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2019 Easter Triduum Mass Times

Monday 15th April
 Confession (1st Rite): 6 -7pm at **St Francis**

Wednesday 17th April
 Confession (1st Rite): 6 -7pm at **St Mary's**

Thursday 18th April HOLY THURSDAY
 Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Night Prayer
 7pm **St Mary's**
St Francis'

Friday 19th April GOOD FRIDAY
 Stations of the Cross followed by Confession
 10am **St Mary's**
St Francis'
OLPS Fairfield
 Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
 3pm **St Mary's** (Passion play 2.30pm)
St Francis'
OLPS Fairfield

Saturday 20th April HOLY SATURDAY
 Easter Vigil Mass
 5pm **St Ita's**
 7pm **St Mary's**

Sunday 21st April EASTER SUNDAY
 Mass
 7am **OLPS Fairfield**
 8am **St Ita's**
 9am **St Francis'**
 9am **St Mary's**
 5pm **St Mary's**

Launch Party!

Come and celebrate the launch of Rising Youth Ministry with *fun, food & games*, as we *dance* the night away!

When: Saturday 27th April 2019, 6-9pm
 Where: St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce., West End
 Who: Ages 5-18 welcome. Supervised activities catered for every age group!

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RSVP by the 20th of April, 2019. Email rising@awaken.org.au
 For more information, contact Lana at: 0412 421 247
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"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity" - 1 Timothy 4:12

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)
 31st March 2019**

Dear Parishioners,

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday. *Laetare* means *rejoice* and it takes its name from the Latin word which begins the entrance antiphon (introit) for that day: "Rejoice, Jerusalem ... Be joyful, all who were in mourning!" (Isaiah 66:10).

Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday. And on this Sunday, the purple vestments may be set aside and rose vestments may be used instead. Only twice a year may priests wear rose vestments: on Laetare Sunday and Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent). The colour rose is used as a sign of the joy which characterises these two Sundays. The use of rose vestments probably stems from an ancient papal tradition of blessing golden roses which would be sent to Catholic heads of state in Europe on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Since most churches don't have rose vestments, purple vestments are also acceptable.

Laetare Sunday really means we are at the midpoint of Lent, and has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. Let us use the remaining days of Lent to get closer to the Lord and repent of our sins, so that we can truly celebrate with the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

In the Gospel today we have the 'Parable of the Prodigal Son.' I don't think that's an accurate title for the story. In some ways it is the story of two lost boys who totally missed the point of what it means to be a son. Though the story is not factual, it is in accord with the truth, and the truth it

teaches has been manifested in the lives of many throughout the centuries. Here is a factual story which reflects that truth.

A child was born of devout parents. As a young man, however, he not only left home but also abandoned any attachment to the true faith. He lived what we would call a wild life and even fathered a son out of wedlock. One person stood by him was his mother. She never gave up praying for him. At her insistent urging he listened to the preaching of a bishop. Moved by his preaching and influenced by his mother's prayers, he realised the mistakes he had made and changed his whole way of life. His conversion was so complete that he founded a religious order, was made a bishop, and became a famous preacher, writer, and theologian of the Church. At his mother's funeral he said he said in his homily, "I weep for my mother, now dead before my sight, who wept for me for so many years that I might live in her sight." We now honour this man every year in the liturgy on 28th August as the great St. Augustine.

St Monica, Augustine's mother, never gave up on him, just as God never gives up on us, whether we be big sinners or little sinners. During Lent the Church calls us to repentance and like a good mother weeps for our sins and prays for our conversion. Though we have not abandoned our Father's home, we must do penance for all our sins, big or small, and we must try to cooperate with the grace of God who wishes to raise us even to the heights of sanctity.

Peace and blessing
 Fr Lam Vu

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
 Mon-Fri 7am; Sat 8am (*Rosary after Mass*)
 Sunday 9am and 5pm

St Francis' Church (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)
 Mon-Fri 10am (*Rosary before Mass at 9.30am*)
 (*Anointing: 1st Friday*); Sunday: 9am

St Ita's Church (Pope St., Dutton Park)
 Saturday (Vigil) 5pm; Sunday 8.00am

Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 (Victoria St., Fairfield)
 Sunday 7am (*Anointing: 1st Sunday*)

Confession

St Mary's Church:
 Fri 7.30am-8am Sat 8.30-9.30am; Sun 4-4.45pm

St Ita's Church: Sat 4-4.50pm

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Parish Activities in 2019

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 9.30am | monthly

1st Saturday St Francis'
2nd Saturday St Mary's
3rd Saturday St Ita's

Family preparation sessions are held at St Ita's on the first Thursday night of each month at 6.30pm bookings essential

ADORATION

Sunday 4-5pm St Mary's Church

PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION

Monday to Friday 12-2pm St Mary's Church

AWAKEN: TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Tuesday 7pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End
 website: awaken.org.au

