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PARISH NOTICES 3rd SUNDAY of LENT

SUNDAY MASSES : 6.00pm (*Sat*) Vigil Mass; 9am & 11am (Children's Liturgy 9am Mass)

WEEKDAYS : <i>Mon</i>	Mass	5pm (<i>Convent</i>)
<i>Tues</i>	Mass	9.30am
<i>Wed</i>	Mass	9.30am
<i>Thurs</i>	Mass	9.30am
<i>Fri</i>	Communion Service	9.30am

CONFESSIONS: 5pm 1st Saturday of the month or by appointment

READINGS next SUNDAY: 1st Reading Book of Joshua	5:9-12	
<i>Lent Yr C</i>	2nd Reading St Paul to Corinthians	5:17-21
	Gospel Luke	15:1-3.11-32

DEATH OF A CRIMINAL

We are so used to treating the cross of Jesus with honour that we forget what it originally meant.

The cross was an instrument of execution which the people of Jesus' time would have seen often in public places in Israel. Crucifixion was a standard form of execution in the Roman Empire and was used for slaves and lower class criminals. St Paul, for instance was not crucified but beheaded because he was an official Roman citizen, who could not be legally crucified.

As was the custom then and for long afterwards such criminal executions were quite public events and the person to be executed was considered fair game for anyone's taunting or physical abuse. Jesus for many would have been just another such criminal.

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DEATH OF A CRIMINAL *cont.*

For the Roman soldiers, he would have been just another trouble maker in the midst of one of the most troublesome peoples the Romans were trying to subdue. He was not special in anyway to most of them, just another one of these 'Jews' and just another agitator. By and large, they were not known for their sensitivity!

For the Jews, he could have been one of several things. He could be another pretend Messiah in a considerable list of pretend Messiahs, each of whom threatened to bring the Roman boot down harder on the already restive people. He would have been a great let down for others because he did not fulfil his potential and lead them against the Romans. He was a threat to others because he would not fit into the accepted religious ways and thoughts; He was seen as subversive.

So he is got rid of! He is given the treatment criminals are given. He offends against the society of his time from several different points of view.

A criminal is one who can't be fitted into his society; a criminal has to be separated from society either by execution, by being exiled or by being imprisoned, that is by being put into an alternative society for those who cant be integrated into the accepted society. Among these at that time was Jesus of Nazareth!

LENTEN TALK:

The third of our Lenten Talks will be this Wednesday March 2nd at 7.30pm in the Church. The topic is "Current questions about Marriage". This will give some background to the Church's tradition on marriage and will highlight the issues discussed at last years' Synod convened by Pope Francis. It sought to deal with problems like that of people who are divorced and remarried and then coming to communion and also questions of homosexuality. It is thought that the document arising from the Synod will be published by Pope Francis in March.

LEADERSHIP GROUP:

meets this coming Monday February 29th at 7.30pm in the Mangan meeting room.



CUPPAS AFTER MASS:

next Sunday **March 6th** after 9am & 11am Masses. This is our first of the Cuppas for the year, so stop and enjoy a cup tea or coffee and a chat.

LENT AT HOME :

Sheets for Lent at Home for the third week of Lent are available in the foyer. The topic this week is "Ask, Search, Knock'.

CATECHUMENATE:

The group will meet on Thursday March 3rd this week at 7.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room

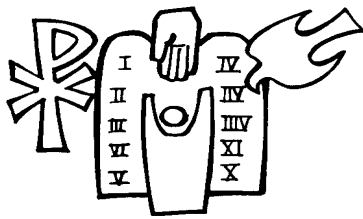
SINGING PRACTICES:

for Lent & Easter are today - **Sunday February 28th and then March 6th , both at 10am** between Masses.

CATHOLIC CARE COLLECTION

The amount of the collect for Catholic Care was \$895.60.

Thank you



PRESENTATION OF THE CREED TO CATECHUMENS.

At the 6pm Mass on Saturday evening this week, we will have the "Presentation of the Creed" to Ray Clark, Jackie Baratta and Emily Gendall who will be received into the Church at Easter.

