

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR C

30TH MARCH, 2025

Readings: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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THE BOUNDLESS MERCY OF GOD: A REFLECTION ON THE PRODIGAL SON

St. Luke's parable of the Prodigal Son is perhaps the most profound illustration of God's transformative love and mercy ever told. At its core, this story reveals the extraordinary depth of divine compassion that transcends human understanding of justice and forgiveness.

The younger son's journey begins with a profound act of disrespect. By asking for his inheritance before his father's death, he essentially wishes his father were already gone. In the cultural context of Jesus' time, this was an intolerable and unforgivable insult - a complete rejection of family, tradition, and relationship. Yet, the father's response is nothing short of miraculous.

When the son returns, broken and humiliated, having squandered everything and fallen to the lowest point of social degradation, we might expect condemnation. Instead, the father sees him from a distance and runs - an undignified action for a respected patriarch in that culture. He doesn't wait for an explanation or a full apology. He doesn't make the son prove his worth or work to regain his status. Instead, he embraces him completely, restoring his full dignity with a ring, a robe, and a celebration.

This parable challenges our human tendency to measure worth through performance or merit. God's love is not earned; it is freely given. The older son's anger represents our own narrow understanding of justice - he cannot comprehend the gratuitous nature of mercy. But the father's response to him is equally profound: "Everything I have is yours," he says, revealing that mercy does not diminish the faithful, but enriches everyone.

During this Lenten season, we are invited to recognize ourselves in this story. We are simultaneously the wayward son who strays and the resentful brother who struggles to understand compassion. God's love meets us exactly where we are - not where we think we should be.

The path of conversion is always open. No mistake is too great, no distance too far. God waits, watches, and welcomes us home with open arms. *Fr. Odínaka.*

EASTER ROSTERS: *Thank you to those who have indicated assistance over the Easter Triduum.*

The Easter rosters are available for viewing on the table at the church's entrance. Please take note of the name of the coordinator for each ceremony, the contact number and the time you are asked to arrive. Vacancies are highlighted and coordinators would be most happy if these could be filled beforehand.

Wishing you a blessed Easter. *Maureen*



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177 Currie Street
Nambour*

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 29th March

9:00am Faith Education Morning
*Life and Teaching of Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta—
Dcn Adrian—all welcome*
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: Hayden & Steven Nowland-Dunn
(David and Nicola)*

Monday 31st March

8:00am Mass

Tuesday 1st April

No Mass today

3:00pm Bible timeline - R/Room

Wednesday 2nd April

8:30am Bible study R/room
9:30am Reconciliation
10:00am Anointing Mass
10:30am Senior's Gathering
10:30am Cenacle of the Marion Movement of Priest
1:30pm Bible Study R/room
7:00pm *Community of the Sons and Daughters of God*
talk about Contemplative Prayer, Living in the Divine
Presence—all welcome

Thursday 3rd April

4:30pm Lent Group— R/Room
5:30pm RCLIA meeting
7:00 Church - Gregorian Chant rehearsal

Friday 4th April

8:00am Mass and morning prayer
8:30 Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
12:00pm *Requiem
for the late Adrian Violet Bagaric*
4:00pm First Reconciliation Celebrated
5:00pm - *Stations of the Cross*

6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
School holidays commence

Saturday 5th April

8:30am Baptism Parent Information Session
4:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Sunday 6th April

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00am - Mass

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

Doreen Brennan, Pam Ware, Barry Pobjoy, 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

Don Hartley, 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 Ted Kenny 31/03/2012, Nell Hopkinson 25/02, Paddy Kenny 22/2/23, Therese Woods 23/1/2012, 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 Adrian Violet Bagaric, Madeline Ljubinkovic, David Francis Kuhnert, Winifred Rose Marucci, Benildus Jayasekera, Fr Leo Burke. 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 29th 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

JUBILEE OF THE MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

The Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy recognises those who work to spread mercy throughout the world.

In the name of Jesus Christ crucified and risen, in the spirit of His messianic mission, enduring in the history of humanity, we raise our voices and pray that the Love which is in the Father may once again be revealed at this stage of history, and that, through the work of the Son and Holy Spirit, it may be shown to be present in our modern world and to be more powerful than evil: more powerful than sin and death. We pray for this through the intercession of [Mary] who does not cease to proclaim "mercy...from generation to generation," and also through the intercession of those for whom there have been completely fulfilled the words of the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." (From Dives in Misericordia, n. 15.)



Congratulations and God's blessing to *Doreen Veronica Brennan* who celebrated her 95th birthday on Monday 24th March, 2025.

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Rosanna Tumelty & Adrian Eldridge.
- Helping Hands**
Kate Bourassa/Jan Imarisio.
- Youth Minister**
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Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

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ARETE—21-23RD MARCH

This retreat was an amazing experience, based upon prayer and finding your relationship with God in the silence. We learned about Ignatius discernment and dynamics of prayer and finding and strengthening our relationship with God through nature, art and other inspiring ways.

The format of the weekend was in complete silence with instruction in prayer, provision of practice opportunities, spiritual direction, receiving prayer, Reconciliation, Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, and freedom between lectures to make full use of the retreat centre including grounds, book-ended by worship and daily Mass.

We have two more weekend retreats and continuing weekly on line classes and mentoring before our Graduation in November. Thanks to the Catholic Foundation for their grant which has made this experience possible.

Sharon, Paul, Loree and Gemma



ST. JOSEPH'S SENIORS invite Parishioners & Friends to join us for Morning Tea & Fellowship following the **10:am Anointing Mass on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025.**

Lenten Reflection: From Ashes to Easter

Library Access - Lucky Door

New Parishioners Most Welcome

St. Joseph's Seniors - Where Good Friends Meet.

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

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 SSCoast—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



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 1: R. Whittington, T. McCorley, T. Keegan, D. Cuskelly
Next Week— Group 2: S. Brinnand, J. Bourassa, M. Murphy, 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: \$1147.70
Envelopes: \$925.15



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

SATURDAY NIGHTS

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

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YEAR 6 - 12

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YEAR 9 - 12

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