

# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

23 March 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Lent, Yr C



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38 Archer St Emu Park



## SUNDAY READINGS

**1st Reading:** Exod. 3:1-8, 13-15

The Lord calls Moses from a burning bush.

## Psalm 102:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

## 2nd Reading:

1 Corinith. 10:1-6, 10-12

We must learn from the example of our ancestors.

## Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

The parable of the fig tree.



## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

"If you do not repent,  
you will all perish  
as they did!"  
- Lk 13:3

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: - Father John Muir ©LPI

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

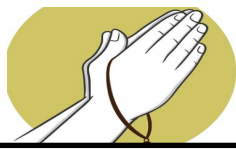
Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

## INFORMATION NIGHT:

### for the 2025 Sacramental Program

Wednesday 26th March, 6pm, at the Sacred Heart Church.

*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.*



# REMEMBER

*in your prayers*

**The sick:** Lindsey Allison, Jacqui Graham, Harry Newton, Joe Reddy, Pat Clare, Frank Withoos, Leo Withoos, Fr Peter Tonti, Aden Gauld, Ray Tamassy, Brian Holmes (Syd), Wendy Stephens, Carolyn Perkins, Amy Collins, Derm Stower, Colleen Stower, Fr Bryan Hannifin, Eimear Devlin (Ireland), Paul Hansby, Ollie Miles, Scott Mahosky, Kevin & Joan Lacey, Jo-Anne Coxon, Alan Davids, Adam Loch, Pat Searles.

**The recently deceased:** Florence 'Flossy' Ware, Barry Abraham, Teresa Sciani, Ernest O'Sullivan, Yvonne Cochrane, Jacqueline Fitzgerald.

**Anniversaries at this time:** Joan Travers, John Pearson, Paul White, Christine Gynther, Fintan Real, Vince Murphy, Brendan Williams, Shirley Kruger, Colin Shaw, William Conaughton, Diane Black.

## Important Dates

### 2025 Sacramental Program at Sacred Heart Church

**Wed 26 March, 6pm: Information Evening**

**Wed 4 June, 6pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Fri 1 August, 6pm: Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Sunday 3 August, 9am: Sacrament of Eucharist**

**Registration Forms can be collected  
from the Parish Office.**



Please join our Parish in reflecting on the Stations of the Cross.

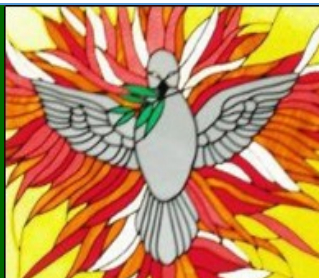
#### Sacred Heart: 5pm each Wednesday of Lent

Reflections include Montessori meditations, a traditional walk of the Way of the Cross and contemplations using many handcrafted presentations in the form of plaques and silhouettes.

#### Mary Immaculate: 8:30am each Tuesday of Lent

We walk with Jesus in prayer, the way of His cross, so to draw closer to Him in faith, hope and love.

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

# LITURGIES

Date	Time	Mass
Tues 25 March	8:30am	Stations of the Cross, Mary Imm
	9:00am	NO MASS
Wed 26 March	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	9:30am	Adoration & Rosary (Chaplet of Divine Mercy, S. Heart)
	5:00pm	Stations of the Cross, Sacred Heart
Fri 28 March	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	2:00pm	Rosary, Sacred Heart
Sat 29 March	5:15pm	Mass, Mary Immaculate
Sun 30 March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	8-8:30am	Reconciliation, S. Heart
	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	5:00pm	Mass, St Brendan's College <i>(Enter through Main Gate)</i>

## WEEKEND ROSTER

This weekend: 3rd Sunday of Lent 22/23 March

	5.15pm Sat MI	9am Sun SH	5pm Sun SBC
Commentator	Kathy Maloney	Gordon Gauld	Student
1st Reader	Michelle Griffin	Max Martin	Student
2nd Reader	Laurie Griffin	Deb Bayliss	Student

Next weekend: 4th Sunday of Lent 29/30 March

Commentator	Michelle Griffin	Warren Middleton	Student
1st Reader	Marian Robinson	Barbara Kirwin	Student
2nd Reader	Christine Davids	Nini Sielaf	Student

## Safeguarding : Parish Volunteers

Graham White, Diocesan Safeguarding Manager, will be providing safeguarding training for volunteers of the Parish.

10am, Tues 8th April at Mary Immaculate.  
10am, Thurs 10th April at Sacred Heart.

## Healing Prayer Ministry: Prayer Requests

[hpmcapcoast@gmail.com](mailto:hpmcapcoast@gmail.com)

For **privacy reasons** requests must be made by the one requiring prayer or with their permission, or by a parent / next of kin / advocate. Please use the above email address also if **personal prayer is required at any other time.**



HPM following Mass:

22/23 March - 5.15pm Mary Immaculate

29/30 March - 9.00am Sacred Heart

*"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and  
renew a steadfast spirit within me"*

(Psalm 51:19)

**RCIA: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ELECT OF OUR PARISH AS  
THEY JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER - ANGELA KELLY,  
REBECCA, BELLA AND SONNY O'NEIL.**

**Rotary Youth Exchange:** The Rotary Club of Capricorn Coast is looking for host families on the coast for a 16yo Hungarian girl who will be starting school at St Ursula's in July. The student will stay for a year, however we're looking for families to host for 3 or 4 months during that period. Interested families will be interviewed by two Rotarians; a Blue Card is required for all members of the family 18 years and over. Rotary has rules for the student to abide by, otherwise it's your family rules that will apply. Transport to and from extra curricular activities may be required. Uniforms are the expense of the Rotary Club, as are books and any related school fees. If you think a cultural experience would be a great investment for you and your family, please phone Karen Page on 0417 604 263 for further information.

### **SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY:**

Jesus said to St. Faustina: ***Do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack.*** (Diary 1074) ***Souls who spread the honour of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Saviour.*** (Diary 1075)

The Lord directs a singular promise towards priests:  
***Hardened sinners will repent on hearing their words when they speak about My unfathomable mercy, about the compassion I have for them in My heart... I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak.*** (Diary 1521)

Jesus told St. Faustina: ***Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice.*** (Diary 848)

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,



## THE HAVEN - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are invited to commemorate and pray:  
At the Stations of the Cross, in the serene  
grounds of The Haven, Emu Park,  
on **Saturday 5th April at 10.00am.**

Please bring your own water bottle, sun  
screen and hat; and let us also bring a plate of  
goodies for morning tea to share.

For details, please phone Linda: 0407 831 975



**Third Sunday of Lent**  
22nd and 23rd of March 2025

**Lam** is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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### **LENTEN PROGRAM: *Metanoia***

Once again the Parish is running a Lenten Program this year. The program, ***Metanoia***, has been recommended by the Bishop. The program cost is \$7 for the resource that will be used. If you would like to be part of a group that shares in the experience, please contact the office. We are looking at running the program on Tuesdays at Sacred Heart commencing 4th March at 5pm, and Fridays at Mary Immaculate commencing 7th March at 9am.

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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3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



I'M GOING TO TURN OVER A NEW LEAF!  
 YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING THAT.



AS LONG AS GOD DOESN'T RUN OUT OF LEAVES, I'LL KEEP TURNING OVER NEW ONES.  
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**DRAKES Cathedral  
 Conservation  
 Fundraiser**

Thank you for your loyalty to this fundraiser. Please keep using your key tag or app regularly and we will soon reach our next goal of \$60,000! Shirley Hopkins, Coordinator.



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