



The community of the Cannon Hill Catholic Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | YEAR C (SECOND SCRUTINY)**

**30TH MARCH 2025**

## *Laetare Sunday: the Prodigal Son*

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree.



*The Prodigal Son, Painting by Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640),*

*Painted in 1618, Oil on canvas*

© Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp

See art reflection here: <https://tinyurl.com/2sbckseu>

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

Source: Loyolapress

### ***This Week at a Glance:***

**Responsorial Psalm** (Psalms 33:2-7)

*R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation** (Luke 15:18)

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

*I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:*

*Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.*

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (THIRD SCRUTINY, CREED)**

**First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

**Responsorial Psalm: 125**

*R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14**

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

**Gospel Reading: John 8:1-11**

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

## MASSES & MEETINGS

### Cannon Hill - St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:00am  
Saturday - 6:00pm; Sunday - 9:30am

### Tingalpa - Holy Family Catholic Church:

Thursday - 9:00am; Sunday - 8:00am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 5pm-5:30pm - St Oliver Plunkett Church

**Prayer Intentions Prayer Group:** Every Friday at 9.30am - St Oliver Plunkett Church (except during Lent).

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 1st Friday of the month following 9:00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church (except during Lent).

**Baptisms:** 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month held after the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. (*Welcoming Mass combined with the Baptism Mass.*)

**Little Lanterns Liturgy:** 1st Sunday of the month (except January) during the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. All primary school-aged children are welcome to attend. **Volunteers Needed.**

**Hospitality:** 1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both Churches; Every Wednesday after 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

## COMING UP...

**29 MAR - SAT:** Second Scrutiny; Presentation Mass for Confirmation, 6pm.

**30 MAR - SUN:** Presentation Mass for Confirmation, 9.30am

**01 APR - TUE:** **NO 9AM MASS.** Father Vasanthan away.

**02 APR - WED:** Fr Vasanthan away. **9AM MASS with Fr. Pan.**

**03 APR - THU:** **OFFICE CLOSED:** Father Vasanthan & Norma away; Stations of the Cross, 5.30pm, Holy Family - **NO MASS.**

**04 APR - FRI:** Fr Vasanthan away; Stations of the Cross, 5.30pm, ST Oliver Plunkett Church - **NO MASS**

**06 APR - SUN:** Children's Liturgy, 9.30am SOP (during Mass); Hospitality (after Mass) at both Holy Family and SOP.

**09 APR - WED:** Second Rite of Reconciliation, 6:00pm at SOP

**10 APR - THU:** Alpha Connect Dinner, 6.00pm, Parish Hall; Stations of the Cross, 5.30pm, Holy Family Church & Mass

**11 APR - FRI:** Stations of the Cross, 5.30pm, SOP & Mass

**13 APR - SUN:** **PALM SUNDAY** - usual Mass times.

**17 APR - THU:** **HOLY THURSDAY** - 6.00pm at SOP.

**18 APR - FRI:** **GOOD FRIDAY** - SOTC, 9.00am followed by Reconciliation until 11.30am; then 3.00pm

**19 APR - SAT:** **EASTER VIGIL**, 6pm at SOP

**20 APR - SUN:** **EASTER SUNDAY** - usual Mass times.

## REGULAR MEETINGS

**MON:** Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference

Fortnightly at 6:15pm

Next meeting: **Monday, 31st March**

Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

**TUE:** Parish Leadership Team

Fortnightly at 6:00pm

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 8th April**

**WED:** Parish Liturgy Meeting

Monthly at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, 30th April**

**THU:** Parish Finance Council Meeting

Bi-monthly at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: **Thursday, 19th June**

### Plate Collections - 16th March

First Collection: \$517.30 | Second Collection: \$345.70

*Thank you for your ongoing support.*

## THE GOSPEL - LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12:

*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

#### Responsorial Psalm: 33:2-7:

*R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

#### Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21:

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

#### Gospel Reading: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32:

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*



*"...God does not forget us, the Father never abandons us. He is a patient father, always waiting for us! He respects our freedom, but he remains faithful forever. And when we come back to him, he welcomes us like children into his house, for he never ceases, not for one instant, to wait for us with love." Pope Francis, 15.09.13 Angelus, St Peter's Square, Rome*

### Mass Intentions

**Week beginning 30th March 2025 - 9 am**

01/04 Tuesday: Fr General & Council  
02/04 Wednesday: Fr Provincial & Council  
03/04 Thursday: Beijing Community, PIMS  
04/04 Friday: MAMI & DMF

*Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASS TIMES

Every Thursday at 5.30 pm at Holy Family Church.

