

CALENDAR / MARCH & APRIL 2025

MAR. 10 Mon	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass	24 Mon	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass
11 Tues	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass (CWL) 10:00am CWL Meeting	25 Tues	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Anointing Mass
12 Wed	HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass HOLY SPIRIT: 5:30pm Mass	26 Wed	HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass HOLY SPIRIT: 5:30pm Mass 7:00pm Baptism Preparation
13 Thurs	HOLY SPIRIT: 7:00am Mass 7:30pm Lent Reflections	27 Thurs	HOLY SPIRIT: 7:00am Mass 7:30pm Lent Reflections
14 Fri	HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass, Stations of the Cross Lent Reflections - After Mass & Stations of the Cross HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass & Exposition 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	28 Fri	HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass, Stations of the Cross Lent Reflections - After Mass & Stations of the Cross HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass & Exposition 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
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16 Sun	2nd Sunday of Lent HOLY TRINITY: 7:30am Mass, Children's Liturgy & Cuppa HOLY SPIRIT: 8:30am Mass 5:30pm Mass HOLY FAMILY: 9:00am Mass & Cuppa	30 Sun	4th Sunday of Lent HOLY TRINITY: 7:30am Mass, Children's Liturgy & Cuppa HOLY SPIRIT: 8:30am Mass & Cuppa 5:30pm Mass HOLY FAMILY: 9:00am Mass & Cuppa
17 Mon	St. Patrick (Bishop) HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass	31 Mon	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass
18 Tues	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass	1 Tues	HOLY SPIRIT: 9:00am Mass
19 Wed	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass HOLY SPIRIT: 5:30pm Mass	2 Wed	HOLY TRINITY: 7:00am Mass HOLY FAMILY: 8:00am Mass HOLY SPIRIT: 5:30pm Mass
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1st SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

March 8 & 9, 2025

"Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."

USUAL MASS TIMES

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

SUNDAY : 9:00am
MONDAY :
TUESDAY :
WEDNESDAY : 8:00am
THURSDAY :
FRIDAY : 8:00am
SATURDAY : 6:15pm

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

SUNDAY : 7:30am
MONDAY :
TUESDAY :
WEDNESDAY : 7:00am
THURSDAY :
FRIDAY : 7:00am
SATURDAY : 5:00pm

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

SUNDAY : 8:30am / 5:30pm
MONDAY : 9:00am
TUESDAY : 9:00am
WEDNESDAY : 5:30pm
THURSDAY : 7:00am
FRIDAY : 9:00am
SATURDAY : 8:00am / 6:00pm

