

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading **Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our month filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading **Philippians 3:8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become

perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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 **John 8:1-11**

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 do not sin any more.'

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES

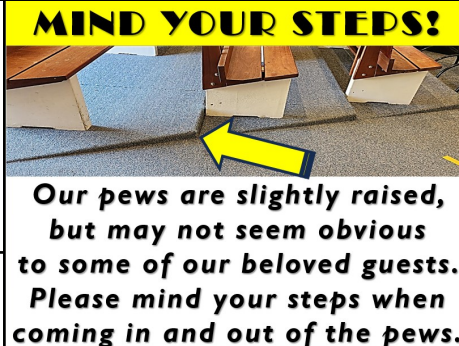
Sat 5th	6:00pm	Vigil Holy Mass - For the Parishioners
Sun 6th	8:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Mass - For the Parishioners Holy Mass - Souls of Nonna Gina, Mrs. Rita Dass Holy Mass - Souls of Marie Desker, Agnus Desker
Mon 7th	6:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass / Communion Service
Tue 8th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass
Wed 9th	6:00pm 6:30pm	ADORATION & NOVENA Holy Mass
Thu 10th	10:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Mass - Donovan Nursing Home, Forrest field Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass
Fri 11th	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Adoration Stations of the Cross
Sat 12th	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Confession



**MATTHEW GIBNEY CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Parishioners are advised to exercise caution and follow the signs when entering and exiting the carpark, as it is a shared zone. Parents, please ensure children are supervised at all times, especially around the premises and when using the toilets near the old Parish Hall. Thank you for your cooperation.



MIND YOUR STEPS!
 Our pews are slightly raised, but may not seem obvious to some of our beloved guests. Please mind your steps when coming in and out of the pews.



PALM SUNDAY: Parishioners are advised to bring their own palms for all Palm Sunday Masses next weekend. Thank you. - Fr. Benny

Please join us on Wednesday 9th April 9am, in the Undercover Area, as each class retells the events of Holy Week and Easter through song, dance and drama followed by Morning tea.

For further information contact Matthew Gibney Primary School, 30 Munday Rd, High Wycombe on 62168400 or by email admin@gibney.edu.wa.au

FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF APRIL

SAINTS

- APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY
- APRIL 17 Maundy Thursday
- APRIL 18 Good Friday
- APRIL 20 Easter Sunday
- APRIL 28 St Peter Chanel
- APRIL 29 St Catherine of Siena

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT: TOTAL RAISED - \$325,584.86

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Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!
Fr. Benny (Parish Priest) and Jennifer (PPC)

Mass Intention Envelopes

There has been confusion regarding pronunciation of names, Mass Intentions and dates requested, for : death Anniversaries / health / operations / birthdays / souls in Purgatory / thanksgiving etc.

In an effort to help in future, only Mass requests mentioned in the Parish Bulletin will be offered by the celebrant of the day.

All Mass Intention envelopes should be submitted to the parish Office during office hours, if possible, or please use the drop box located outside the Office. Thank you.

Fr Benny

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION



3 PM FIRST SUNDAY

IGNITE CONFERENCE 25

Sydney
 10-13 July 2025
 Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct, Waitara

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Brisbane
 25-28 September 2025
 St Laurence's College, Brisbane

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For the Sick: Lynette Arnold, Chris Muller, Phillippe and Noelle Payet, Clare Arnold, Bernadette Lach, Rachel Kaciuba, Rudi Sirr, Justin Clohessy, Mary Aung-Sein, Florlito Tenido, Shanelle Murray, Lucy Aung-Sein, Michelle Tompson, Tina Valenzuela, Corally D'Leno, Sean O'Hanlon.

Contact Joela Sequeira, Parish Secretary for names to be added or continued to the Sick List, otherwise the names will be deleted after two weeks. Thank you. Fr. Benny

In Memoriam: Antonia Sciarone, Anthony Burnaby, May Corrigan, Kathleen June Jefferies, Wally Strother, Rita Kenny, Louisa Fiddle, Jean Pemberton, Gavin Muthukumarswamy, Madge Harding, Alice Williams, Vincenzo Lizzi, Dr. Allan Chia Mun Fook, Mrs. Anne Woodthorpe, Sr. Mae RSM, Tom Redden, William Aviet, Dr. Albert Poli, Sheila Hardisty, Dolores Della Posta.

Parish Centre Diary

Sun 6th	9:30 am	Children Liturgy
Tue 8th	4:00pm 5:45 pm	PREP Legion of Mary
Wed 9th	4:00pm	Ukulele group
Thu 10th	9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Craft Group Legion of Mary RCIA
Fri 11th	10:00am	Morning Tea

Volunteers Needed – Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is seeking dedicated volunteers with experience in finance and accounting to join our team. Responsibilities include assisting with weekly financial duties, attending meetings, and supporting the Parish Priest or Finance Officer. Volunteers must adhere to the Parish Finance Council Statutes. If you are interested in contributing your skills to the parish, please contact Fr. Benny or email the Parish Secretary at maida.vale@perthcatholic.org.au.

Thank you for your support!
 _____ Fr. Benny

IMPORTANT NOTICE WITH REGARDS TO THE PARISH MEMORIAL REGISTER:

Kindly note, that only names in the Parish Memorial Register will be mentioned in the Parish Newsletter at the appropriate week NOT from Mass Offerings. There has been some confusion and some have misunderstood.

The same names in the Parish newsletter will also be listed in the slide for the overhead projector for that week.

Thank you. - Fr. Benny

5th/6th April	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	Graham B	Jennifer D	Helga S	Philip M
1st Reader	Armelle	Kevin F	Paolo J	Margaret O
2nd Reader	Imelda B	Sue D	Neha K	Herman J
Acolyte	Vince	Clem	Edwin	Michael

12th/13th April	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	George F	Joe K	Matt W	Benjo C
1st Reader	Jan F	Frances A	Evelyn R	Sarah M
2nd Reader	Javia Rose J	Gale M	Marguerite W	Lauren M
Acolyte	Brian	Lester	Adrian	Josef

	5th/6th April	12th/13th April
Counters	Cora Zefera, Denise Burnaby, Pier Walker	Mary & Joe Kaciuba, Louise & Maurice C
Church Cleaner	Philomena Theseira, Margaret Kee	Christie & Greg Daly, Josie Day



Fifth Sunday of Lent
 5th and 6th of April 2025

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