Every Friday at 5.30 pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

**Fr Vasanthan will be away from Tue, 1st April to Fri, 4th April.**

**Please note that there will be no Masses during this time except Wednesday, 2nd April - Fr. Pan will celebrate the usual 9am Mass.**

# PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**OUR SICK** Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is sick and would appreciate a home visit.

*We pray for those in the community who are sick.*

*May the healing spirit of Christ bring them comfort and hope.*

Athol Young, Ray Webb, Baby Emelia Camponogara, Karen Marrinan, Carol-Ann Marrinan, Jeanette Hill, Lucia Giaccio, Ashley Anthony, Daniel Normyle, Jo Lorsch, Carol Flannigan, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika, Harry Lynas, Michael Simpson, John la Spina, Lani Clow, Beryl McNally, Rob Connolly, Von Leeman, Imelda Khoo, Ken Drego, Lorretta Stephenson, Mary Stevenson, Brian Crimmins, Veronica Roberts, Angela White, Melisa Duffy.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Names will remain on Our Sick list until advised otherwise. Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by Thursday morning at the latest (preferably via email). Thank you.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Desley Connolly



## CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH



## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am - 2.30pm

## ADDRESS

**St Oliver Plunkett Church & Parish Centre**

21 Beauvardia St, Cannon Hill Q 4170

## Church of the Holy Family

41 Belmont Rd, Tingalpa Q 4173

(enter via 56 Palgrave St)

## CONTACT

**Phone: (07) 3899 2837**

Mobile: 0493 096 073 (after hours)

WhatsApp: 0496 096 073

## EMAIL

cannonhill@bne.catholic.net.au

## WEBSITE

www.cannonhillparish.org.au

## FACEBOOK

Cannon Hill Catholic Parish

## PARISH TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr Vasanthan Anthonipillai  
OMI [pp.cannonhill@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.cannonhill@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Parish Secretary:** Norma Martiri  
[cannonhill@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cannonhill@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Administration Support:** Ronda Vorrasi  
[sacramental.cannonhi@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacramental.cannonhi@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Local Safeguarding Rep:** Ronda Vorrasi  
Mobile: 0494 166 815

## Parish Leadership Team:

Sachin Rasquinha, Ronda Vorrasi, Guy Elliot, Aaron Tippetts, Michael Hill

## JUBILEE OF THE MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

The Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy recognises those who work to spread mercy throughout the world.

## PRAYER

In the name of Jesus Christ crucified and risen, in the spirit of His messianic mission, enduring in the history of humanity, we raise our voices and pray that the Love which is in the Father may once again be revealed at this stage of history, and that, through the work of the Son and Holy Spirit, it may be shown to be present in our modern world and to be more powerful than evil: more powerful than sin and death. We pray for this through the intercession of [Mary] who does not cease to proclaim "mercy...from generation to generation," and also through the intercession of those for whom there have been completely fulfilled the words of the Sermon on the Mount:

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." (From *Dives in Misericordia*, n. 15.)



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

**Second Rite of Reconciliation:** Wednesday, 9th April at 6.00pm, SOP

**Palm Sunday:** Saturday, 12th April & Sunday, 13th April, usual times.

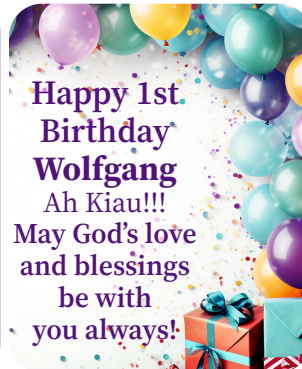
**Holy Thursday:** Thursday, 17th March, 6pm, St Oliver Plunkett Church (followed by Adoration in the Parish Hall).

**Stations of the Cross - Good Friday:** Friday, 18th April at 9.00am (outside SOP) followed by Reconciliation until 11.30am.

**Good Friday:** Friday, 18th April at 3.00pm, SOP.

**Easter Vigil Mass:** Saturday, 19th April at 6.00pm

**Easter Sunday Masses:** Sunday, 20th April usual times.



## Safeguarding Services Feedback

The Office for Safeguarding Services encourages feedback from parish communities about key elements of the Archdiocesan approach to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

To gather this information, they have created three Safeguarding Surveys (child, youth, and adult) for distribution.

Each of the surveys have 10 questions or less and should only take a couple of minutes to complete.

The surveys can be accessed via the links:

- Child Safeguarding Survey (5-12 yrs) <https://tinyurl.com/54fu5e9z>
- Youth Safeguarding Survey (13-17yrs) <https://tinyurl.com/bdf3bmxw>
- Parish Safeguarding Survey (Adults) <https://tinyurl.com/23nans9d>

A poster with QR codes for each survey is located in the church foyer.