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Liturgy of the Word – 8 & 9 March, 2025		
FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (Deut. 26:4-10) Moses said to the people: ‘The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: “My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’	RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15 (R) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: ‘My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!’ (R.) Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.) They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.) His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: ‘I am with you.’ I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)	SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Romans 10:8-13 Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Luke 4:1-13 Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.’ But Jesus replied, ‘Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.’ Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, ‘I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.’ Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. ‘If you are the Son of God’, he said to him ‘throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you, to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.’ But Jesus answered him, ‘It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’ Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.	GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:4 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! COMMUNION ANTIPHON Matthew 4:4 One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
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HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH ROSTERS - 15 th & 16 th MARCH 2025		
March 15th (Sat), 6:00pm - Margaret Bull & Dodette Bernaldez 0439 504 141 WELCOMER: Angelo Coco, Robyn Giacomantonio R1: Evonne Joseph R2: Angelo Coco COM: Alan Cooke GIFTS: Tom & Margaret Bull A/SERV: Evaan & Evonne Joseph, David O'Connor COMMUNION: Livia Bader, Dodette Bernaldez, Margaret Bull, Tom Bull, Franco Giacomantonio, Errol & Anne Wiseman COLLECT: Thomas Desa, Paul Hefferan, Jim Neil, Terence O'Donnell, Iona Thomas MUSIC: Elaine Gunn, Florinda Battistel, Janelle Carter, Rita Molloy, Germaine Rupp, Pamelah Sales, Ellie Sales and Donna Parison March 16th (Sun), 8:30am - Thez Hamilton 0410 588 219 WELCOMER: Sandra Fratus, Geraldine Waters, Gerard Young R1: Mick Bishop R2: Francis Teofilo C: Fred Taudigani SET-UP: Brian O'Donoghue GIFTS: Leo & Lyn Pabie A/SERV: Harry Curtis, Nehal Kadavil, Brandon Stockham COMMUNION: Norma Dowd, John Manchupalil, Michael & Carmel Purcell, Pam Timms, Peter & Analoha Timoti COLLECT: Col Davey, Marivel Dayday, Victor Fratus, Ruby Guerra de Corkill, Emenike Okonkwo MUSIC: Mary Cazzulino, Emmanuel Thomachan, Candice Coe, Jonah Binu, Rahila Desa, Nevah Kadavil, Ines Martin, Delia Mendoza, Cait Ouma, Michaela Tantillo, Fred Taudigani, Francis Teofilo, Leo Torreverde and Donna Parison March 16th (Sun), 5:30pm - Zoe Brown 0423 313 015 WELCOMER: Mina Alonzo, Colleen Searle R1: Cristina Garcia R2: Danielle Dulalia C: Helma Antony GIFTS: Raquel Tabada & Volunteer A/SERV: Honey Fajardo, Sarah Shay Shaju COMMUNION: Joseph Antony, Mel Gonzales, Meggie Jones, Wayne Macdonald, Jose & Loida Ploc, Joshua Smith, Thomas Thomachan, Katrina Wooton COLLECT: Rion Antony, Zoe Brown, Ancy George, Helen Perriman, Ricky Ty MUSIC: Rey Roda, Dondon Dulalia, Leo Torreverde, Couples for Christ and Donna Parison		
GROUND MAINTENANCE March 2025 – Errol & Anne Wiseman GROTTO WATERING & MAINTENANCE OF PLANTS March 2025 – Selly Kemei	CHURCH CLEANING 15th March – Scarlett Allende, Ngabo Karora, Visenti Gyungura, Kurt Ty 29th March – Mary Suk, Sherin & Manju Mathew, Thomas & Smitha Thomachan	MONEY COUNTING 9th March – Marie and Robert Cusumano 16th March –Emenike Okonkwo & Jill Fulton
PURIFIERS – 10th March ‘25 Manju Mathew SERVER ROBES – March ‘25 Theresa Joseph ALTAR LINEN – March ‘25 Mary Pilla	BAPTISMS 9th March (Holy Family) - Maureen Harris 16th March – NO BAPTISMS BAPTISM PREP. (26th March 2025) Tony & Jenny Reddy	CHILDREN’S LITURGY Holy Trinity Church 9th March – Taya Bortignon & Volunteer 16th March - Taya Bortignon & Volunteer

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH MASS ROSTERS		HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MASS ROSTERS	
March 8th (Sat) WELCOMERS: Vicky Winter Michael Yewdall READERS: Grace Cockrell Jenny Dominguez COMMUNION MINISTER: Cec Dominguez COLLECTORS: John Edward McMillan Erin Robino March 9th (Sun) SET-UP Anna Zirkzee READERS: Michael Cannon Gail Gannon COMMUNION MINISTER: Joyce Pankhurst COLLECTOR: Ray Pavey	March 15th (Sat) WELCOMERS: Volunteer Jenny Dominguez READERS: Jim Mackinnon Janette Power COMMUNION MINISTER: Jan Knight COLLECTORS: Cec Dominguez John Edward McMillan March 16th (Sun) SET-UP Laila Ewart READERS: Carmel Cannon Joyce Pankhurst COMMUNION MINISTER: Gail Gannon COLLECTOR: Henry Galang	March 8th (Sat) WELCOMER: Nadia Pereira READER: Sr. Mary Lowcock RSM COMMUNION MINISTER: Loris Zanotto COLLECTOR: Frank D'Souza March 9th (Sun) WELCOMERS – FRONT DOOR: Gisha George WELCOMER – LECTERN: Lauren Fone ALTAR SERVER: Alphonsa Sino READER: Gayle Pollard COMMUNION MINISTERS: Richard Kennedy Dong Raak Volunteer COLLECTORS: Ryan Laguna Stefan Ruzicka	March 15th (Sat) WELCOMER: Clare Plant READER: Maureen Mosch COMMUNION MINISTER: Lorraine Abel COLLECTOR: Volunteer March 16th (Sun) WELCOMERS – FRONT DOOR: Justine Lyons WELCOMER – LECTERN: Gisha George ALTAR SERVER: Alphonsa Sino READER: Tom Tarttelin COMMUNION MINISTERS: Lorraine Abel John Ardill Volunteer COLLECTORS: Paul Christopherson Stefan Ruzicka

