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**5th Sunday of Lent**  
**18th March 2018**  
**Jeremiah 31:31-34**  
**Hebrews 5:7-9**  
**John 12:20-33**

**If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.**

-Booker T. Washington



Check the Sundays gone by: First the devil lifts him up in the desert, then the Father lifts him up at Mt. Tabor, then Jesus "lifts up" ordinary people - Jews and Gentiles - who came to the temple to worship at the Passover by chasing away those who made his Father's house into a den of thieves, and then we had Moses lifting up the bronze serpent in the desert as a symbol of raising people from the snake bites. First one was to tempt (worldly gratification), second was to comfort (spiritual consolation in prayer), third to cleanse and liberate people (mission, ministries) and the fourth was healing and salvation. Now Jesus says, "When I am lifted up..." This is, to me, daily crucifixion.

There is an ultimate human and spiritual desire to be lifted up from the darkness, sorrows, debts, daily chores, disappointments, failures and even deaths...from this world. This is the cry of Christians from Syria, Iraq, Pakistan and India. This is the shout of black people from Fergusson, Alabama, USA. Who's there to lift us up? Our mission is to lift people up. When husbands and wives, parents and teachers, politicians and bureaucrats learn to lift up their wards, each other, our society, and our nation, we will get saved. Every confession, spiritual direction, counselling, preaching, every hand that wipes the tears off the cheeks, every arm that holds is to "lift up".

Thousands of people thronged to the convent of Jesus and Mary in Nadia, West Bengal, India to console a 71-year old sister (religious nun) who was brutally gang-raped - "to lift her up...." They were touched by her prayers for her attackers. She was "lifting them up". She knew the seed must die if it has to produce fruit. She too perhaps wanted not to have this experience, "if possible, take this away from me..." But she too has meditated that "if you want to serve me, you must follow my example..." This is the way a Christian will produce fruit. VHP (Vishva Hindu Parishad, is a Hindu Fanatical Organization in India) continues to deride and make a mockery of the attack. "They sneered at him and lanced him." You can't preach an easy Christianity. There is no Christianity without the cross.

DK Ravi was an upright IAS officer who served Karnataka State, India. He took on the corrupt mafia elements in the state and they got him transferred elsewhere. Recently, the 35-year old Ravi was found dead in mysterious circumstances. There was a spontaneous outburst of protest and rally in his district and throughout the state. His pictures were "lifted up" by people blocking traffic and shutting down business. He had to die! Martin Luther King, Jr. Mahatma Gandhi and many great men and women in human history were lifted up by people. But the seed had to die.



Death and resurrection: paradox of life, paradox of nature. The seed must die before it can give life or produce more fruit. Every seed has an outer sheath of protection to safeguard it from wear and tear, to enable it to withstand the elements, transportation and what not. We too wear masks, personalities, and hides of sociological, cultural, religious and ideological sheaths to protect us or avoid interaction and change. A new pastor, teacher, official has to go through a "breaking in" period. Our shyness, embarrassments, facing a congregation, retorts, refusals are part of that "breaking in" before we are comfortable with our job, ministry, people....with ourselves and our styles. The seed must die before it can produce fruit. With the right moisture and manure, the essence (the value, the principle, the core kernel for which the person came into this world) will not die. It will produce fruit for the world, for the society. They will follow your examples, principles and values. You will be lifted up.

The Greeks came to Jesus. Most of the people who showed up at the hospital to visit the sister were not Christians. Faith lived through the cross attracts more witnesses than preached. There are fewer words from Jesus as he moves to Calvary. There is only the seed dying. We need the patience to wait for the period between the seed dying and the new shoots coming up. The raising up takes time: like the exam results, job promotion, salary raises, children born after marriage, etc.....but you WILL be lifted up. - By **Tony Kayala, c.s.c.**



### Stations of the Cross

on Fridays of Lent at 7pm, immediately followed by faith-sharing sessions in the church.

### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

on Tuesday, 20th March at 7pm



**\*24th/25th March—Palm Sunday**

**\*29th March—Holy Thursday**

*Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm*

*Adoration in the Garden of Gethsemane*

*until 12midnight*

*>Come spend some time with the Lord during the Holy Thursday vigil.*

*>Please bring your Project Compassion boxes*

**\*30th March—Good Friday**

*Stations of the Cross at 10am*

*The Lord's Passion at 3pm*

*>Special collection for the Holy Land*

**\*31st March—Easter Vigil Mass at 5:30pm**

*>You can buy your battery-operated candles for \$3 each.*

**\*1st April—Easter Sunday**

*Masses at 8am and 10am; no evening Mass*

*>Join the **choir practice** for the Easter Vigil on*

**Thursday, 22nd March at 7pm**

### COME AND SEE OUR PIETY STALL!



Beautiful items are available at our piety stall for Confirmation, as well as lovely gift items for Baptism, First Communion, even anniversaries and birthdays!

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#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1485

**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1678

**Loose** = \$ 1316.10

**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 5101.10 (target = \$5577)

**Catholic Foundation Appeal:** \$4374.50

**If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.**

Thank you for your generosity!



The Kenthurst Country Fair

Sunday 6th May, 2018

We need to get the ball rolling with the planning of the Country Fair.

One of the first things we need to organise is the Raffle.

We are in need of some major prizes for the Raffle.

Would you be able to donate any of the following:

Accommodation/Holiday

An Experience (Harbour Bridge Climb)

Wine (Moet etc)

Gift Voucher

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NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY, 19 MAR, 6PM

AT THE ST JOSEPH CENTRE!

Kim Parslow 0418 220 963; [kim.parslow@tpg.com.au](mailto:kim.parslow@tpg.com.au)

Sally Coppini 0407 942 986; [sallycoppini@gmail.com](mailto:sallycoppini@gmail.com)

Let us pray for the children of our parish as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 11th and 12th April.



The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **7th April at 4:30-5:30pm**

at the St Joseph Centre. To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.



#### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

##### For the recently deceased

Fr Peter McGrath, Fr George O'Mara, Brian Lehane, and Wayne William Holland

##### For the dearly departed

John Grogan, Dell O'Connor, Eugenio Loccisano Pasquale, M Tereso, Rosino, & Giuseppina Loccisano, Luigi Fuda, Giuseppina & Giorgio Fuda, Giuseppe Agostino, Giorgio Maiolo, Maria Peroni, Richard Brownlow, Giovanni & Marietta Dominello, Michael Hooper, Patricia Dawes, Vincenzina Americano, Patrick Mooney, Giuseppe Mileto, Maria & Rosario Agresta, Domenica & Francesco Camanella, Giuseppina & Giuseppe Papalia, Norman and Chihide Hajje, Shedly and Chahide Hajje, Hanna and Raymond Chiha, Mary Merhi, Eddy Takchi, Benito Sabellano, Nelly Castanares, David Piper, Francesco Aiozza, Cosimo Murdocca, Marcello Pellizzon, Ubaldo Turcato, and Derrick Adorini

##### For healing of the sick

June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Ivan Ceccato, Phil Sworden, Neil Rogers, Violet Hobbs, Dan Doyle, Karen Bligh, Elizabeth Graby, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Teresa Masiello, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Rosanna Ceroli, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.



# Lenten Sharing

our parishioners share their experiences

When I was a child growing up in the Jerusalem, during Lent we would fast throughout the whole 40 days. We would go to church and reflect on how Christ lived and his journey into the desert. The Christian Community would all get together and support each other in prayer and practicing our faith. Even though we all craved Steak, we were reminded the purpose of our Fast.

When we celebrated Palm Sunday, there was great joy as my mother would braid and decorate palm fronds with flowers and ribbons and we would be involved as children in an amazing procession around the church. We would wear our Sunday best. It was a magical time.

