

**Newsletter Fifth Sunday of Lent:
20/21st March 2021**

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Archbishop Malcolm invites us to pray together with him through these times: God Our Father, each person is precious to You. You are the Giver of life. Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the coronavirus threatens health and life. You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble. Watch over those who are suffering, give strength to those who are aiding the sick and give courage to all in this time of anxiety. We ask this of you in the name of your Son. Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Our Synod Prayer

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son. We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives. As we journey together to Synod 2021 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be. May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us. Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop. Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **AMEN**

Lent 2021 The Road to Calvary:

Join us in a series of Lectio Divina Sessions as we join Jesus on his journey to Calvary. All sessions will be on ZOOM with soft piano music, film, and images to pray and a time to reflect.

All welcome. 7.30pm Start.

Wednesday 24th March 2021
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for more details.

New Guidelines: Covid 19

Both the Government and the Archbishop have issued new guidelines. One of things that does

raises concerns, is the question whether social distancing is still in place after 21 June? Then we may still be limited by the number of people we can have in Church. In other words if the government declare all limits removed for weddings and Funerals etc on 21st June, we could still be in a situation whereby we are limited by the capacity of our Church Buildings. It is an issue that we may have to look at. So things are not over yet. We will have to Issue tickets for Easter

Weekday Masses 9.15am

Tuesday & Thursday St Teresa's and 9.15am at St Austin's Wednesday & Thursday

Zoom Masses 5pm Tuesday and Thursday & Sun 10.00am e mail the Parish and I will send you a link.

Updates:

Information on the informal Tenure and Sale of St Teresa's Old Hall/Church.

No final decision has been made yet

Feed my Lambs & Feed my sheep Foodbank:

Thank you for all the food items you have brought in. We are feeding a number of Families, during this challenging time.

Red Mission Boxes (St Teresa's Parish)

Can be brought to church after Easter Sunday.

Easter 2021

Please note that a time table for Holy Week celebrations and tickets are available from this weekend. Note that tickets can't be reserved, they must be collected from Church in person. This worked well at Christmas.

You will require Tickets for

Maundy Thursday 5.00pm St Teresa's
7.00pm St Austin's

Good Friday 2.00pm St Teresa's
4.00pm St Austin's

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm St Teresa's
6.30pm St Austin's

Easter Sunday 9.00am St Austin's

No Tickets required for 10.00am Zoom Mass
11.20am St Teresa's

No Zoom Masses on 6th & 8th April

Fifth Sunday of Lent 20/21 March 2021

First reading: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah. 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

***Responsorial Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15
A pure heart create for me, O God.***

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Second reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of

death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

