

NOTICES

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This week's service (1st April) will be led by the Children's Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation classes and will be specifically tailored towards children and families. We warmly invite families to join us for this special devotion at 7pm.

THANK YOU once again to Maureen for leading us at yesterday's Lenten mini-retreat. Those who participated offered only positive feedback about the content of the retreat and the fruitfulness of the discussion. The final Lenten mini-retreat will be held this coming Saturday at 10am, where we will focus on the Gospels of Holy Week. Please do come along and partake in this chance for spiritual conversion.

HOLY THURSDAY: The Liturgy Committee is inviting people to volunteer to have their feet washed at evening Mass on Holy Thursday. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

BIG CLEAN: Advance notice for those who volunteer to clean the church that the Big Clean for Easter is scheduled to take place on Saturday 8th April. The more volunteers we have, the less work we will have to do! If you are not on the cleaning rota but wish to lend a hand, please speak to Pauline Davies.

REQUISCAT IN PACE: We were saddened to hear the news that Margaret Clacher sadly passed away last Sunday. We pray for Kenny, Collette and all the family at this time. May she rest in peace.

THIS WEEK FOR LENT

Date	Time	Event	Notes
Friday, 1 April	7pm	Way of the Cross	Led by the children of the parish, for children,
Saturday, 2 April	10am	Lenten Mini-Retreat 3	Sign up sheet at back of church



SAINT JOSEPH'S
BROOMHOUSE



27th March 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

*'...your brother here
was dead and has
come to life; he was
lost and is found.'*

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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ORDER OF THE MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Introductory Rites

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟ *Amen.*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

℟ *And with your spirit.*

Penitential Act

*I confess to almighty God / and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned / in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints / and you my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

P: Lord have mercy.

℟ *Lord have mercy*

P: Christ have mercy.

℟ *Christ have mercy*

P: Lord have mercy

℟ *Lord have mercy.*

First reading

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The Word of the Lord

℟ *Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-7

℟. *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. ℟

Reflection

CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S LOVE

A deeper and personalized reflection over the words and gestures of each character in the parable of the prodigal son can help us to understand our own behavior pattern and to make the necessary changes in our lives. I would like to concentrate on the character of the Father today. The behavior, words and gestures of the father in the parable express most eloquently the characteristics of God's love and compassion.

Love that respects freedom: The younger son tells the father: "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me". Without any hesitation or delay, the father divides the property. The division of the property shows that God respects the freedom of everyone. Hence, God's love is a love that respects the freedom of everyone.

A love that offers maximum: The parable says: "The father divided his property between his two sons". The father does not keep anyone for himself. Hence, God's love is a love that does not spare anything for self; it is a love that offers always the maximum.

Trust of love: Upon his return, the younger son is received with finest robe, ring, sandals and with a feast in honor of him. The generosity of the father towards the younger son who returns reveals that God never ceases to believe in human being. God still trusts the one who wasted everything.

Unconditional love: Upon the return of the son, the father does not await the words of forgiveness, nor does he humiliate him before the family and servants. His attitude towards his son before his departure and after his return is the same—an attitude of love. Hence, God's love is unconditional.

Love rejoices: When the younger son returned, the father prepared a great feast. The feast the father organized guarantees that God rejoices when sinners return to God.

Love that suffers: The father suffers; he is saddened by the departure of the younger son and by the refusal of the older son who does not participate in the party; he is saddened by the misunderstanding of his children. The father suffers because the children do not recognize Him as Father, nor do they recognize themselves as brothers.

Fr Baji Joseph, SSP

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN MASS: The monthly African & Caribbean Mass takes place at 1pm in St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh on Sunday 3 April. It will be concelebrated by several of our African clergy and all are welcome!

MASS FOR VOCATIONS: Pray that more young people respond to God's call to the priesthood and religious life at the monthly Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations. It takes place on Tuesday 5 April at 6:30pm in SS John Cantius and Nicholas, West Main Street, Broxburn.

CATHOLICS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE: If you work in health and social care and are interested in learning about the ethical challenges, register now for Catholics in Health and Social Care. It's a Zoom event and is ideal for those who missed the same event which took place recently at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. It takes place 11:30am-4:45pm on Saturday 14 May. Register at <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/05/catholics-in-health-and-social-care>

CONFESSION: Please take the time in Lent to go to Confession to help you prepare for Easter. Our confession times are printed in this newsletter. The Archdiocese has put together a helpful guide about returning to confession if you haven't been for a while, which addresses common fears and misconceptions about the beautiful sacrament of penance. Watch it on YouTube: bit.ly/archconfessionvideo

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Date	Time	Saint	Intention
Sunday, 27 Mar	8.30am	4th Sunday of Lent (C)	People of the Parish
	11.00am		Patrick Sweeney, RIP
Monday, 28 Mar	9.30am		
Tuesday, 29 Mar.	9.30am		
Wednesday, 30 Mar.	9.30am		
Thursday, 31 Mar.	9.30am		
Friday, 1 Apr.	9.30am		Grace Burke, RIP
Saturday, 2 Apr.	9.30am		

Glorify the Lord with me.
 Together let us praise his name.
 I sought the Lord and he answered me;
 from all my terrors he set me free.
R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Look towards him and be radiant;
 let your faces not be abashed.
 This poor man called, the Lord heard him
 and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

Second reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord

R Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Lk15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
 I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'
 Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:
 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.
 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father

and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate. Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.” The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”

The Gospel of the Lord
R Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Profession of Faith

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit / born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

P: Lord, hear us.

R Lord Graciously Hear us.

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

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

Doxology and Great Amen

P: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come; / thy will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil.*

P: Deliver us Lord, we pray...

*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
 now and forever.*

P: Lord Jesus Christ.... For ever and ever.

R Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R And with your spirit.

Breaking of the Bread

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 grant us peace.*

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

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