



## Ministerial Region of the Good Shepherd Parish

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

### “At the hour of death”



Every day, many of us ask Mary the Mother of God: “Pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.”

But as we move through our lives, we discover that there are many “hours” of death; we “die” many times as we grow and mature, as we end one phase of life and enter the next.

There’s the death of childhood, when we put aside our innocence to deal with “real life,” when we come to understand that our needs and wants are not the centre of the universe but that we have a responsibility to nurture and support the families and communities that have nurtured and supported us — but from the “death” of one’s childhood comes the “birth” of a responsible adulthood.

There is the death of dreams, when we accept the reality that we will never play halfback for the North Queensland Cowboys or sing and dance on Broadway — but in putting aside those “dreams” and accepting who we are and the talents we possess and the vision we have for our life, we give birth to new possibilities to live lives of meaning and purpose.



There is the death of idealism, when we no longer believe that life is a “fairy tale” but that hard work, sacrifice, compromise and — perhaps most critical of all — forgiveness, are important in every meaningful relationship.

And there is the slow “dying” of control, as our aging bodies and intellect require us over time to yield the power and self-reliance we cling to and to accept the help and support from those we love. The “last act” of our lives requires humility, gratitude and graciousness that is difficult to embrace but can be a lasting gift to those who care for us.

There are so many endings before the final ending, so many farewells before the last farewell.

***Every life is a series of experiences of death and birth, of change and discovery — some difficult and painful. In the image of the “grain of wheat” Jesus teaches us that life demands “dying” to our fears, despair and sense of self — but if we’re willing to risk loving and allowing ourselves to be loved, Jesus promises us the “harvest” of the Gospel wheat. Only by loving is love returned, only by reaching out beyond ourselves do we learn and grow, only by giving to others do we receive, only by dying do we rise to new life.***

**Peace**

**Parish Pastoral Team**

**Act Justly, Love tenderly and Walk Humbly with God. Micah. 6:8**

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL RESPONSE**

God, may we all die to selfishness.

### **READINGS**

**First Reading:** Jer 31:31-34

**Resp. Psalm:** Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

**Second Reading:** Heb 5:7-9

**Gospel:** Jn 12:20-33

**P.G:** \$427.00      **Loose:** \$543.30

**Raffle:** \$45.00

**Thank you for your support of the Parish**  
**Your support is greatly appreciated.**



<b>Good Shepherd:</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>
<b>Good Shepherd:</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7.30 am</b>
<b>Ryan:</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>
<b>Good Shepherd:</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6.30 am</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>(No Mass)</b>
<b>Ryan:</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
	<b>Communion Service</b>	
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>

### **Stations of the Cross**

**Friday 6.00 pm**

### **Parish Office Times**

**Monday – Friday 8.00am – 4.00 pm**  
**(Closed on Public Holidays)**

## **BAPTISMS IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK:**

*RYDER SMITH, NICO JAMIESON*

*LEO AND LUNA BARTON*

**MOTHERS PRAYERS** meet on Monday morning at 9 am and Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm (except for Public Holidays) Room 5, at the Ryan Community Centre. For further information see church noticeboard or contact Janice on 0401 581 925.

**Our Parishioners meet for coffee at Baker & Barista, Willows at 9.00 am every second Tuesday. Next get together 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**RECONCILIATION:** Our Parish Priests are available for Reconciliation each weekend before & after Mass. Other times to suit can be arranged by phoning the Parish Office on 4723 9844 to make an appointment.



## **Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers:**

*Mick Mulroney, Daphne Slattery, Kevin Shephard, Matthew Varkey, Edward Rasie, Shirley Franks, Agnes Sariman, Graham Jordan, Peter Allen, Graham Beckwith, Mary McMahon, Yvonne Vasta, Vailea 'Eteaki*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** *Tony Rynne, Joe Sorbello, Evelyn Lawson, Faust Jacobone, Sandy Feeney, Shirley Giess, Grace O'Shea, Frank Grist, Joan Stanley*



## **Please pray for the sick in our community & for all those in need of our prayers:**

*Andrea Coulton, Lesley Griffin, Elena Brosnan, Winfred Santos, John Parker, Peggy Brazel, Boston Gallagher, Tom Raleigh, Michelle Gosper, Timothy Sherrington, Vincent Bray, Annie Clay, Madonna Reinke, Wendy Dowd, Marion Baxter, Douglas Graham, Dylan Bagley, Patricia Antony, Don Forrest, Martin Jordan, Helen Spokes, Larissa Hartnell, Connah Brazel, Jacqui Conn, Peter Miller, Andy Murphy, Kenneth Brand, Toby Kelly, Carmel Thompson, Sean Sibson, Cassie Brazel, Bronwyn Rust-Jones, Warwick Bull, Maureen Graham, Catarina Nisha, Marg Ryan, Telia Casey, Mary Butler, Daniel Davies, Graham Collins, Allister Holland, Tony Seeto, Robyn Gorry, Kevern Kennedy, Maree Stark, Kelly Hartley, Helen Bray, Marion Marschall, Ron Fletcher, Jon Loncar, Bob Haynes, Elsa Venturato, Duane Harrison*

**If your loved one no longer needs our prayers, please contact the office.**

## **ROSTERS 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

### **GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

#### **Saturday 6.00pm**

**Welcome:**

**Readers:** Leung Family

**Eucharistic:** McNeale

Family

TBA

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Jim Manser

Julianne Cervellin  
Catalina Rodriguez

Aileen Byrnes

Margaret Daniel

Rae Millington

### **RYAN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

#### **Sunday 9.30am**

**Readers:** Linda Lynch      Stephen Anderson  
Candi Dempster      Anna Anderson

**Eucharistic:** Michael Bridgefoot      Paula Duffy  
Colleen Setter      Charles Derlagen  
Erin Stafford

**Offertory:** Sacramental Program

**Cuppa** Robyn Coppola

**Baptism** No Baptisms

**We acknowledge & respect the traditional owners & custodians of the land on which we stand,  
The Wulgurukaba people. May we walk gently together.**

