



Morphett Vale Catholic Parish Bulletin

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

30TH MARCH 2025

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REGULAR PARISH MASSES

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 9:00am
Saturday 6:00pm Vigil
Sunday 8:00am
Sunday 9:30am
Sunday 11:00am - Polish

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9:15am
Wednesday 10:00am - Polish & 6:00pm
Thursday 9:15am
Friday 9:15am

REGULAR PARISH DEVOTIONS AND EVENTS

RECONCILIATION: After Saturday 9:00am Mass or contact Fr. Christopher
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Contact Parish Office or Fr. Christopher
ROSARY: Monday - 7:30pm and after weekday Masses
ADORATION: Every Friday following 9:15am Mass until 11am
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: First Sunday at 3:00pm
SACRED HEART OF JESUS: First Friday Mass at 9:15am
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: First Saturday Mass at 9:00am
BAPTISM: Enquiry forms available from the Parish website
MARRIAGE: Six months notice - enquiries to the Parish Office
FUNERALS: Contact Fr Christopher or **text** Parish Mobile
CENACLE: Wednesday 1pm - 3pm in the Parish Hall - *All Welcome*
PLAYGROUP: Thursday 10:00 am - in the Parish Hall

READINGS - YEAR C

4th Sunday of Lent
30th March 2025

5th Sunday of Lent
6th April 2025

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

John 8:1-11

PSALM RESPONSE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCL: 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: 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 to him, "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 in the fields, and on his way back as he drew near the house, he could hear the music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was 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 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 so much as a kid to celebrate with my friends. But this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we have been fattening." "The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right that we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Paul Stewart, Kevin O’Neil and Alesha Smith, and for all who are mentioned in our Mass Intention Schedule below.

*Names cannot be published in the Bulletin without prior permission of the person or their family. Names of those who are unwell will be published for **2 weeks**, but can be re-listed at the request of the person or their family. Names should be given to the Parish Office by Tuesday afternoon. Emergencies can, of course, be accommodated.*

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL AND MASS INTENTIONS: Please understand, but of those who have asked for our prayers **will no longer be read out during Mass**. The names will be listed in our Bulletin, and the list will be referred to in the Prayers of the Faithful. In this way, no-one can be offended by the mis-pronunciation of names. **Special Mass Intentions** envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church. They can be filled in (please print clearly) and either handed to Father after Mass or placed in the Offering bowl. Names for Special Mass Intentions are read at the beginning of the Mass, and again during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Mass Intentions for this COMING Week - 31st March - 6th April

Mon 31			For the parish: Living & Dead
Tues 1 April		9:15 am	Good health for Fran Ebsary and all whose birthdays are at this time
Wed 2		10:00 am	Repose of the souls of members of the Chojeckich, Borsutow, Furtakow, Lyszczow & Przewlokow families
		6:00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass
Thurs 3		9:15 am	God’s blessings and good health for Karin Gibson
Fri 4		9:15 am	Repose of the souls of members of the Michalkiewicz family
Sat 5		9:00 am	God’s blessings and good health for the Linsell family
		6:00 pm	Repose of the souls of Joseph, Rita, Mary Louis & Mary D’Coutho, Isbal, Usha
Sun 6	Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:00 am	Thanksgiving for the continued wellbeing of the family of Catherine Mubinya
		9:30 am	Repose of the souls of members of the Dahclah, Aoukor, Nemer, and Arnawet families
		11:00 am	Repose of the souls of Anna & Henryk Kulinsky on the 35th anniversary of their deaths

THANK YOU: to everyone who helped at the working bee last weekend. Your time and talents are really appreciated.



OFFICE NEWS: Please be patient as, at present, we are unable able to make outgoing calls. We still get incoming calls, voice mails and emails, and we will respond as soon as we can. This may change at a moment's notice, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

NEXT WEEKEND!!!!

BIG EVENT 1: Daylight saving ends NEXT Saturday. Remember to turn your **clocks BACK 1 hour** before you go to bed.



BIG EVENT 2: It is Father Christopher's birthday - next Sunday 6th April!!!!



LEAVING COLLECTION: There will be a leaving collection this weekend for funds to purchase candles and flowers for our Church. Thank you for your continuing and generous support.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES:



PALMS: are required to decorate the church after 9:00am Mass on Saturday 12th April. Unfortunately the person who organised the palms for us in the past is not available this year. If you can help us, please contact the Parish Office THIS Tuesday or Friday between 10:am & 2:00pm, thank you.

ROSTERS: We need readers, commentators, PowerPoint operators, greeters, EMHC's etc across all the Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies. Judy will be in the foyer at the end of the Masses with her clipboard. Please offer your help, thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent

6:30pm - St Mary's Church in Polish
7.00pm - Mary Help of Christians Church



Join us as we walk with Our Lord on His way to Calvary; and make reparation to Him for all He has suffered for each one of us!