This symbolises the handing on of our faith to them.

FILM on ST. VINCENT de PAUL: On Friday March 18th, the film 'Monsieur Vincent' on the life of St. Vincent de Paul will be shown at St Paul's Church Hall, 122 Jasper Road, Bently. The evening will begin at 7.30pm for an 8pm start of the film.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

will meet on Monday March 7th at 7.30pm in the Mangan Meeting room

Friday, March 4 is the annual World Day of Prayer.

There will be a service at All Souls Anglican Church on that day, starting at 1.30 pm. All welcome. S.I.C.C.

ROSTERS FOR VOLUNTEERS DOING CUPPAS AFTER MASS

The roster for those who have kindly offered to organise the Cuppas we all enjoy after Mass on the First Sundays of the month, are available in the foyer. Please take your copy save postage.

REMEXIO 2016

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to our appeals for Timor Leste. Remexio in particular. See overhead at Mass or photos in foyer. This year we would like to focus on providing SCHOLARSHIPS to students who would otherwise be unable to attend school due to lack of finances. We would like to have 2 options -:

- 1: A General School Fund for scholarships to be used at the Groups discretion.
 - 2: a Specific Education Fund - (a) students in school \$200 per year... books and fees some money to the family (the child will be studying so they won't have the same time to work in the vegetable garden, this is particularly for girls to allow them to stay in senior High School)
 - (b) support a student at university \$1000.00 ... fees, food, accommodation, in Dili.
- Our preference is to assist female students as they learn to care for the family. We have one student, Luisa , at university who wants to become a doctor ...!
- If you can support our endeavour please put money/ cheque into an envelope and label how you want your funds to be used.
- Please speak to Heather McGrath or Judy Lamb for more information.
- (Through parish office or at mass)*

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

THIS WEEK: Team 7 : A Power, K Wilson, P Longshaw, J & G Smith

NEXT WEEK: Team 1 : D Keary, P McAleer, T McKenna, W Tench, M Webb

CHURCH PREPARATION TEAM :

28/2 K Hardeman & T Fraser

No flowers during Lent

6/3 A Moran & G Griffiths

CHURCH TEA & COFFEE TEAM:

6/3 9am Annette Howlett & Mary O'Connor

11am Gilda Griffiths & Patricia O'Callaghan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS :

28/2 6pm H McGrath, S Bartl, V Langdon, P Sim

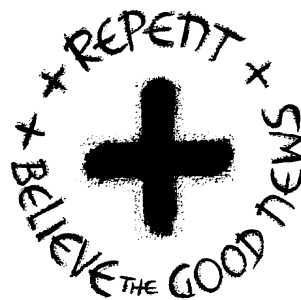
9am V Pucella, J Tonna, B Gravina

11am J Lamb, D Ridd, Volunteers

6/3 6pm C Gomez, A Bracchi, M Burgess

9am M Phillips, M McCartney, G Griffiths

11am S Agostino, B Bracchi, N Camera



LECTORS / COMMENTATORS:

28/2 6pm H Rolfe & F Meade 9am J Noonan & Volunteer

11am C Hill & C O'Reilly

6/3 6pm M Palmer & H McGrath 9am P Hetherington & S Humphrey

11am J Lamb & S Valente

THE SICK : Peter Roberts, Tony Cooper, John LoPiccolo, Peter Gillon, Summer Hall, Julia Oppendsano, Ben Randles, Jean MacGregor, Madison O'Neill, Robyn Fenton, Diana Gillon, Stewart Ross, Peter Arbon, Trevor Harden, Rhonda Rigg, Martin Cassidy, Concetta Ferraro, Hayley Slatterby, Michael Patton

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Li Petta, Marie Janes (mother of Sue Wilson)

ANNIVERSARIES: Sheela Mornane, Andrew Moran, Vin O'Donoghue, Jackie Everett, Sandra Aersh,

We respectfully acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal peoples and especially the Boonerwung people of the Kulin Nation, who are the traditional owners and custodians of the Sandringham area.