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

In times of trouble the Lord is by my side

J X E K L P A E L D J K J L X
D G F J L G B R E A D U T S O
A X A N G E L S T E S T E D T
L L G R A I N C Z D Y Q P R E
T W O R S H I P J X N W Z Z R
A U I Y L X Y Z V Y W P C N R
R I D F M D E S E R T N E N I
G N R O W D R Z B E B T Z N B
U S G R L Y L G N H P A T S L
I J W T C Q H O A R D A R T E
S C B R D Y Y B Y P B M T Y R
E Z S E F O R T Y A U I U V T
N E B S Q A J C S K E L D E C
W V Y S P R O T E C T K V H N

Try to find these words:

altar
angels
bread
desert
fortress
forty
grain
milk
protect
terrible
tested
worship

Dt 26:4-10
Ps 91:1-2, 10-11 R,(see 15b)
Mt 4:4b
Lk 4:1-13

1st Sunday of Lent, Year C [N01LESUC_2004_WS3.rtf]

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Next week's Readings:
2nd Sunday of Lent –
Year C
15th & 16th March 2025

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
Luke 9:28-36



Welcome to the
Catholic Church!
2 March 2025
LUKAS ALAN BUTLER

During the season of Lent, we prepare for Holy week
and Easter by focusing on our faith and love for God.
Write down some ways you can do this.

Read a passage from Luke's Gospel
every night before I go to bed.

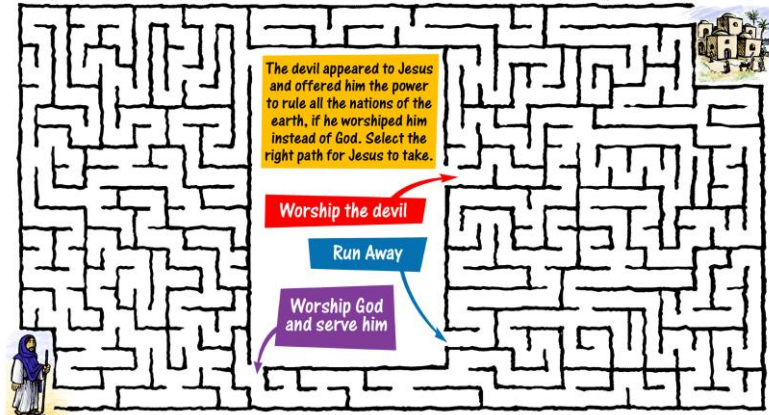
When Jesus went into the desert, he chose
the ordinary path of human life and resisted
the temptation to use his miraculous powers
to make life easier for himself. Draw a picture
of yourself performing a selfless act that
would make life easier for someone else.

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God brings us through difficult
experiences and always leads us to
life. Depend on the Holy Spirit to
guide you on the path of life. (Luke
4:1-13)

Help Jesus find the right path through the desert and into Galilee. Be wary of temptation along the way!



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Dear Parishioners,

I hope you have all had a blessed week, and I pray that the Almighty continues
to bless and guide you in the days ahead.

