



SACRED HEART SANDRINGHAM

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PARISH NOTICES 4th 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 Prophet Isaiah	43:16-21
<i>Lent Yr C</i>	2nd Reading St Paul to Philippians 3:8-14
	Gospel John 8:1-11

A CRIMINAL

A criminal is a particular kind of 'sinner'. A criminal is the sort of person that a society decides is not compatible with it. A criminal is someone who has to be removed from the normal life of society because he is a danger to it. The murderer, the abuser, the robber, the terrorist all have to be removed from society because they are seen to put its citizens or their property in danger. Such people are dealt with in various ways in various societies—there might be hanging, the electric chair, exile, imprisonment or financial penalties.

The society Jesus lived in had crucifixion as the form of punishment it used, at least for slaves and the lower echelons of society.

Jesus' society decided that he was a criminal and had to be dealt with accordingly. This meant that Jesus was seen as incompatible with the society of his time, as a danger to that society.

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A CRIMINAL *cont.*

This discussion was reached in a series of procedures involving different elements of Jewish society at the time: so there was a religious trial before the Sanhedrin and the civic trial (so to speak) before Pilate. It was a multi-ethnic society but both main groups decided that Jesus was dangerous.

It is very significant that the human society decided that Jesus (the One who comes from God) is not compatible with it. What does it say about that society (and ours) that God's "anointed one" cannot fit into it?

We often hear it said that Jesus "becomes sin" for us. The above reflection on the criminal helps us understand this. Jesus becomes the criminal—he becomes "the sinner" in the eyes of his society. He is treated as "the sinner", "the criminal", he "becomes the sinner" in his trial and execution. He is excluded from that society because he is incompatible with it, is a danger to it; he is rejected as being "no good", as being subversive of its way of life.

LENTEN TALK:

The fourth of our Lenten talks will be given by Fr (Dr) Kevin Lenehan who is a theologian teaching at Catholic Theological College (and has been helping out here on Sundays recently). Kevin's topic will be 'Religion and Violence', another area which comes up for discussion frequently. The talk will be on Wednesday March 9th at 7.30pm in the Church.

LENT AT HOME :

Sheets for Lent at Home for the fourth week of Lent are available in the foyer. The topic this week is "Persistence in Prayer."

CATECHUMENATE:

The group will meet on Tuesday March 8th this week at 7.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room

Today week, Sunday March 13th, we will have the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer to Emily Gendall, Jackie Barrata and Ray Clark who will be received into the Church at Easter.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

will meet on Monday March 7th at 7.30pm in the Church Foyer. *Please note change of venue.* All are welcome to come and join us.

SINGING PRACTICES:

for Lent & Easter are today - **Sunday March 6th , and again March 13 at 10am** between Masses.



CUPPAS AFTER MASS:

this 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.

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.

PALM SUNDAY—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The first of the Easter Liturgies begin Sunday 20th March with Palm Sunday and volunteers are needed for Commentator, Lector, Gospel Parts, Special Ministers and Lap top operators. Please put your name on the Yellow Sheets in the foyer for all the Easter Liturgies

Your assistance with volunteering will save many phone calls to fill these rolls.

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, Bentleigh. The evening will begin at 7.30pm for an 8pm start of the film.

STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS 12 Nov—15 Dec 2016

Journey through Jordan, Turkey, Israel & Palestinian Territories with Dr Rosemary Canavan & Rev. Anthony Dean cm.

Contact Jenny Delahunt 9412 3314
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see notice board for further details

St Mary's College, University of Melbourne, will acknowledge 50 years on Swanston St and the Loreto Sisters' leadership of the College (1918 – 2013) with a Jubilee Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Hart at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville commencing at 3pm on Sunday 13 March, followed by a Garden Party in the St Mary's Courtyard. The Musical Directors are Ms Fiona Dyball & Sr Deirdre Browne ibvm. Alumni, friends and supporters of St Mary's are all warmly invited. RSVP for catering purposes to the College on 9349 9555 or secretary@stmarys.unimelb.edu.au



BAPTISMS THIS SUNDAY

◇ *Gilmore Anthony McCabe Davonen*

son of Justin and Sarah

◇ *Max John Bade*

Joe David Bade

Milla Rose Bade

children of David & Lucy

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

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

NEXT WEEK: Team 2: W & C Commins, L Roskam, J Macdonald, F Meade

CHURCH PREPARATION TEAM :

6/3 A Moran & G Griffiths *No flowers during Lent*

13/3 S Thorp & C Luppino

CHURCH TEA & COFFEE TEAM:

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

11am Gilda Griffiths & Patricia O'Callaghan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS :

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

9am M Phillips, M McCartney, G Griffiths

11am S Agostino, B Bracchi, N Camera

13/3 6pm J Sexton, B Scott, F Meade

9am J Grimmer, A Stubbs, P Morris

11am M Murtagh, L Warner, T McKenna



LECTORS / COMMENTATORS:

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

11am J Lamb & S Valente

13/3 6pm P Gomez & H Poulos 9am G Purcell & C Purcell

11am M Shannon & J Valente

THE SICK : Denis Sime, Carmella Garretto, Kim D'Souza, 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, Martin Donaldson, Basil Cervi, Joan Kirkham, Michela Rupena

ANNIVERSARIES: Muriel Hayes, Joan Jackson, Bern Collins, Beulah Tomlinson, Mark Smyth, Marie Mitchell, Ian Humphries, Virginia Rupena

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.