



Morphett Vale Catholic Parish Bulletin

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

6TH APRIL 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

5th Sunday of Lent

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First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel

John 8:1-11

Palm Sunday

13th April 2025

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCL: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to Me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak He appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to Him, He sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery, and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, "Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?" They asked Him this as a test, looking for something to use against Him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with His finger. As they persisted with their question, He looked up and said, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Then He bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, "Woman, where are they? Has no-one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she replied. "Neither do I condemn you," said Jesus, "Go away and don't sin anymore."

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS:



Friday at 6:30pm in St Mary's Church in Polish and 7:00pm in Mary Help of Christians Church in English. Stations of the Cross will also take place on Good Friday, 18th April, at 10:00am in St Mary's Church in Polish and at 10:00am in Mary Help of Christians Church in English.

RECONCILIATION:

As well as the 'usual' time for Confessions after the 9:00am Mass on Saturdays, Father has arranged for assistance for an extended session on **Saturday 12th April**

**DON'T BE AFRAID
TO GO TO THE
SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION,
WHERE YOU
WILL MEET
JESUS WHO
FORGIVES YOU.**

Pope Francis



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Corey Hatcher, Paul Stewart, Kevin O'Neil, Norma, Paul & Luke Zadey, George & Moussa Adam, Adam Adam, members of the Sabah, Khoury & Hannah families 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 SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS: Please understand, but names of those who have asked for our prayers **will no longer be read out during Mass**. 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 Intention** envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church. They can be filled in (please print VERY clearly) and either handed to Father after Mass or placed in the Offering bowl. Names for Special Mass Intentions are read by Father at the beginning of the Mass, and again during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Mass Intentions for this COMING Week - 7th - 13th April

Mon 7			For the parish: Living & Dead
Tues 8		9:15 AM	God's blessings & good health for Katrina Tweedie
Wed 9		10:00 AM	All souls who need our prayers
		6:00 PM	God's blessings & good health for Courtney
Thurs 10		9:15 AM	God's blessings & good health for Paul
Fri 11		9:15 AM	God's blessings & good health for the Linsell family
Sat 12		9:00 AM	Repose of the souls or members of the Zaalewski & Bednarczuk families
		6:00 PM	Repose of the soul of Bob Bergin on the anniversary of his death
Sun 13	Palm Sunday	8:00 AM	Repose of the soul of Celine & Joseph Cruz
		9:30 AM	Repose of the soul Erminio Parente on the 1st anniversary of his death
		11:00 AM	God's blessings & good health for Adam on his birthday

JUBILEE OF THE SICK & HEALTH CARE WORKERS: This weekend is the Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare workers. Please take time to give thanks and pray for all who dedicate their lives to the care of those in need. Pray also for those who are sick and in need of healing and strength.

FATHER CHRISTOPHER: Happy birthday for Sunday 6th April Wszystkiego najlepszego z okazji urodzin. Sto lat, sto lat, niech żyje żyje nam.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

PALMS: Thank you so much to the members of our Polish community who are organising the palms for next weekend - we really appreciate it. There will be a group of people in the foyer of the Church next Saturday morning preparing the basket of palm fronds for the congregation - thank you.

ROSTERS: We are still in need of a few volunteers for various tasks during the Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Judy will be in the foyer at the end of the Masses this weekend with her clipboard! Please offer your help, thank you.

CHRISM MASS: The Mass of Oils will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday April 14 at 6:00pm. Everyone is very welcome. Please note, however, that there will be NO onsite parking available.

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

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND

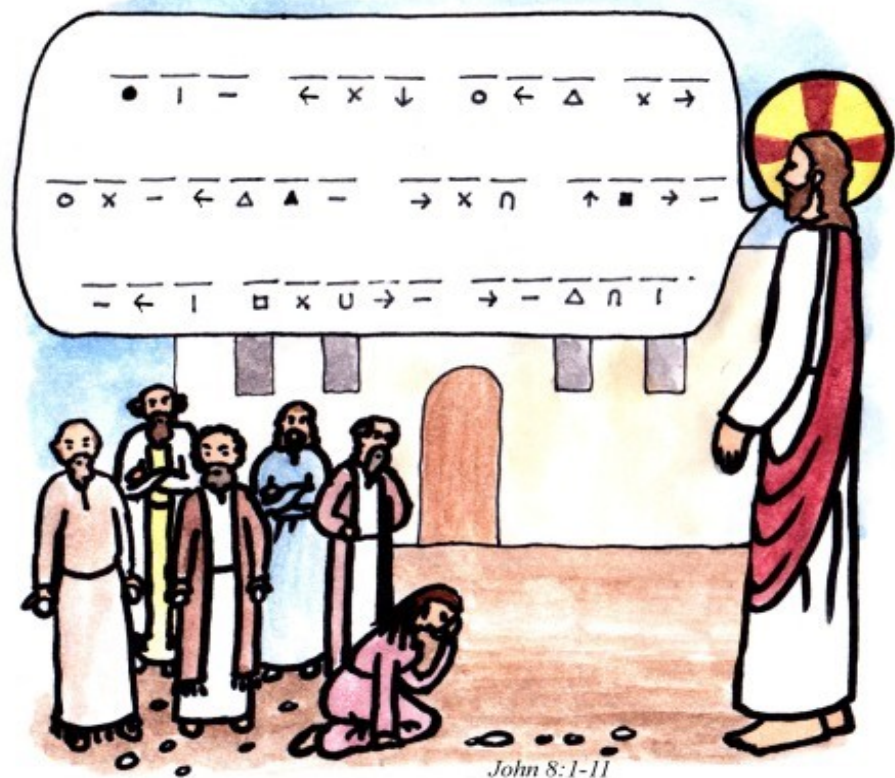
COLLECTION: This collection is for the support of the church in the Holy Land. The funds are used to promote the missionary work of the Church by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, through parishes and orphanages, and to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