On Wednesday, we began the sacred season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday
celebrations. It was truly encouraging to see so many faithful gather for the Ash
Wednesday liturgies, embracing this time of renewal and reflection. The
receiving of ashes on our foreheads serves as a powerful reminder that we are
embarking on a forty-day journey with the Lord—a journey that calls us to
deeper prayer, self-examination, and spiritual growth.

During this holy season, I encourage you to seek ways to draw closer to Christ
through acts of prayer and penance. This may take the form of participating
more frequently in the Eucharistic celebration, joining the Stations of the
Cross, engaging in Lenten reflections, or receiving the Sacrament of
Reconciliation. Equally important is our call to extend compassion and support
to those who are struggling in various ways, embodying the love and mercy of
Christ in our daily lives.

Lent is not merely about giving something up for a few weeks; rather, it is an
invitation to embrace a lasting transformation—one that brings us into a deeper
relationship with God and strengthens our commitment to living out our faith.
May this Lenten season be a time of grace and renewal for each of us. Let us
journey together, with hearts open to God's love and the desire to grow in
holiness.

Let us also remember to keep Pope Francis in our prayers, asking the Lord to
grant him strength, wisdom, and good health as he shepherds the Church.

FR. JOSHY

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD: In this Jubilee Year, the 12th edition of "24 Hours for the Lord," a Lenten initiative of prayer
and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis, will be celebrated in dioceses around the world. As with previous editions,
the **event will take place on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent, from Friday, 28 March to Saturday, 29 March.** For
this edition, within the Jubilee of 2025, particularly dedicated to Hope, the motto chosen by the Holy Father is taken from
the words of the Psalmist, "You are my hope" (Ps. 71:5).
The Diocese's 24 Hours for the Lord will be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral from 7am – midnight on Friday, 28 March
and recommence on Saturday, 29 March from 5am-12 noon. The 24 hours will be celebrated through various forms of
prayer, music, reconciliation and Mass. A final timetable will be release in the next week. Everyone is welcome to attend
and join .

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**First Sunday of Lent
8th and 9th of March 2025**

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) TOWNSVILLE BRANCH

Are you interested in hearing about the issue of Elder Abuse? Or about making a will? CWL is pleased to advise a guest speaker will refer to these topics before our meeting on **Tuesday, 11th March immediately following our 9am Mass in Holy Spirit Church.** We cordially invite all interested ladies to join us. "For the honour and glory of God"

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED: Please pray for our recently deceased brothers and sisters: **Vincent Nolan & Ursula O'Donnell**

We also remember anniversaries of our deceased relatives and friends: **Jim Kessler, Cecilia Zannotto, Mary & Bob Donaldson**



PRAY FOR THE SICK: Len Dowd, Mary Scholes, Sue Delahunty-D'Arcy, Shevindi de Motte, Colin Barron, Margaret McKenzie, Paz Rostrata, Debbie Armstrong, Marina Robinson, Maureen Hoare, John P., Sam Knight, Terry O'Donnell, Sue Bandaranaike, Gerri Perriman, Marianne Gomez, Chrissie Romeo, Jim Brooks, Raul Tabada Sr., Norma Condon, David Airlie, Emmet Dollisson, Emma Aldridge, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika, Mylene Sheppard, Ken Brand, Dianna Foreman, Anna, Svetlana, Leonor, Sofia, Xi, Mother Pauline, Jorge, George Fock-Tave, Dorothy Newman, Fr. Bill Bussuttin, Fay Wenck, Fay Nolan, Janet Harris, Carmel Finnegan, Anita Barnes, Veronica Toy, Dianne Kempthore, Christine Burton, Patrick Cusack, Nanett Hauff, Indira Desa, Pathmaseeli Audrey Tobin, Jersey Ford, Kyle Spickler, Carmel West, Chane' Naude, Danilo Garcia, Elizalde Gomez-Abella, Maria Jones, Daniel Montaperto, Maddison Mead, Melanie Willis, Carmel Hughes, Margaret Price, Gwyneth Cutler, Bill Whelan, Julie McIntyre, Ted Randall, Robert Carlous, Manning Philips, Neville Richard, Briana Dunn, Kiersten Dunn, Katarina Richardson, Warwick Bull, Glynnis Jones, Bella and Matilda Dunn, Leicia Pickering, Melanie Saltzer, Barbara Newman, Jacob Marsilio, David Goulding, Angelic Pickering, Stephen Casonati, Jack Kenny, John Fitzgerald, Rosa Maria Santos, Minundi Lisara, Carmen Gross, Bernadette Raabe, Simone Groves, Fiona Mountney, Ethan & Nate James

