



SACRED HEART SANDRINGHAM

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PARISH NOTICES

8th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY MASSES : Vigil Mass 6.00pm Saturday; 9am & 11am Sunday

WEEKDAYS :

<i>Mon</i>	Mass	5pm
<i>Tues</i>	Mass	9.30am
<i>Wed</i>	Mass <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7am, 9.30am & 7.30pm
<i>Thurs</i>	Mass	9.30am
<i>Fri</i>	Communion Service	9.30am (<i>Mercy Fernhill</i>)

RECONCILIATION : *First Saturday of the month at 5pm & other times by appointment*

READINGS next SUNDAY : *First Sunday of Lent Year C*

1st Reading	.. Book of Deuteronomy	26:4-10
2nd Reading	.. St Paul to Romans	10:8-13
Gospel	.. Luke	4:1-13

ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT'S BEGINNING

Covering oneself with ashes was a symbolic way of acknowledging oneself a sinner in need of God's help and forgiveness!

It is a very telling symbol since ashes are what is left when life has been driven out of things. They are thus symbolic of death also.

We are marked with ashes at the beginning of Lent to proclaim the fact that without God, we are like ashes; we have no life in us. The symbol proclaims that our life comes from God: it is not just that we are like ashes without him but also that he gives us life and it is he who wants us to be fully alive.

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ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT'S BEGINNING (cont)

The ashes are the beginning of this season of Lent-Easter which is about the full life that God wishes to give us which begins with the Lord's resurrection. The whole season culminates in the celebration of his resurrection.

Well, what is Lent? Lent is the time for us to identify those things which we are tempted to put in the place of God—those things we are tempted to think will really give us life. Perhaps we need to offer ourselves to God in quiet prayer? Perhaps we need to let go of the things that make us feel secure? Perhaps we need to control our desire for things? Perhaps.....

ASH WEDNESDAY:

Lent begins this coming Wednesday—Ash Wednesday. There will be three Masses: 7am, 9.30am & 7.30pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.



LENT AT HOME : As usual during Lent from next Sunday, we will have sheets at each Mass giving a few texts for reflection and prayer at home during each week of Lent. They are intended to give us material to ponder over.

LENTEN TALKS :

As mentioned in the Notices last week, we will have talks on each of the Tuesdays of Lent, beginning on Tuesday, March 12th at 7.30pm. There is a sheet in the foyer on which the topics of talks and the speakers are listed.

PROJECT COMPASSION:

Envelopes and boxes for Project Compassion are available in the foyer after Masses. This is the effort of the whole Australian Church to give aid to third world countries in larger projects.

FORMATION IN FAITH :

Continues this coming Tuesday, March 5th, at 7.30pm in the Church

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP :

Will meet on March 13th at 7.30pm in the Foyer.

SCRIPTURE FOR EACH DAY

OF LENT: Each week there will be a list of Scripture passages which we may like to read each day of Lent. The passages for this week beginning on Ash Wednesday are as follows:

Ash Wednesday: Matthew 6:1-4

Thursday: Luke 9.22-25

Friday: Matthew 9.14-15

Saturday: Luke 5.27-32

UPDATE ON PLENARY

COUNCIL:

At each Mass this weekend, members of the Leadership Group will give short updates on the progress of the Plenary Council.



SINGING PRACTICE:

We will commence singing practices to prepare for Lent and Easter. There will be a combination of evening and Sunday morning times, beginning on **Thursday March 14 at 7pm**, then Sunday March 17 at 10am, Wednesday April 3rd at 7pm, Sunday April 7 at 10am, and Wednesday April 10 at 7pm.

CUPPAS THIS SUNDAY

After 9am & 11am Masses
in the foyer
All welcome

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Autumn 2019 edition available
in the foyer after Mass

ST. VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY

Sandringham Conference are seeking new members.

If you would like to become a volunteer to assist those in need in our community, please contact the president Mark Shannon via email:

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Extend your mercy
towards others,
so that there can
be no one in need
whom you meet
without helping.

Vincent DePaul

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP :

On behalf of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry your Social Justice group offers for sale during Lent, copies of the Aboriginal Stations of the Cross. With each of the fourteen prayer cards is a reflection of the Artist John Dunn's personal story paralleled with the steps Jesus took carrying the cross. They cost \$15.00 a set.

