

## 17-MARCH | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The new covenant, written on the human heart.*

### Responsorial: Psalm 50:12

*R. /A pure heart create for me, O God.*

### Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

*The anguish of Jesus, faced with his passion*

### Gospel: John 12:20-30

*By losing their life, the followers of Jesus will find it in a new way*

- Jeremiah looked forward to a day when we would all know God, 'the least no less than the greatest'. Some six hundred years later what Jeremiah was speaking about unfolded in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.
- With the pilgrims in the gospel we are invited to say: 'We wish to see Jesus' and to recognize that in the events of Holy Week our request is granted.
- Now once again Jesus is revealed to us, not as a distant figure from the past who suffered for doing good, but as the living one who even now is calling us to new life.
- In him we are being offered nothing less than intimate friendship with God.
- Let us pray with Jesus, 'aloud and in silent tears' that we will be humble enough to accept this transforming gift.

**In any suffering in our lives, when we think of God, or say his name,  
or question him, maybe we can just imagine a light around us.  
Saying nothing, just being open to the light**

***Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free,  
you are the Saviour of the world.***

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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**SUNDAY,** Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm  
**17-March** 4.00pm - *Tamil Mass*  
5.30pm *Parish Retreat Day 3*

**MONDAY,** Mass: 9.30am  
**18-March**

**TUESDAY,** **ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
**19-March** **MARY. Patron of the Diocese**  
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY,** Mass: 9.30am  
**20-March** Stations of the Cross led by youth: 6.30pm

**THURSDAY,** Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm  
**21-March**

**FRIDAY,** Stations of the Cross: 11.30am  
**22-March** Mass: 12.00noon  
Stations of the Cross led by children: 6.00pm

**SATURDAY,** Mass: 9.30am  
**23-March** 6.30pm - *Sunday Vigil Mass*

**SUNDAY,** **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**24-March** Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm  
2.00pm - *Stations of the Cross in Konkani*  
3.30pm - *Syro Malabar Rite*

### **POPE'S INTENTION – MARCH 2024**

**For new Martyrs:** Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Martin Mongan, Louis Gabriel and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

### **ANNUAL PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**

The Parish Lenten Retreat continues on **16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March** starting each day with the Holy Rosary at 5.30pm. The Retreat will be led by Bishop Anthony Pascal Rebello, Bishop of Francistown, Botswana. Bishop Anthony was born in Nairobi Kenya and has held many ministries and has served as a missionary in Kenya, Antigua and Angola. He was ordained Bishop of Francistown in July 2021. There will be **RETIRING COLLECTION** for the Lenten Retreat after all the Retreat Masses and all Sunday Masses.

### **CAR PARK**

Parishioners attending the Retreat can park at Empire Way car park if the Church car park is full.

### **LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S 2024 – STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 11.30am before the 12noon Mass, at 6.00pm led by children and this Wednesday at 6.00pm led by youth.

### **PASSION OF CHRIST SCREENING – WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH**

There will be a screening of the Passion of Christ on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March after the Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm. All are welcome.

### **JUNIOR YOUTH MEETING**

The Junior Youth Meeting will be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Pastoral Centre. This is a gathering for our parish youth aged 12 to 18. New members are welcomed to join the meeting.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

There is a 7 Day - 7 Night pilgrimage to Medjugorje planned for this year to start on April 16th. For those interested please register your name with Carmen at the earliest possible. For more details please look at the church notice board.

### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024**

#### **PALM SUNDAY – 24<sup>th</sup> March:**

- Saturday : 6.30pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday : 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm and 6.30pm
- Sunday : 2.00pm Stations of the Cross in Konkani
- Sunday : 3.00pm Syro Malabar Mass

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Mass at 9.30am Confessions at 5.30pm

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Mass at 9.30am&6.30pm Confessions at 5.30pm

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Mass at 9.30am

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – 28<sup>th</sup> March:**

- There will be no morning Mass and Church closed until 5.30pm.
- Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00pm followed by the watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY – 29<sup>th</sup> March:**

- 10.00am: Stations of the Cross (for Children)
- 12.00noon: Stations of the Cross
- 3.00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 6.00pm: Stations of the Cross in Malayalam

#### **HOLY SATURDAY – 30<sup>th</sup> March:**

There will be no morning Mass  
Confessions: 10.00am to 11.00am  
6.30pm: The Easter Vigil Service

#### **EASTER SUNDAY – 31<sup>st</sup> March:**

Masses: 9.00am and 11.00am  
There will be no evening Mass

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024**

The Planned Giving Envelopes will be distributed after all the weekend Masses at the Marian Centre. For convenience, please remember to bring your existing Envelope number.