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The Parish of Our Lady of Fatima St 5th Wagga and St Patrick’s Uranquinty
Fifth Sunday of Lent, 21 March 2021

The Catholic community of Our Lady of Fatima, in line with government regulations, can now celebrate Mass with a limit of 180 people.

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish acknowledge the Wiradjuri people, the traditional custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

May we too be good stewards of this land.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John’s Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John’s Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John’s Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus’ conflict with the Jewish authorities. John’s Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John’s Gospel, Jesus is arrested and taken to Caiphas before going to the temple. The Sanhedrin and the chief priests and the elders of the people charged him with the crime of sedition. Jesus was found guilty of sedition and was given a sentence of death. Jesus said: ‘I shall rise again three days later.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
RESPONSE: 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.

READES FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Palm Sunday
First: Is 50:4-7
Second: Phil 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

THOUGHT
Every day is a new beginning.
Take a deep breath, smile and start again.

RESPONSE: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Project Compassion

Week 5

Halima is raising two children under seven in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability. Widowed at just 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar’s Rakhine State in 2017, arriving at the camp with nothing.

Caritas Australia, through its partner, Caritas Bangladesh, provided Halima with a shelter and cooking equipment so she could feed her family. She participated in hygiene and sanitation training and took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima’s training became all the more invaluable as the COVID-19 pandemic struck, and safe hygiene and preventative measures became life-saving.

Halima is proud she is able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community. Her children are adapting to life in the camp and are now at school.

Halima aspired to ‘Be More’ for her family and for the community around her.

“My hope is that our children will be able to do a job, live with pleasure, and find their happiness. That will bring wellbeing for them,” Halima says.

When buying chocolates this Easter please try and support these business’s that do not use child labour to produce their products.

Could all Project Compassion boxes and envelopes be returned on, or before, Good Friday.

Thank you.

The Social Justice group invites parishioners to donate non-perishable food items throughout the month of March. This will include canned vegetables or fruit, spreads and jams, cereals, rice and pasta. Please ensure the items are in date.

The donations will be passed onto St Vincent de Paul during early April. We anticipate they will be distributed to those in need locally.

Boxes will be at the back of the church each week during the month of March.

Please do not turn the sound system on/off.

There is a new procedure for turning the new sound system on & off which we need to follow.

Fr Paddy

NEW SOUND SYSTEM

A new sound system was installed in the Church during the week which cost $9,000. We are asking parishioners for donations, which can be left in the envelopes provided in the Church, to put towards the cost of this. So far we have raised an amazing $4,400. Thank you to those who have kindly donated, what a fantastic effort.

Congratulations to Fr Anto who will be taking up his new appointment in Brisbane on the 15th of April. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he prepares for his new position. We will keep you informed about appropriate farewell celebrations for him.

PARISH LIFE


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OLOF Mass is available through Facebook - OLOF South Wagga and www.olof.swaggamatters.com

Remember to check the bench and the notice board at the back of the church for current events and information.

Congratulations to the following

♦ to Rowena Gilbey & Alfie Del Rosario who were married at St Michael’s Cathedral on Saturday.

♦ to Father Paddy for his birthday on Saturday

♦ to Paola & Bill Hort who celebrated their Silver Jubilee wedding anniversary on the 23rd of March.

2021 HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Monday 29 March Reconciliation
2nd Rite: 10am Our Lady of Fatima
7pm Sacred Heart

Easter Triduum
Holy Thursday 1 April: 7pm Mass
Good Friday 2 April: 9am Stations of the Cross and 3pm Passion of Our Lord
Easter Vigil 3 April: 7pm Easter Saturday
Easter Sunday Mass 8.30am & 10.30am and 8.30am Uranquinty

Syro-Malabar Community
Holy Thursday 1 April: Parish 7pm Mass
Good Friday 2 April: 9am Way of the Cross (Marian Hills Shrine)
Easter Vigil 3 April: 10pm Holy Saturday

Good Friday Holy Land Collection
There will be envelopes available in the Church for donations to support the Holy Land Collection.

The Autumn edition of The Swag has arrived. Please feel free to take one from the back of the Church.

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