

ALL SAINTS PARISH ALBANY CREEK

Centred on Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit, All Saints is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community of missionary disciples, embracing shared leadership, to serve God and others



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, 10 MARCH 2024

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MASS Times

Saturday: 5.00pm Sunday: 7.00am & 9.00am Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.00am Reconciliation Sat 4.30-4.50pm Healing Mass/Anointing Mass -1st Wed of each month 9am



God's Love and Redemption.

We hear about a conversation that Jesus had with Nicodemus. This passage reminds us how sometimes we tend to forget about God, especially because we want things to work out and we want them fast. So we get impatient when we don't receive what we want, and perhaps we tend to stop believing, we tend to forget. However, this passage tells us that the Love of God is greater than what we have in mind. The love of God is infinite and He is constantly giving it to us, even when we are not paying attention, even when we forget about Him.

We talk about eternal life because we are aware that death is inevitable, and so are other things that we cannot explain, but this passage is calling us to trust in God. God is there for us in the unknown to guide us. Therefore, we need to be aware of his light, his love, his forgiveness, and we need to learn from those qualities and share them with others in order to spread the light to others and accept others' light. We must support and appreciate the gift of supreme love that God gives us every day and trust Him in order to achieve eternal life.

Eternal life refers to not only eternal quantity but also divine quality of life. This life has been experienced before believers reach heaven. It is nothing less than participation in the eternal life of the Living Word, Jesus Christ.

Believing in Him means we put our full weight down on His love for us. It's choosing to believe with our whole hearts not just that God loves, but that He truly loves us as we are, with full knowledge of our shortcomings. Beyond an intellectual agreement, we have to embrace God's love for us as our ultimate source of forgiveness, hope, direction for living and eternal life.

Jesus uses the imagery of being "lifted up," which refers to his crucifixion on the cross. This symbolizes not only the physical act of sacrifice but also the elevation of love and mercy over judgment. The cross becomes a powerful symbol of God's redemptive plan and the lengths to which He goes to reconcile humanity to Himself. Believers are offered eternal life through faith, and Jesus' sacrifice is the means through which this redemption is made possible.

Love is central to the very nature of God. It reaches out to everyone who is ugly and sick. God comes to everyone in love. God's invitation is as wide as God's heart. It is open to everyone who believes. He will not cheapen the terms, or He would not be true to Himself. We can only accept the invitation by trust, faith and submission.

The more time we spend in God's Word, the more our hearts and minds align with His will. Choosing to do the right thing becomes easier when we begin to understand God's ways. The kind of love that God has for us is the kind of love that can change the world. It is based on communications more than feelings. If love were based on feelings, it would not have the power that it does. Love has the power to change everything. So let us continue our lenten journey looking at the cross and reflecting His love for us.

Blessings, Joson Antony, MCBS

COMING UP AT ALL SAINTS

WORKING BEE: March 9, 7.45am FAMILY MASS/ **RITE OF ENROLMENT:** March 9, 5.00pm March 9-17 **TRY BOOKING EUCHARIST:** ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: March 11, 1.30pm 4B & 2Y CLASS MASS: March 13, 9.00am **LENTEN PROGRAM:** March 13, after 9.00am Mass **MEN CONNECT:** March 13, 7.30pm **MEDITATION:** March 14, 9.30am **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** March 15, before 9.00am Mass **PLAYGROUP:** March 15, 10-11.30am THE WELL: March 15, 5.30pm PLT: March 16, 9am **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** March 17, 9am Mass **STATIONS' REHEARSALS:** March 17, 24, 29 March 18, 9.30am **INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** March 18, 9.30am **RAP TEAM MEETING:** 2ND RITE OF RECONCILATION: **CONFIRMATION ZOOM: ALL SAINTS SOCIAL:** YOUTH GROUP:

March 18, 6.30pm March 21, 7pm March 23, 2.30-4.30pm March 23, 5.00pm Mass **Ground Maintenance & Stations of the Cross Drama** Working Bees: 10 am Good Friday Next Working Bee: In the church Tomorrow. Age 10 and over Saturday, 9 March, 7.45am

SIGN UP

Any enquires & updates

please contact: Paul Hayes

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Piety Stall: Come

of cards, gifts &

more! If there is

something you are chasing

best to source it for you.

24 February

23 March

20 April

11 May

15 June

please ask and we will do our

You're invited to.

All Saints Parish

2024 Afternoon Tea Socials Join us for afternoon tea, games and great company. Saturday afternoons from 2.30pm - 4.30pm

20 July

17 August

21 September

26 October

23 November

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and have a look. Lots

Acting the story of Jesus' final journey to the cross Rehearsals: 10.15am March 17, 24 (after 9am Mass) 8am March 29 (before 10am Good Friday service)

When:

Where:

Who:

What:

Easter Rosters

Contact Anne for more information: albanyck.spc@bne.catholic.net.au



Jm Please look out for our Easter Ministry sign up sheets! We need volunteers who are already on the roster for our HOLY WEEK Masses and ceremonies. Welcomers will be especially important to!



Please note there will be no 9am Mass on Monday, 11 March and no Intercessory Prayer.

Join 4B & 2Y for buddy Mass this Wednesday, 28 February at 9am.



Rite of Enrolment

At this weekend's Family Mass, our first communion children will present their names as a sign of commitment to discipleship. This Rite is the next step on their sacramental journey. We would be grateful for your prayers.