Good Friday was a solemn occasion where there was sorrow and a great deal of prayer as we attended church. As children we were not allowed to turn on the radio or television. It was a period of mourning as Christ had died for us.

Since we moved to Australia it was certainly a different perspective on how we approach Lent. Today there is a heightened sense of people in need. We are more sensitive to others' sorrow and needs. In our family, we are more aware that we need to step up and contribute more to our community—by helping strangers, whether it be with time or a simple task, by asking if they are okay. Showing empathy is truly important. Being a Christian in our home is about bringing God into our lives and living by example. This is heightened during Lent.

Amira Campo

## PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:  
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu  
Parish Secretary:  
Lisa Echevarria  
Sacramental Coordinator  
Sally Coppini

## St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751  
Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black  
Marian College  
Phone: 9654 6700  
Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

## PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:  
Saturday 5.30pm  
(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

## Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses:  
9:15, Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup - Tue 9:00am  
at St Joseph Centre during school terms

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the  
9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:20,  
or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2018 with extension in Jordan and Italy

16 November, departs Sydney for 2 weeks

Pilgrimage Chaplain: Fr Vincent Savarimuthu

INFORMATION EVENING: Friday, 6th April 2018 @7pm at the St. Joseph Centre

Registration/Light refreshments start 6.30pm

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For your Expression of Interest, please contact Susan Clark

P: 02 9099 8035 M: 040 542 9988 E: susan@itravel-au.com

## OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

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### MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Applications for year 7, 2019 close on  
Friday, 4th May 2018.

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### PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION: 25 MARCH

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Palm Sunday Procession. Starting at Parramatta Town Hall on Sunday 25th March at 5:15pm and walking to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: [parracatholic.org/cyp](http://parracatholic.org/cyp)

### GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK: 30 MARCH

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Good Friday Night Walk. Starting Friday 30th March at 10:00pm from St Patrick's Church, Blacktown and finishing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: [parracatholic.org/cyp](http://parracatholic.org/cyp)

### FIRST MASS AT ST LUKE'S MARSDEN PARK: 8 APRIL

The new St Luke's Catholic Faith Community, Marsden Park invites you to join them as Bishop Vincent Long, assisted by Deacon Tony, leads their first Mass at St Luke's College, Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park on 8 April at 10am. More info at: <https://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au>

### POSITIONS VACANT

[Credo Youth Group Coordinator](#) - St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta  
For further information, please visit [www.stpatscathedral.com.au](http://www.stpatscathedral.com.au)

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## PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinators:

Barbara Mathias and Joan Sattler

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

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Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

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	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Len Gauci	Steve Fry	Jhun Javier	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maree McNeil	Rosanna Ceroli CareyAnne Moylan	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Nuri Wardrop Lorraine Ewer	Jenny & Steve Mayhew	Lesley Gangemi Janelle Bawden
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Jack & Patrick McNeil	Luke Masiello James Whittle	Josh Fogarty Sara Sawaya
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Grant & Natalie	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, Matt & JMJ	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(20 Mar) John Hourigan and Kay Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Deb Rankin
	<b>24/25 MARCH</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>		Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Amira & John Campo
<b>ACOLYTE</b>		John Puleo	Darren McNeil	Neil John	Jhun Javier
<b>READERS</b>		Colleen Dunlop Trish Keating *Passion Gospel readers	Nigel Saunders Kay Brooks *Passion Gospel readers	Amira Campo Justin Sebire *Passion Gospel readers	Trish Maidens Patrick Tuttle *Passion Gospel readers
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>		Trish Keating Dianne Millington	Frances Sanders Margaret Steele	Ann & Mark Lee	Gael Carpani Bev Hermens
<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>		Brosnan Leahy	Vincent Macdonald Patrick McNeil	Lorena Campo Finn Sebire	Clarissa Vumbaca James Barker
<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Pat & Bev	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
<b>COUNTERS</b>		(27 Mar) Paul Vella		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Pat Brush