

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham,
our father in faith.

Psalm 115:

**I will walk in the
presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own son.

Gospel:

Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved;
listen to him.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: 18

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

- Father John Muir ©LPi

The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon & Mary Immaculate, Emu Park acknowledge the Darumbal People the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging.

For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.

Pray for

Those being Baptised:

Eli Withers, Max Bell, Avery Schneider, Zoey Schneider, Billie Watkins, Hazel Hutcheon.

The sick:

Renaë Ellaway (Duffy), Scott Mahosky, Kevin Lacey, Terry Groser, Ollie Miles, Jo-Anne Coxon, Ronnie Camenzuli, Alan Davids, Adam Loch, Carolyn Perkins.

The recently deceased:

Thelma Meiney, John Simmons, Norma Toon, John Slade, Michael Jones, Rita Clare Carsten.

Those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Fintan Real, Christine Gynther, Brendan Williams, Vince Murphy, Shirley Kruger, Bill Shields, Jeff Shields.

Prayer for Fr Peter Doherty's Ordination

Lord, You are the Good Shepherd who calls us by name and asks us to follow you.

May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who You are calling to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Give them courage to respond to their vocation to serve Your Church.

May all of us seek to know You better, to faithfully follow Your call to holiness and proclaim the gospel to the world. Amen

Presentation Associates Meeting

WHEN: Saturday 9th March, 10:30am

WHERE: McGrath Building at St Ursula's College

Meetings include morning tea from 10am followed by prayer and formation in the charism of Presentation Sisters Foundress Nano Nagle. We welcome visitors! For more information please call Erin on 0437 822 231.

MUSIC INSERVICE WITH TINK BOYD

This Sunday at 3pm, Sacred Heart, all musicians and singers are invited to join a music in-service. Tink Boyd will be sharing her wisdom and experience. All welcome to stay on and join in the Mass afterwards at 5pm.

LITURGIES

Date	Time	Mass
Tues 27 Feb	5:00pm	St Brendan's College
Wed 28 Feb	9:00am	Mass, Adoration & Rosary, Sacred Heart
Thurs 29 Feb	9:00am	Mass, St Benedicts School
Fri 1 March	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	2:00pm	Rosary, Sacred Heart
Sat 2 March	5:15pm	Mary Immaculate
Sun 3 March	8-8:30am	Reconciliation, Sacred Heart
(3rd Sun of Lent)	9:00am	Sacred Heart
	5:00pm	Sacred Heart

Please join our Parish in reflecting on the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS.**

Sacred Heart: 5pm each Wed of Lent
Mary Immaculate: 8am each Tues of Lent



WEEKEND ROSTER

This weekend - 1st Sunday of Lent, Year B		24/25 Feb	
	5.15pm Sat Mary Immac.	9am Sunday Sacred Heart	5pm Sunday Sacred Heart
Commentator	Gail Goodman	Deb Bayliss	Margaret McAuliffe-Harris
1st Reader	Jan Mussig	Max Martin	Parishioner
2nd Reader	Janelle Pinch	Marie Martin	Parishioner
Next weekend - 2nd Sunday Lent, Year B		2/3 March	
Commentator	Michelle Griffin	Sean Fallis	Mark Kennedy
1st Reader	Peter Maloney	Barbara Kirwin	Parishioner
2nd Reader	Kathy Maloney	Nini Sielaf	Parishioner

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Let us pray.
O God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,
and ever to rejoice in your consolation.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

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ALPHA SESSIONS:

Sacred Heart Church
10am Mondays of Lent
6.30pm Tuesdays of Lent

Mary Immaculate Church
5pm Mondays of Lent

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A Lenten Prayer

Entering a season of waiting and longing inevitably arouses resistance within us. Join Henri Nouwen as he prayed for God's help to choose to open himself to the invitation of the Lenten journey:

The Lenten season begins. It is a time to be with you in a special way, a time to pray, to fast, and thus to follow you on your way to Jerusalem, to Golgotha, and to the final victory over death.

I am still so divided. I truly want to follow you, but I also want to follow my own desires and lend an ear to the voices that speak about prestige, success, human respect, pleasure, power, and influence. Help me to become deaf to these voices and more attentive to your voice, which calls me to choose the narrow road to life.

I know that Lent is going to be a very hard time for me. The choice for your way has to be made every moment of my life. I have to choose thoughts that are your thoughts, words that are your words, and actions that are your actions. There are no times or places without choices. And I know how deeply I resist choosing you.

Please, Lord, be with me at every moment and in every place. Give me the strength and the courage to live this season faithfully, so that, when Easter comes, I will be able to taste with joy the new life which you have prepared for me. Amen.

Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Show Me the Way - Daily Lenten Readings*, 1992



Friday 1st March 2024

9:30am Emu Park Uniting Church, 22 Archer St.

10am Yeppoon Uniting Church, 17 Lorikeet Ave.



The Association of
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Australia

Lent Preparation Sessions for 3-12 year old children.

AT: Sacred Heart Church Community Hall

10am Sat 2nd March 10am Sat 9th March

10am Sat 16th March 10am Sat 23rd March

Sessions are 1-hour, and will include Scripture reflections using hands on materials, a craft item, a prayer and song. Contact Angela Acharya 0407 383 007 or the Parish Office 4933 6171

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Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Our life our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in the valley of tears.
Turn then most gracious advocate,



Thine eyes of mercy towards us
and after this our exile, show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.



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