



**GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH  
Capuchin Franciscan Friars**

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Brother Lawrie Sweeper OFM Cap

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**Our Parish Vision**

“A welcoming, vibrant, inclusive, loving and outreaching community who understand their Catholic beliefs and live their lives connected by the love of Jesus Christ”

**Mission Statement**

We strive to proclaim the joy of the Gospel and reach out to others so that they experience God's unconditional love.

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**3rd Sunday of Lent—Year C**

**20 March 2022**

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**Mercy: How it helps evil-doers**

How do you feel when someone who's been hurtful, cruel, or morally corrupt gets hit with a hardship that makes them suffer? Our natural tendency is to rejoice because justice has finally been meted out.

Jesus addresses this in this Sunday's Gospel reading. He wants us to understand that we cannot truthfully say that someone is a "greater sinner", even if that person is doing more damage than anyone else, is more unChristian than we are, or is blatantly an evil-doer. Every person has been created in the image of God, even the worst ones. Those who display an opposite image are nonetheless loved by Jesus Christ, who died for them. It's a tragedy that they do not live as the person God created them to be, because this harms others. But it will be an even worse tragedy if no one invites them to turn their lives over to Christ by loving them as he loves them.

No person is an evil person. Evil-doers are children of God living in ignorance of their true identity. They are victims of evil and were seduced by it into believing that it's the best way to live. They don't understand that they can be healed by the Sinless One who conquered evil for their redemption. We should feel sorry for them -- this is the gift of mercy. We should mourn with Jesus for the tragedy that continues within their souls -- this is the most precious gift of mercy.

When we don't care enough to grieve over a person's inner destruction, we are sinning. We are disregarding what Jesus did for them on the cross. We are damaging our own souls. All those who have sinned against you are like the fig tree in Jesus' parable. If you have access to them, he wants you to till their soil. He wants you to fertilize their souls with love and with the truth of the Gospel as taught by your actions and, when they're ready, by your words. He wants you to give them a gentle but obvious invitation to grow in the right direction. Notice that Jesus doesn't want us to keep a diseased, disintegrating tree in the garden forever. After (and only after) we have done everything possible, if the evil-doer does not want to change, the best care we can give to the garden is to cut down the tree. This means walking away or calling in the authorities for intervention and letting the sinner reap what he sows. This, too, is very loving. When fertilizer won't produce good fruits, a fallen tree becomes mulch and enriches the ground for a new beginning.

**Today's Readings:** Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

**Response to the psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Gospel acclamation:** **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!** Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Next Week's Readings:** Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

### **THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday to Friday**

Morning Prayer: 6:40am. **Mass: 7:00am**

**Friday**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 7:30am to 11:45am

**Mass: 12 Noon**

**Stations of the Cross : 7pm**

**Saturday**

Morning Prayer: 7:40am. **Mass 8:00am.**

**Confessions:**

Saturdays 5:00pm to 5:45pm (Lenten confession times)  
or during the week by appointment

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### **WEEKEND MASSES**

**Guardian Angels Church**

**Saturday 6pm; Sunday 7am, 9am, 6pm**

**St Joseph the Worker, Hemmant**

**Sunday 8:00am**

**Nazareth House Chapel**

Strictly only for Residents at the moment.

**Iona College Chapel**

**Sunday 7:30am**

**STOPline** – Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults STOPline is an external service provided for the Archdiocese to receive confidential disclosures. Disclosures can be made anonymously. P: 1300 304 550 / E: AOB@stopline.com.au

Second Collection	6 March 2022	13 March 2022
Planned Giving Envelopes	\$ 495.00	\$ 463.00
Loose money on plate	\$ 478.90	\$ 362.90
Direct Debit	\$ 510.00	\$ 209.00
Parish Giving App *	\$ 52.50	\$ 30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,536.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,064.90</b>

\*Parish Giving App donations are divided 50/50 into 1st Collection & 2nd Collection

### **Guardian Angel Church ROSTER (26 Mar—27 Mar)**

#### **6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass**

**Readers :** A Lee

**Minister:** Bro Lawrie

#### **9:00am Sunday Mass**

**Readers :** P Holman

**Minister:** G Moon

#### **7:00am Sunday Mass**

**Readers:** H. Healey

**Minister:** A Rimes

#### **6:00pm Sunday Mass**

**Readers :** D Jefferies

**Minister:** G Hodgson

**St Joseph the Worker—8am Sunday :** K Hudson

**Cleaning Roster (This week) :** R Wasiel; G Foster

## Children's Liturgy of the Word - will be held **NEXT Sunday, 27th March at the 9am Mass.**

At the beginning of Mass, the children (Prep to Year 3/4) will be invited to proceed to the Parish Hall with our Safeguarding-approved volunteer catechists where they will celebrate and reflect upon the Sunday Gospel reading adapted to their level of understanding. The children then come back to re-join their families and the congregation before the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins.