Palms for Palm Sunday

We welcome donations of palm branches to be used for decorating on Palm Sunday. Please drop them at the Church on Saturday, 23 March between 8-10am. Thank you!



Traffic Management—to ensure the safety of parishioners, staff and students at All Saints please adhere to all traffic rules and signs in the area.

Baptism for School Aged Children If you have an older child who would like to be baptised, we would love to talk to you. We run preparation sessions for children who are at school, and one is starting soon. Contact Anne: albanyck.spc@bne.catholic.net.au

DISCIPLE SHEET PONDERINGS: What makes you angry? When I make a deal with someone and they don't do it.



What do you do when you are angry? I ignore them and stay silent for the whole day,

but I will forgive them.

How do you calm down?

Someone gives me a hug. I play with my toys or go in the pool.

All Saints Four Pillars of Missionary Discipleship The Church teaches that there are 4 ways we live and grow as disciples: 1.

- WORD-Listening to God's Word & Church teachings
 - WORSHIP-Worshipping by coming to Mass
- **WELCOME** -Being with other people in our parish community
- 4. WITNESS- Witnessing through service with the community

All of these take place at Mass and regular Mass attendance is at the heart of being a missionary disciple. We are so glad to be on this journey with you!





We do truly appreciate your ongoing support and prayers! Thank you. All Saints Finance Council The Parish Office can organise monthly, fortnightly or weekly – Direct Debit or Credit Card transfers (your contributions are withdrawn automatically)

Once again a huge thank you for your continued support. All Saints Parish Finance Council



Dear Jesus, we pray for the sick members of our parish family:

Fr Ron, Carmelina V, Paula G, Jo-Ellen S, Jen H, Elizabeth L, Eva K, Jordan M, Carissa, Wendy R, Susan B, Margaret H, Elsie M, Annie S. **We pray for the recently deceased:** Kevin Robertson, Lynette Smith **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Pat Strickland, Robert Lewis, Agnes Breen, Matthew Shinners, Isobel & Sam Milfull. **May they rest in peace.**

Prayer requests will be published for two weeks only as we have many requests. If you are submitting a Holy Mass Offering envelope, please indicate whether you would like your intention published in the newsletter.

Readings for Sunday

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. **First Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 **Responsorial Psalm:**

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **Gospel:** John 3:14-21

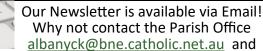
WEEKEND ROSTERS

| | Saturday | Sunday | Sunday | |
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| | 5.00pm | 7.00am | 9.00am | |
| 9-10 MARCH 2024 | | | | |
| СМ | Suellen C-P | Kaye F-P | Brian W-P | |
| | Donna B-C | Donna J-C | Marie-Ann V-P | |
| | Tim C-C | Anna W-C | Lyn M-C | |
| | | C= Cup | Trish T-C | |
| | | P= Plate | Arthur D-C | |
| R | Family Mass | Margaret R | Amrita M | |
| | | Beth K | Michael L | |
| W/M | Simon M | John D | Gina V | |
| | Chris H | | Marie-Ann V | |
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Church Cleaning: Lynn S, Gaby S, Shirley D

| 16-17 MARCH 2024 | | | | |
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| | Simon M-P | Rita D-P | Geraldine B-P | |
| | Sharron M-C | Cheryl G-C | Irene N-P | |
| СМ | Jill G-C | Frank T-C | Jenny M-C | |
| | | C= Cup | Joan T-C | |
| | | P= Plate | Gina V-C | |
| R | Peter G | Zach W | Mike W | |
| ĸ | John B | Cheryl O | Trish T | |
| W/M | Chris S | Denise K | Patrice M | |
| | Paul H | | Ross M | |

Church Cleaning: Marianne B, Vicki O, Diane T



let them know if you or other parishioners you know need access to the newsletter? You are also able to view our weekly newsletter on our website: <u>https://www.allsaintsparish.com.au/</u>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from GOD with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. 'For it is to such as there that the kingdom of God belongs' - (Mark 10:14). The privacy of all individuals is important to All Saints Parish and we are committed to protecting all personal information we collect and hold. Our Privacy Policy is available at ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE - https:// brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy/

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BIBLEJOTTINGS

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word meaning "rejoice". Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon, so, on this Sunday, the entrance antiphon is taken from the book of Isaiah "Rejoice, Jerusalem and all who love her." (Isaiah 66:10). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, and just before we enter into the days of Passiontide, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter. On the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday, the Church expresses hope and joy through the wearing of pink vestments. Similarly, during our Lenten fasts and penances, and just before we enter into the days of Passiontide, we have the opportunity to savour and remember what awaits us on Easter Sunday the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Our hearts will always be filled with joy!

Being aware of traditions and customs assists us in celebrating the beauty of our faith.

As part of a review, the Archdiocese is seeking the views of parishes, ministries and Local Safeguarding Representatives on the role. Please take the time to answer the 5 question survey. It should take only 1 minute to complete. Your responses will be important to the review of the



Local Safeguarding Representative role. ALL RESPONSES ARE ANONYMOUS. Click on the below link or scan the QR code to access the survey.

https://forms.office.com/r/5rs9fr7B4v?origin=lprLink



We warmly welcome you and your family. A Special Welcome to Families with Children. If you have recently moved into this area and would like to join with the parish, we

would like to meet you. Please contact the parish office/email us/ speak to one of us. **Thank You!**



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