PARISH NEWS

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH GROUNDS AREA: The Grounds area at the front of the Mundingburra church has been attended to by only a very small number of generous Parishioners, for which we are most grateful. Unfortunately, over the years this servicing has been operating on an 'ad hoc' basis. As a result, many times as you would have witnessed when attending services at this church, this area can become overgrown, unattractive and messy when it is not serviced. To overcome this eyesore, we would like to promptly compile an annual roster consisting of reliable Volunteers who are prepared to service this grounds area (watering, pruning, weed eating, tidy up) during the year. The more Volunteers from across the various Parish Communities we receive in 2025, the less frequency you will appear on this Grounds roster at Mundingburra for this year. Would you please consider if you are prepared to assist in this worthwhile Parish activity and if so, would you then please leave your name at the Parish Office (4779 1404). Hopefully, your charitable response and the resultant roster, will avoid the unfavourable option of removing all trees, shrubs and lawn from this beautiful area, originally created by fellow generous Parishioners many, many years ago. (Paul Hefferan, Finance Council – Chair Person).

PARISH LIFT ASSISTANCE – HELP A FELLOW PARISHIONER: As part of our commitment to caring for one another, we are encouraging parishioners to offer a lift to those in our community who are unable to drive. If you are attending Mass and have space in your car, please consider reaching out to a fellow parishioner in need of transportation. If you are able to provide a lift or know of someone who needs assistance getting to Mass, please contact the parish office. Together, we can ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate in our parish life. Thank you for your generosity and support.

LENTEN SEASON PARISH ACTIVITIES:

LENT REFLECTION PROGRAMME:

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH – Every Thursday during Lent, 7:30pm.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH – Every Friday during Lent, after the Mass & Stations of the Cross

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH – Every Friday during Lent, after the 8:00am mass

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH – Every Friday during Lent, 7:00pm

Frederic Ozanam (Founder) was a man with a dream. Inspired by the challenge to live his faith in action, he dreamt of making a difference to those in greatest need in his local community. He didn't have all the answers, so he sought the counsel of those around him and took small concrete steps to alleviate poverty. Sr Rosalie Rendu, greatly influenced Frederic's thoughts and writings. She reminds us to "be kind and love, for love, is your first gift to the poor." These words and passion are as relevant today as they were for Frederic and the early beginnings of the St Vincent de Paul Society. (Message from State President - Patricia McMahon.)

If you would like to be involved in one of the local St Vincent de Paul conferences and are willing to commit to two hours a fortnight, please contact one of the following presidents.

- Mundingburra - Geraldine Feaver: 0448 472 891
- Currajong - Ashley Morgan: 0438 608 001
- Cranbrook - Warren Northey: 0428 818 867



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Our Parish' Facebook page name:

St. Mary of the Cross
Mackillop Parish Townsville

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and QR code



PRAYER FOR THE PARISH

Heavenly Father,

We come with hope-filled hearts, ready to serve as we begin our parish renewal. We seek Your wisdom and guidance.

Pour out Your Spirit of unity and love. Help us to see one another as You do, appreciating our diversity and gifts. Strengthen our faith and unite us as one parish. May our actions reflect Your grace, inspiring others to experience Your love.

Guide us in prayer and action as we build a welcoming, vibrant community, fully alive in Christ and filled with the zeal for His mission.

As we renew our parish, teach us to listen to Your voice and respond to the needs of our community.

We entrust this journey to You, trusting in Your unfailing love. May our renewed parish reflect the beauty of Your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.