



St Mary's Catholic Community

Serving Charleville, Morven and Augathella

5th Sunday of Lent Year C 2nd – 3rd April, 2022

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

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Mass Times

Next Weekend

9th – 10th April, 2022

Charleville: Sunday, 9.00am Mass

(Please note change of time)

Augathella: Saturday, 6.00pm Mass

Weekday Masses this week

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Friday: 5.30pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday, 5.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Please arrange a time to suit with Fr Warren

Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

first Wednesday of the month at 5.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

first Friday of the month at 5.00pm.

Sunday Mass can be viewed on Channel 10

on Sundays at 6.00am or on the

Toowoomba Diocesan website:

<https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/>

or on the Diocesan Facebook page.



Pope Francis has spoken a great deal about our need for more women to occupy positions of leadership, both in the Church and in the world at large. For example, in his wonderful letter about the way we belong to each other, Fratelli Tutti, he says 'the organisation of societies worldwide is still far from reflecting clearly that women possess the same dignity and identical rights as men. We say one thing with words, but our decisions and reality tell another story.' He is concerned about 'those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence'. Pope Francis is very much reflecting the attitude of Jesus whose closeness to women distinguished him as a leader and teacher in his time. You might think of significant encounters in the New Testament: the woman at the well, Martha and Mary, the widow of Nain. You might also think of the woman we meet in today's Gospel, described by the scribes and Pharisees as 'caught in the very act of committing adultery.' Listen to the sneer in those words.

These men, who are supposed to be educated and respected, have been peeping through the window. Their behaviour is salacious, domineering and demeaning. In their self-righteousness, they threaten violence. There is no sign of the woman's partner who is surely just as much part of the story. Jesus neatly turns the tables. He starts by sitting on the ground, occupying a position lower than that of the woman. He is the only one not taking an eyeful of her.

Caritas Australia, whom we support through Project Compassion, has long acted in constructive ways to uphold the dignity of women and honour their strength, resilience and leadership. A good example is Shaniella, a young woman from a remote village in the Solomon Islands. She is the feature of this week's story and embodies the theme of this year's Project Compassion: For all future generations. Take a few minutes to share her story and consider the odds she is overcoming to create a safer and healthier environment for herself and her community. She is the kind of person who should surely grab our attention.

Today's second reading reminds us that none of us is perfect. But like St Paul, we are still running, still trying to achieve 'the perfection that comes through faith in Christ.' This does not mean judging others as the scribes and Pharisees did. It means challenging ourselves, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, to put water in the wilderness as we consider what we might do 'for all future generations.'



Parish News

Lenten Program: Our next meeting will be on Monday, 4th April at 7.30pm at 92 Watson Street, Charleville. All welcome. The theme

this year is: *Remember.*

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: During Lent Fr Warren will be available to hear confessions before Mass on Saturdays from 5.15pm to 5.45pm and before Mass on Sunday mornings from 7.15am to 7.45am.

Rumble & Tumble Playgroup: on Thursdays from 9.00am – 11.00am outside the Performing Arts Building at St Mary's School. Entrance via Parry Street. All welcome.

Used stamps for the Missions in Peru: Please place them in the box on the table.

Ceremonies for Holy Week

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Charleville: Tuesday, 12th April at 5.30pm

Augathella: Wednesday 13th April 5.00pm

Palm Sunday: Augathella: Sat 9th April 6.00pm

Charleville: Sun 10th April 9.00am

Holy Thursday: Charleville: 14th April 5.30pm

Good Friday: Augathella: 15th April 9.00am

Charleville: 15th April 3.00pm

Easter Vigil: Charleville: Sat 16th April 6.30pm

Easter Sunday: Augathella: Sun 17th April 9.00am

Our Parish Prayer

Father, we praise and thank you through your son Jesus Christ, who with the Spirit gives us new life. Gather us together as a parish family and encourage us to know one another by name as you know us. Inspire us to be people of hope and joy so that our parish community will come alive and be a place of welcome for all. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at Risk is the responsibility of every person in our Parish Community.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Please pray for:

Msgr Leslie Schuhkraft,
Frs John Michael, Lex Herzig,
Anthony O'Keefe, Roderick Lynch,
Leo O'Donohue, John Concannon,
Reginald Prior and for the following
whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Hiram Adams, Patrick Mulligan, William Lindsay,
Alan Stapleton, Joseph Ryan, Dot Dickson,
Gloria Forrest, Reg Sheehan, Mary Elmes,
May Davidson, Isobel Carter, Claude Cook snr,
Flo Heinemann, Bert Lynch, Wally McLennan,
Kevin Mortimer, John Fisher, Vera Donohue,
Stan Browne, Michael Clare, Mary Watson,
Olive (Doll) Creevey, Vincent Nicholson,
Len Mawn, Dulcie Johnson, Arthur Marshman,
Reg Heinemann, Elsie Lynch, Mary Green,
Edric Duggan, Rosemary Fawns, Jack Creevey,
Charlie Little, Lyla Green, Rose McCarthy,
Anthony Dwyer, Gertrude O'Sullivan,
Pearl Murray, Ron Smith, Catherine Carter,
Ruby Kelly, Campbell Edwards, Nora Jaeger,
"Sis" Bruton, Beryl Richardson, Bev Nicolai,
Carmel Mortimer, Julia Frazer, Robin O'Sullivan,
Sophie Boot, Fay Boggs, Ken Kiley,
Dominic Young, John Forde, Peter Austin,
Betty Lee, Lorna Brooks, Joyce McCormack,
Les Dalglish, Kevin Burke, Bernice Paynter,
Ian East, Phillip Dunne, Gloria Fuller,
Frank Chapman, Scott Bernard Matthews,
Irene Feuerriegel, Sr Margaret Kanowski,
Peter Carr



Horizons: pick up your free copy and find out what is going on in our Diocese.

Our Parish Bulletin can now be viewed on the school website under community/parish.

Church Cleaning: First Saturday of the month commencing at 7-7.30am. Come along and enjoy the company.

Planned Giving pledge cards available. We encourage all Parishioners to be in the Planned Giving Programme through a weekly envelope contribution. We thank all Parishioners who have supported the Parish financially over the years. Our Parish needs \$1200 per week to continue to operate financially. Please consider increasing your contribution to enable us to continue our Pastoral Ministry.

Collection: 27th March, 2022

Planned Giving	\$379.30
Loose	\$150.50
Total	\$529.80