<b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Service of Forgiveness/Reconciliation 7.00 pm Ryan Centre
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Week 6 Sacramental program
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Service of Forgiveness/Reconciliation 7.00 pm Good Shepherd Centre
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Chrism Mass – Sacred Heart Cathedral 6.30 pm
<b>24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Catholic Horizons Today on Triple T 103.9fm @ 6am with Barry Cannon
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Baptism Preparation Meeting - Ryan Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Catholic Horizons Good Friday Special Triple T 103.9fm @ 6.30 – 7.30 am

#### **MUSICIANS AND CHOIR MEMBERS FOR EASTER VIGIL MASS**

**We are looking for volunteers for Musicians and Choir members to join our Easter Vigil Mass on Easter Saturday at the Good Shepherd Centre Rasmussen. If you would like to join, please contact the Parish Office.**

#### **ANNUAL CHRISM MASS**

Bishop Tim invites you to celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Thursday 21st March at 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Mass of Chrism is a very important celebration with the gathering of our Priests and Diocesan family as we bless the Oils of Baptism and the Sick, and consecrate the Oil of Chrism. Baptismal Oil is used to anoint those being welcomed into the church as babies, young people and adults, while Oil of the Sick is for those who are sick, frail and aging. Oil of Holy Chrism is used in Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination, as well as for the consecration of Churches. I welcome you to join with us as the Diocese celebrates this very important event in the life of the Church. Light refreshments available after Mass.



#### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs.



They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**. You can donate through

Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

#### **LIBERATION AND HEALING NIGHT**

Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you to attend a night of healing, liberation and deliverance ministry, led by renowned speaker John Mutoya from the Archdiocese of Perth on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm-9pm, at St Teresa's, 58 Lonerganne St, Garbutt. John has many years experience in this area, he studied Deliverance and Exorcism in Rome at one of the Catholic Universities and has also completed the Christian Healing Ministries program (founded by Francis MacNutt). This event is free. For further info contact Trudy Clarke 0418 726 109 or email [trudy.clarke4@bigpond.com](mailto:trudy.clarke4@bigpond.com)

#### **HOUSE OF PRAYER**

##### **TIME FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

You are welcome to attend the regular programs at the House of Prayer which include Monday night Contemplative Prayer 7pm-8pm, Thursday Evening Christian Meditation (in person or via Zoom) 5:30pm - 6:00pm, Friday morning Contemplative Prayer 9:30-10:30am followed by morning tea and Saturday

##### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR?**

The House of Prayer is welcoming interest and enrolments for their spiritual direction formation program beginning in May. The program will run part time over 3 years with 3 intensives each year. This formation is beneficial to anyone called to a listening ministry and those who would like to explore their own contemplative practices. To express your interest or for more information, please contact Brianne Falconieri at the House of Prayer on 4728 9861 or visit our website <https://www.houseofprayertownsville.org.au/formation-program.html>

#### **PRESBYTERY CLEANER**

We are looking for a cleaner for the Presbytery. This involves cleaning of the Presbytery and ironing for the Priests. This is for 5 hours per week. Please contact the Parish Office.



# RECONCILIATION AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES - 2024

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Service of Forgiveness/Reconciliation Ryan Centre 7.00 pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Service of Forgiveness/Reconciliation Good Shepherd Centre  
7.00 pm

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER**

7.00 pm – **Ryan Community Centre**

**(LAMB & BREAD PROVIDED)**

**PLEASE BRING FRUIT/NUTS/ DRINKS TO SHARE**



**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**



**GOOD FRIDAY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

10.00 am **Bishop Benjamin Centre, Good Shepherd**

**School, Rasmussen** (We will be taking up our annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.)

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

5.00 pm **Ryan Community Centre**

(Please join us after the service for some supper –

Please bring a plate of food to share – **NO MEAT PLEASE**)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**EASTER SATURDAY – VIGIL MASS**

6.00 pm **Good Shepherd Community Centre, Rasmussen**

(At this Mass we will welcome our RCIA people to our Parish Community)

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**



**EASTER SUNDAY**

7.30 am **Good Shepherd Community Centre, Rasmussen**

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9.30 am - **Ryan Community Centre,**

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5.00 pm – **Ryan Community Centre,**



**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**EASTER MONDAY**

8.00 am – **Ryan Community Centre,**

## **Safeguarding Website**

### **Respect, Protect and Report**

Your involvement and support to our parishes is critical to ensure we put into action, our commitment to protect our most vulnerable and to create a safer environment for everyone. Our Church community seeks to respect our diverse circumstances and backgrounds, and to provide support and respond effectively to those who are vulnerable and at risk of being harmed. The Catholic Diocese of Townsville believes that children and vulnerable adults (adults at risk of being harmed) are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological harm. Please visit [www.tsv.catholic.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.tsv.catholic.org.au/safeguarding) to access the safeguarding policy, its procedures and resource documents. Your feedback, via the webpage, is welcome and is directly submitted to the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. You can also speak directly with your Parish Priest or Safeguarding Representative.

For more information regarding the Safeguarding policy and our procedures, please contact Mr Craig Brereton on 4726 3264 or [cbrereton@tsv.catholic.org.au](mailto:cbrereton@tsv.catholic.org.au)