

Dear Parishioners,

Today the theme of journeying is all around us. In the Gospel, we hear how Jesus journeyed into the desert to prepare Himself for the beginning of His Ministry, which was the first step on His long journey to the cross. Throughout His journey of the 40 days in the wilderness and on His longer journey to Calvary, He spent time in prayer and conversation with His Father in Heaven.

Another journey begins today, as our young people are brought by their parents and families to enrol in the programme for Confirmation preparation. In this important journey, the children too, need to be surrounded by prayer; their parents' prayers, our prayers and their own innocent prayers. Pray with me that these young people will learn to speak to Jesus as their friend, to the Holy Spirit as their advocate and to God as their loving Father.

This prayer also applies to all of us today as we begin our Lenten journey. May we walk daily with Jesus, seek strength from the Holy Spirit and lean on the mercy of our heavenly Father. – Fr. Sunny

CARITAS AUSTRALIA—1st Sunday of Lent, 9 March 2014



This week we meet Maristely who lives with her family in favela (slum) in Brazil. When they first move to Sao Paulo, favela houses were made of cardboard, there was no electricity or water, and sewage ran down the street. Caritas Australia's partner, the Movement for the Defence of Favela Residents, is changing lives across 40 favelas in Sao Paulo by helping families gain access to clean water, electricity and connected sewerage. Across the favelas, there is a dominant culture of violence. The

program also promotes peace so young people can attain education and employment, rather than joining local gangs. Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your solidarity means communities like Maristely's can enjoy a full life. The Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes are available from the foyer.

"Men and women of all times and all places desire a full and beautiful life.....a life that is not threatened by death but that can mature and grow to its fullness." Pope Francis.

The Project Compassion Lenten Calendar and week 1 Lenten Prayers Cards are available for you to take home from the foyer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross commences in place of the Perpetual Novena, from Wednesday 12th March and continues through Lent. The service will commence at 7.30pm and conclude at 8pm.



Chisholm Care Opportunity!!!



The Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Mr Carmel will not be held during Lent.

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Easter is on 9th April at 7.30pm. Please mark your diary now.

No Stations of the Cross on the 9th April.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2014 THIS WEEKEND

All parents who wish their child to be Confirmed this year at Infant Jesus Church will need to attend one of the following enrolment Masses:

Saturday 8 March at 6.30pm Mass **OR**

Sunday 9 March at either 9.30am **OR** 6.00pm Mass.

It is a requirement of the Sacramental Programme that all prospective Confirmation candidates and their families are expected to attend

ONE of these Masses. During the Mass the priest will call the children forward to receive an enrolment pack with the necessary forms, dates/times and information. On arrival at Mass please register your attendance at the table in the foyer. We look forward to seeing you all.



PALM FRONDS—CAN YOU HELP?

After many years of dedicated palm-collecting, our collecting team has retired. This means, that without your help, we will not have enough palms for Passion Sunday. Can you help in any of the following ways?

- If you have palms growing at home (not the prickly, thorny kinds!), we need donations of palm fronds which can be cut into pieces (you are very welcome to bring them already cut);

- Our parish is large, so we need many, many fronds;
- Deliver your palm fronds, cut or uncut, on either Friday 11th or Saturday 12th April, and put them under the large fiddlewood tree between the church and the parish centre;
- **Volunteer to be the parish Palm Co-ordinator**, to ensure all the fronds are cut and put into the baskets ready for the Passion Sunday Masses;
- Volunteer to be a palm cutter – all you need is a sharp pair of secateurs and time on Friday 11th April or Saturday 12th April to cut the fronds into useable pieces;
- If you have only small palms, or perhaps an olive tree at home, then bring fronds or small branches for your own family to Mass for Passion Sunday or the Passion Sunday vigil.

If you have any questions, please contact Billie or Angela at the parish office on 92768500.

Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Johnny Williams, Maurice Still and Luigi Capozzi;

Anniversaries: Rosa Nguyen, James and Michael Findlay, Celine Fairman, Derrick and Tanya De Souza, Dylan Sharpe, Norma Togher and Remo Baucia;

Deceased: Paul Dunning;

The Sick of the Parish: Lisa Delaney and all those who are in need of our prayers.

"In this time of repentance, we call out for Your mercy."



PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of Mrs Clair Harris, 26 Lyndhurst Way, Dianella. Phone: 9276 9124

Calendar of Saints



There are no feast day this week.

International Women's Day - 8 March 2014

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women in the past, the present and in the future. The theme the Australian National Committee has chosen for International Women's Day on 8 March 2014 is *Ending Poverty for Women and Girls through Economic Empowerment*.

Seventy percent of the global poor are women. Although women perform two-thirds of the world's work, they earn less than 10% of the world's wages. Women are far more likely than men to live in poverty because of discrimination and lack of access to education, employment and financial services.

For more information and resources please visit: <https://unwomen.org.au/iwd/theme-and-resources>.



COMBINED CHOIRS - EASTER SERVICES

If you have a 'heart' for singing - you are invited to join our combined choirs for our Good Friday and

Easter Vigil Services.

Practises are as follows in the church:

Sat 22 March from 11am - 1pm

Sat 29 March from 11am - 1pm

Sat 5 April from 11am-1pm (only if necessary)

Any queries, please ring Linda D'Cruz on 0402 120 978

Chisholm Catholic College Bedford

Applications are invited from students currently in year 5, who will enter Year 7 in 2016.

Applications forms are available from College website www.chisholm.wa.edu.au or Telephone: 9208 2516.

First round of Application closes on 21 March 2014.



St Vincent de Paul, Dianella/Morley Chapter wish thanks to all the parishioners for their generosity and support. We have given out 50 hampers to families in need over the Christmas period. If you know anyone in need of our help, please contact us on 1300 794 054, Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm.



IN THE RECORD THIS WEEK

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RECORD

- Hidden Christ blessed and welcomed at Ballajura;
- Pope Francis: Be compassionate when marriage fails;
- Maria Wyer's faith gets her through health hurdles;
- Men challenged to 'step up';
- Pope prays for peace in fragile Ukraine;
- Parramatta goes for growth with pastoral plan;
- Religion devoid of conscience - understanding contemporary religious extremism;
- The case for restoring Friday abstinence;
- Archbishop Costelloe: Leaders know who to follow.

The Record is available in the church for \$2 per copy

THE HEALING MASS

Please note that our Parish monthly Healing Mass is on this Wednesday, 12 March at 9am Mass. The Healing Mass is on second Wednesday of each month.

Your Bible Questions Answered: www.thebiblicalfoundation.org.au "Why do we say 'He descended into hell' in the Apostles Creed? My husband refuses to say that line!" For the answer, or to submit your own Bible question, visit www.thebiblicalfoundation.org.au You can also like us on Facebook for daily inspiration during Lent!

In Our Church

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday Masses: 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Reconciliation: Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.

Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 7.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:

Please contact the Parish Office.

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