**Are you new to the Parish?** Please pick up one of the "Welcome Pack" folders - which are located on the window sill in the church foyer. Also, please introduce yourself to Father and to parishioners after Mass. Welcome to Guardian Angels!

## **Adult Faith Formation – Looking for something to take up for Lent?**

Our parish website has a **Formation page** containing links to terrific **online video resources** for parishioners to grow and be further formed in their Catholic faith. You are also encouraged to share these links with others who are seeking to find out more about the Catholic faith. There is plenty at each of the links for you to explore at your own pace. It is important, as adults, to have an informed faith so as to be able to live out our faith life in the midst of today's world and its challenges. Examples of videos include Fr Mike Schmitz, Bishop Robert Barron, Ascension Presents, Bible in a Year Podcast, Chastity Project, and other great speakers at major youth conferences. Check out the page and be inspired at:



<http://www.guardianangels.org.au/formation>

## **Parish Community Library Open – Perfect for Lent!**

This Lent, you may wish to take up Spiritual Reading! The new Parish Library in the church foyer is filled with books to help nourish your faith life and spiritual development. There is a wide range of books on a variety of topics including the Scriptures, faith, theology, spirituality, prayer, the saints etc. There is also **a collection of books and resources for children** – including kids' Bible stories, and Mass and the sacraments – in the shelf opposite.



In order to borrow, **please fill in the Library Register booklet** with your **name**, the **date** and the **name of the book** that you borrowed. It would be great if you could return the book within a month and **record its return** next to where you signed it out. It'll work on an honesty system. Happy reading!!

**Planned Giving:** In this time of COVID, we are encouraging parishioners to give via contactless electronic means rather than with physical notes/coins. There are two ways you can do this: via **Direct Debit** or using the "**Parish Giving**" App. Even those currently using the envelope system, can change over to one of these methods. There are forms at the back of the church for setting up **Direct Debit** that can be returned to the Parish Office.



For the Parish Giving App you can find the link on our parish webpage for the Parish Giving website (or scan the QR Code) or download the application from Apple App Store or Google Play. If you need assistance with setting it up please contact the parish office.



**Are you confused, searching and uncertain in these troubled times?** Do you question what it means to be a Catholic Christian in today's world?

**Cursillo - translated as a 'short course'** - is a world-wide lay-led movement of the Church to help each person understand how it is possible to live

Christianity and be Good News on their Christian journey.

The Catholic Cursillo Movement offers you and people of all ages and cultures an opportunity to enrich, strengthen and grow in faith through a 3 Day live-in Encounter through talks, discussions, reflections and fun to be held from **23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April** at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

Those interested, contact Peter McMahon 0407 588 014 or [petermcmahon46@icloud.com](mailto:petermcmahon46@icloud.com)

**Vinnies Qld Flood Appeal 2022** Queenslanders affected by disaster urgently need your help. A link for donation is found at:

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-qld/vinnies-disaster-appeal-qld-2022>

**News from the Archdiocese of Brisbane:** As the Queensland Government eases restrictions, while still exercising a level of caution, parishes may return to pre-COVID liturgical practices with the following remaining exceptions:

- in the Ordinary Form of the Latin Rite, the Body of Christ should be administered only in the hand and the chalice should be received by the celebrant alone
- the Sign of Peace should still be limited to saying "Peace be with you" with a nod or bow; no hand-shaking or hand-holding should occur here or at the Our Father.
- it would be appropriate to refill holy water fonts from the Easter Vigil.
- while mask wearing is not currently required, individuals may choose to wear a mask in situations where it is not possible to socially distance from others.
- attention should be given to the prudent use of hand sanitiser/disinfectant wipes in situations involving direct hand contact or shared items.

**Project Compassion Second Sunday of Lent - 20th March 2022**



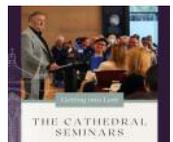
Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, byvisiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**The Cathedral Seminars March Seminar:** Getting into Lent What implications does our faith have for how we live today? Grow in understanding of not just what the Church teaches but how to incorporate it into your lived experience as Shane Dwyer (Evangelisation Brisbane Associate Director Adult Formation) will lead participants through the significance of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus for our lives today. Come and participate in this practical Catholic theology seminar and help yourself get the most out of Lent this year. Details: Time: 7-8:30pm Date:



**Thursday 31st March 2022** Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City) Cost: \$10pp RSVP: Tuesday 29 March

**Register now at <https://tinyurl.com/Gettingintolent>**