAL)  
MARCH 15 (FORMATION)  
MARCH 29 (SOCIAL)

### SATURDAY NIGHTS

7PM - 8:30PM  
(FOLLOWING GPM  
MASS)

SOCIAL NIGHTS  
YEAR 6 - 12

FORMATION NIGHTS  
YEAR 9 - 12

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