CAKE STALL

St Francis Church

Third Sunday of the month After the 9am mass

ST FRANCIS TABLE—Ministry to the Elderly

Monday 10am -1pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

ANOIDING OF THE SICK MASS

First Friday of the Month | St Francis 10am

First Sunday of the month | OLPS Fairfield 7am

PARISH MORNING TEAS

Every Sunday St Mary's (and Feast Days)

First Sunday of the month

OLPS Fairfield after 7am Mass

St Francis Church after 9am mass

FAMILY MASS

Fourth Saturday of the month | St Ita's Church 5pm
 (school term only)

NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to help you feel at home in the Parish. Would you please make yourselves known to our Priests and to the parishioners who greet you as you arrive. Welcome leaflets with basic information about the parish are also available either at the door of the church or by contacting the parish office. Thank you for becoming part of our community.

READINGS AT MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Isa 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.

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-7

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second reading

2 Cor 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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."

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

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Is 43:16-21; **2nd reading:** Phil 3:8-14; **Gospel:** Jn 8:1-11

This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses) Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday 1st:

R/ I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Tuesday 2nd:

R/ The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Wednesday 3rd:

R/ The Lord is kind and merciful.

Thursday 4th:

R/ Lord, remember us for the love you bear for your people.

Friday 5h:

R/ The Lord is near to broken hearts.

Saturday 6th:

R/ Lord, my God, I take shelter in you.

2 Minute Catechism

What is a relic?

Relics are physical objects that have a direct association with the saints or with Our Lord. They are usually broken down into three classes:

First class relics are the body or fragments of the body of a saint, such as pieces of bone or flesh.

Second class relics are something that a saint personally owned, such as a shirt or book (or fragments of those items).

Third class relics are those items that a saint touched or that have been touched to a first, second, or another third class relic of a saint.

The word relic means "a fragment" or "remnant of a thing that once was but now is no longer." Thus, we find in antique shops "Civil War relics" or "Relics of the French Revolution." Obviously, we are not talking about these kinds of relics but rather sacred relics.

Where did the Catholic tradition of venerating saints' relics come from?

Scripture teaches that God acts through relics, especially in terms of healing. In fact, when surveying what Scripture has to say about sacred relics, one is left with the idea that healing is what relics "do."

When the corpse of a man was touched to the bones of the prophet Elisha the man came back to life and rose to his feet (2 Kings 13:20-21).

A woman was healed of her hemorrhage simply by touching the hem of Jesus' cloak (Matthew 9:20-22).

When handkerchiefs or aprons that had been touched to Paul were applied to the sick, the people were healed and evil spirits were driven out of them (Acts 19:11-12).

In each of these instances God has brought about a healing using a material object. The vehicle for the healing was the touching of that object. It is very important to note, however, that the cause of the healing is God; the relics are a means through which He acts. In other words, relics are not magic. They do not contain a power that is their own; a power separate from God.

By Mary Rezac, taken from www.catholicnewsagency.com

EUTHANASIA AND AGED CARE DEBATE— Please share your story—the Archdiocese urgently needs to hear from you.

The Archdiocese is urgently needing your help. If anyone knows of examples of families that have experienced a cathartic period of growth and closeness while they all tended to a dying loved one, and the family were comfortable with sharing their story on video, The stories can be many and varied - from those who died at home and needed minimal pain relief to those who were hospitalised with terminal illness and need constant medication; those who enjoyed palliative care over a 12 month period through to those who had hospice care through a group like Karuna. As long as the overwhelming sense of the experience for the patient, family and carers was a positive one, if it can be spoken of in that way, that is what we would like to relay in testimony.

This is a way of counteracting the narrative that terminating life is compassionate and caring. Please send through any details to Adrian Taylor at commuinca-tions@bne.catholic.net.au All contacts will be approached with great discretion and care.



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**Tuesday 2nd April 2019
Talks and Meditation**

NOTE :St Francis Table Ministry will have a break over Easter—will not be on 15th & 22nd April

St Mary's Church - Changes to Opening Times –

18 March to 18 April Monday, Thursday and Friday from 12 pm to 2 pm for personal prayer and quiet reflection. All welcome. St Mary's **will not be open** on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 18 March to 18 April.

During Lent in our Parish

Thursday evenings 7pm Lenten Reflection—Trust

St Francis Hall—Meeting Room

Friday evenings 7pm Stations of the Cross

St Mary's Church



St Ita's 2019 Confirmation Program Enrolments

Information Session on Wednesday 3rd April 6pm (in church)
 No Enrolments accepted after this date.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St Mary's— 28th April 2019

3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Rosary, Readings from the Diary of St Faustina, Adoration, Confession

5.00pm Parish Mass

P.S. Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday.



Palm Fronds or Olive Branches Needed

for Palm Sunday on 14th April — please see Fr Lam (or ring the Parish Office) if you have some. We would like to collect the palm on Saturday 13th April.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Dane Crawford

Position Vacant

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