MISSIONARY  
OBLATES  
of MARY IMMACULATE

From the moment the Oblates arrived in Fremantle in 1894, they have dedicated themselves to the mission of the Church in Australia. They dedicate themselves to serving the poor in parishes, schools, prisons, among the youth and with those on the streets. The Oblates preach Christ to the poor and the most abandoned and have served them in Australia for more than 100 years.

To learn more go to [www.omi.com.au](http://www.omi.com.au)

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES have now been discontinued.** Replacement options: **monthly debit/credit card payments, tap facilities and collection plate cash.** You may still use your own envelopes if preferred. Contact Parish office for queries.

**DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME:** We are immensely grateful for your generosity, which significantly impacts the lives of those we serve. Your donations directly foster the growth and prosperity of our community and sustain our vital ministries here at Cannon Hill Catholic Parish. To make a donation, you can contribute via the EFTPOS Terminal in church entry (split between 1st and 2nd collections), our online payment DD system. Please consider our perpetual endowment fund in your Will. For more Bequest information, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or the Parish Office. You can donate at [www.tinyurl.com/ycy9frz2](http://www.tinyurl.com/ycy9frz2) or scan the QR Code.



# OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

## THERE'S STILL TIME TO BOOK



### BRISBANE ARCHDIOCESE JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

13<sup>TH</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup>  
SEP 2025

LEAD BY  
ARCHBISHOP,  
MARK  
COLERIDGE

12  
DAYS

PACKAGE PRICE: AUD\$7,890\*  
per person (twin share)  
Subsidies are dependent on the Archdiocesan agency you work for. Please speak with your manager.  
OPTIONAL SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: AUD\$1,375

LEAD BY THE  
ARCHBISHOP AND  
ARCHDIOCESAN  
DIRECTORS

\*Conditions apply. Subject to change.  
Price is subject to minimum group of 30 pilgrims

REGISTER HERE



The Jubilee 2025, known as the Holy Year, will open on 24th December 2024 and will last for the entire year 2025. The Archdiocese of Brisbane, invites all employees to consider participating in this Jubilee as it will not only be an incredible opportunity for religious reflection with celebrations and events, but also a once in a lifetime invitation to immerse yourself in the beauty and diversity of the eternal city alongside Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

For the 2025 Jubilee, the city of Rome expects no fewer than 35 million pilgrims, so secure your place to be part of this historic event in the life of the Catholic Church.

## The 'Spirit of Hope' Prayer Meeting

St Stephen's Chapel

(In the grounds of the Cathedral in Brisbane City Centre)  
(We Meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month)

Next Meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
10.45am – 12.15pm (after 10am Mass)

As we are still in Lent let us continue to  
Pray, Praise, Worship  
and Thank the Lord for His Love and Mercy.  
Looking forward to seeing you all.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Contact: Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901



#### PRICE INCLUSIONS:

- Return economy class airfares with Emirates from Brisbane to Rome
- All current airport & departure taxes
- Portage, tips & gratuities throughout
- 9 nights in hotel accommodation in twin share rooms
- Breakfast and dinners either at local restaurants or at hotel as per the itinerary
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Local English Speaking Guides for all visits
- Whisperer headsets at each visit

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO BOOK**  
**\*\*\*LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE\*\*\***  
Phone 07 3033 7619  
Email FES@bne.catholic.edu.au

Are you interested in watching **The Chosen: Last Supper** as a Parish group on Saturday, 27th April? If so, please inform the Parish office. We are aiming for a matinee at Carindale - TBC.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

### Fourth Sunday of Lent 29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



Photo credit: Arlette Bashizi/Caritas Australia

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

## MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

### The Chosen: Last Supper (Season 5, Part 1)

Release Date:  
10/04/2025

Running Time: 112 mins  
Director: Dallas Jenkins

SEE IT ON THE  
BIG SCREEN.

EVENT



Jesus rides into the holy city as king, but finds His Father's house has been turned from a place of prayer into a corrupt market. As the Jewish High Priest schemes against the would-be Messiah, Jesus strikes first—turning the tables on religious corruption. See trailer: <https://tinyurl.com/34b7kf45>

Released in three parts: Part One (episodes 1-2), Part Two (episodes 3-5) and Part Three (episodes 6-8). Rated PG, mild themes and violence.



## HOLY CROSS FUNERALS

The only funeral service owned and operated by the Catholic Church

Ph: (07) 3293 0555 Web: [www.holycrossfunerals.com](http://www.holycrossfunerals.com)