WORKING BEE: Parish Grounds working bee on Saturday 26th April from 9:00am. Everyone is most welcome to attend - please bring your favourite gardening tools with you. There will, as usual, be a delicious morning tea to keep you going throughout the morning.

Op Shop: The Op Shop will be open as usual during the school holidays. Come in and grab yourself a bargain or three.

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6th, 2025



In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether they should obey their law and stone a woman who was a sinner. What did Jesus say to them? Use the code to find out!

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A C E F H I L M N O R S T U W

How Does Jesus Treat Sinners?



In the Old Testament, God gave His people rules that said they should punish the people who sinned. That's why in today's Gospel the Pharisees and scribes brought a sinful woman to Jesus to see what He had to say about the law.

Instead of telling them that they should punish her according to the law, Jesus told them that they should only punish her if they themselves had never sinned.



Sometimes we hear about a sin that someone else did. God does not want us to be mean to that person because of what they did. Does that mean that they didn't do a sin? No. Jesus told the woman to go and not sin again. That means that she did sin, but He was giving her another chance. We should try to be merciful like Jesus, and we should be kind to sinners

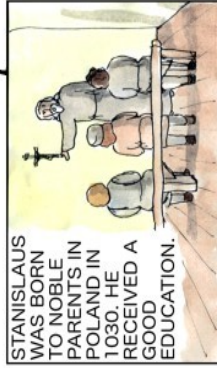
because we are sinners too.



Answers: front: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."
Answers to True or False:
1. True 2. False 3. True 4. True
5. False 6. True 7. True

Saint Stanislaus of Krakow

April 11



STANISLAUS WAS BORN TO NOBLE PARENTS IN POLAND IN 1030. HE RECEIVED A GOOD EDUCATION.

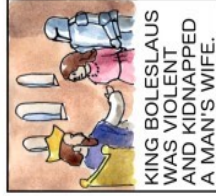


HE WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST AND BECAME A GREAT PREACHER.

Think of how good God is...



SOON THE POPE MADE STANISLAUS THE BISHOP OF KRAKOW.



KING BOLESLAUS WAS VIOLENT AND KIDNAPPED A MAN'S WIFE.



STANISLAUS TOLD HIM TO REPENT. FOR A WHILE THE KING SEEMED TO.

Yes-I was evil.



BUT WHEN THE KING RETURNED TO HIS EVIL WAYS, SAINT STANISLAUS EXCOMMUNICATED HIM.

He is being a terrible example.



WHEN HIS SOLDIERS REFUSED, THE KING HIMSELF KILLED SAINT STANISLAUS WHILE HE WAS SAYING MASS.

SANT STANISLAUS WAS NOT AFRAID TO TELL THE KING WHAT HE WAS DOING SOMETHING BAD, EVEN THOUGH IT PUT HIS LIFE IN DANGER. WE CAN BE LIKE HIM BY PRAYING FOR OUR GOVERNMENT AND NOT BEING AFRAID TO TELL THE TRUTH EVEN IF THE GOVERNMENT IS WRONG.

True or False?

In today's Gospel reading the scribes and Pharisees brought a sinful woman in front of Jesus.

Do you know the rest of the story? See if you know which of these statements are true and which are false:

1. The law said that a sinful woman like this one should be killed. True or False?
2. The men were going to stone the woman anyway- they didn't care what Jesus thought. True or False?
3. Jesus didn't say anything right away; He just started writing on the ground with His finger. True or False?
4. Jesus said that whichever of the men had never sinned should be the first to throw a stone at the woman. True or False?
5. One of the men threw a stone at her. True or False?
6. All of the men walked away without throwing a stone. True or False?
7. Jesus forgave the woman and told her not to sin anymore. True or False?