On the Friday of the Passion of the Lord, Stations of the Cross will be held in Mary Help of Christians Church at 10:00am and in St Marys Church at 10:00am in Polish

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES

THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 17th APRIL 6:00 PM

Adoration in Mary Help of Christians Church until 10.00pm

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 18th APRIL

10:00 AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS - MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

10:00 AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS in POLISH - ST MARYS CHURCH

3:00 PM - LITURGY OF THE PASSION WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Please note: The Liturgy at 5:00pm in Polish has been cancelled.

HOLY SATURDAY 19th APRIL

FROM 9:00 AM - THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

11:00 AM AND 12 NOON - BLESSING OF THE FOOD

THE EASTER VIGIL MASS - 7.00PM

EASTER SUNDAY 20th APRIL

MASS AT 8.00AM AND 9.30AM

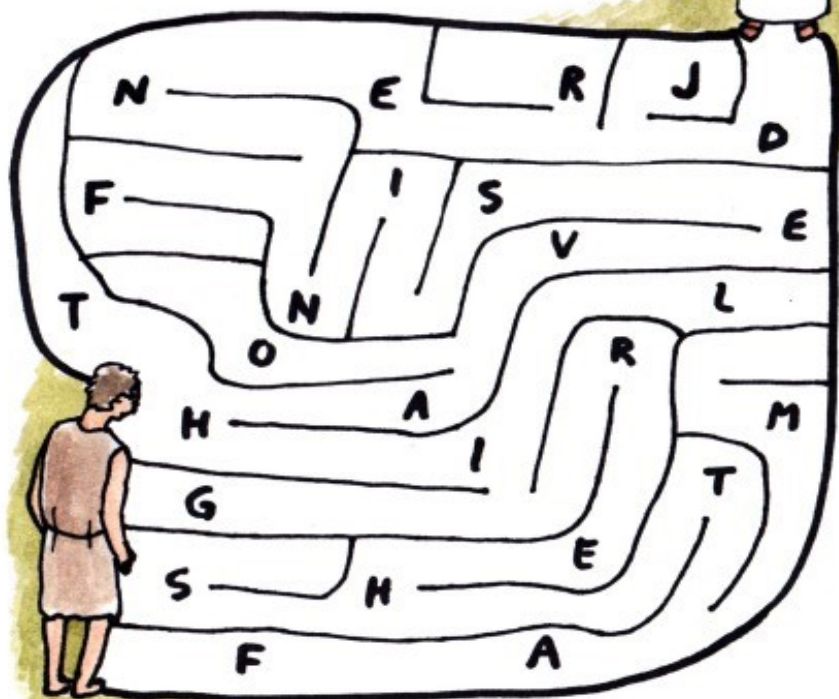
MASS AT 11.00AM - POLISH

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30th, 2025

*What did the son in today's
Gospel reading say to show his
father he was sorry?*

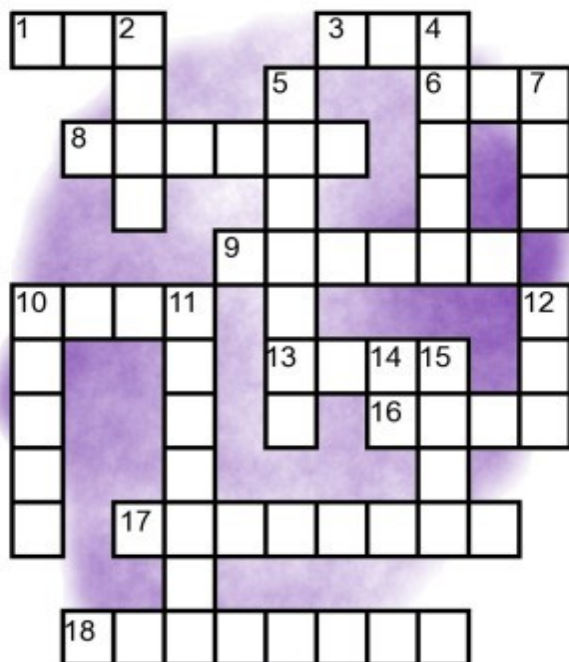
Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



*As you go through the maze, use only
the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:*

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Psalm 34 Cross-Word Puzzle



Use these words to fill in the blanks for the crossword puzzle:

**FROM
TERRORS
PRAISE
SET
GLORIFY
LET
HIS
ANSWERED
NAME
ON
SEE
TASTE
THAT
HUMBLE
ITS
TIMES
SOUL
MAKE
TOGETHER**

10D and 12D 10A the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all 4D,

His 9A is always 14D my lips;

In the Lord my 2D shall 15D 6A boast.

The 8A shall hear and be glad.



5D the Lord with me.

17A 3A us praise

1A 16A.

I sought the Lord

and he 18A me,

13A all my 11D he 7D me free.

The Son who was Sorry



Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away.

Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration!



Answer to Front Page: Father I have sinned. Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 1.his 3.let 6.its 8.humble 9.praise 10.that 13.from 16.name 17.together 18.answered DOWN: 2.soul 4.times 5.glorify 7.set 10.taste 11.terrors 12.see 14.on 15.make