



St Mary's on Swanson

(Our Lady of Perpetual Succour)

An inner-city Catholic community
In the care of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

Welcoming all to celebrate with us.



**We acknowledge the
traditional custodians of
the land, The Gadigal
people of the Eora Nation**



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

14 April 2019

The psychologist, Carl Jung, once told the story of a man who asked a rabbi why God was revealed to many people in days of old, but nobody sees God nowadays. 'Why is this?' he asked. The rabbi answered, 'Because nowadays no one bows low enough.' Perhaps we are looking for God in all the wrong places. There are many prophetic examples of people who knew where to look, responded and often paid the price. We saw compassion, kindness, generosity of spirit in ordinary Greek people and Italian people who despite their economic situation and government obstructions and threats responding to asylum seekers. One Greek teacher said, 'We saw their little faces on television, all these children, so hungry, so tired, and just wanted to help..... We see it as our duty to show them that someone cares'. People minister in prisons but also learn from those they sit with what abuse, abandonment, violence, loss of friends, family and future, and failure means. People, mostly religious women it seems, who sit with people who have been trafficked overseas and in Australia, and caught up in sexual and many other forms of exploitation and bondage. These people, like the servant in Isaiah has, as Fr. Daniel Berrigan put it, 'touched the nerve of injustice.' Like the servant's 'disciple's tongue...[that] give[s] a word of comfort to the weary' (Isaiah 50:4). It is their actions that will always be remembered, even if not their names.

Jesus' crucifixion becomes an ongoing challenge to us: God cannot be separated from those who are suffering. Jesus could have walked away from all this. This suffering could have been avoided. Today Jesus challenges our accommodation to all kinds of power - misplaced respect for powerful government; religious status; middle class values; physical and intellectual achievement; economic success, etc. We cannot adore the Crucified One and avert

our eyes or turn our backs on the suffering of so many people whose lives are destroyed by hunger, war, and poverty.... And further neglect when they are blamed for their circumstances and punished for seeking protection (e.g., asylum seekers). We rebel against this culture of neglect and indifference (Pope Francis). God calls out to us through these victims. Otherwise we cannot see God. We cannot be spectators to this suffering or nourish a naive illusion of innocence. We need to look at the face of the Crucified and find there the faces of many others near and far who call on our compassionate love and solidarity. It is still the powerless that Jesus is closest to. So where are we looking? Clearly, we are to find God in places of suffering, and to stand with all who suffer, but we have to bow low enough.



*(Excerpt from the homily prepared by Fr Claude Mostowik
msc available at the church entrance)*

Listening Circle

The Impact of the Sexual Abuse Crisis Every Tuesday 7:30pm - 9pm Parish House

An opportunity for us to express how we have been impacted by the sexual abuse crisis within the church and wounded in any way. All of us have been impacted in some way, especially victims, survivors and their families. We can support each other in the shock, trauma and confusion by gathering and speaking openly and listening empathetically.

This is a sharing, it is not a discussion nor debate. A space to talk and be heard and express our feelings in a safe place.

Need more information contact Patricia Thomas
[0438 263 036](tel:0438263036)

Mass Times

Saturday
6pm
Sunday
9am & 6pm
Wed — Fri
9:15am

Call2Mercy Mass
2nd Sunday of the month
11:30am
Healing Mass
1st Tuesday of the month
10:30am

Individual Reconciliation
Sat 5:15pm—5:45pm
Sun 8:15am—8:45am &
5:15pm—5:45pm

Baptisms (1st Sunday of the Month) Please register your enquiry online at:
<http://www.stmaryserskineville.org.au/sacraments/baptism>

Weddings By Appointment

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Easter	Easter Sunday 21/4/19	2nd Sunday 28/4/19	3rd Sunday 5/5/19
Gospel	John 20:1-9	John 20:19-31	John 21:1-19
1st Reading	Acts 10:34, 37-43	Acts 5:12-16	Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
2nd Reading	Colossians 3:1-4	Revelation 1:-113, 17-19	Revelation 5:11-14

Parish Diary 2019

14 Apr	Palm Sunday (all Masses will commence in St Mary's Close)	
15 Apr	Communal Reconciliation	7pm
18 Apr	Holy Thursday	7pm
19 Apr	Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion	10am 3pm
20 Apr	Easter Vigil Mass	6pm
21 Apr	Easter Sunday Masses	9am & 6pm
7 May	Pastoral Council Meeting	5:30pm
28 May	Church Locks Changed	
29 May	Applications for First Eucharist close	
3 Jun	First Eucharist Parent Information Night	7pm
21 Jun	First Eucharist Retreat Day	9am-3pm
23 Jun	First Eucharist Mass	9am

Lent and Holy Week

Our theme throughout Lent is "Living our lives with love".

See dates above for all the Holy Week services.

Volunteers will be needed for most services and you are warmly invited to take part. You will see listings in the foyer of the various services so please consider putting your name down. Taking part in one of these services can be very rewarding.

Sacramental Program 2019

Registrations are now open for First Eucharist please see website for application form and full details.

Sacramental Programs are for baptised Catholic children only. Please contact the Parish Priest for further details.

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Outreaching to all of those who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church.

Enquiries: Ph (02) 6239 9813

Email: tribunal@cg.org.au

Church Security

The locks on the Church doors will be changed on 28 May. New keys will be available shortly at a non refundable charge of \$30 per key, when available keys will need to be paid for and collected from the office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 8am and 1pm, all keys must be signed for by each user and copy of a current photo ID must also be provided.

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### Positions Vacant Housekeeper/Cleaner

St Mark's Parish Drummoyne. Part-time position, 3 days per week (9am-3pm Tues and Fri and 9am-1pm Wed). For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 23 April 2019

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Good Friday Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.



Gift of Bread

How to change lives in the Erko Community (in less than 25 minutes per week)

Gift of Bread meets each **Monday** in the Parish church foyer at 5pm. We pack the daily leftover bread from Bakers Delight (you won't believe how much bread is left over at the end of the day – absolutely insane!) and give it to disadvantaged families in Erskineville and Waterloo. The transformation something as simple as fresh bread provides these families is hard to put into words. Come and see it for yourself. Don't miss out on your chance to help our disadvantaged neighbours in Erko.





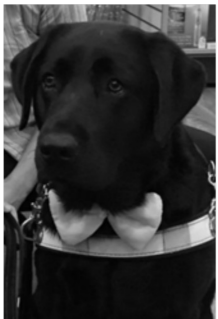
Blind Injustice on the Job Hunt Circuit

Casey Hyde,
Eureka Street, Vol. 29 No.6, 2 April 2019

Recently for my sister's birthday I sent her an edible bouquet of chocolate flowers. The running joke in my family has always been to find creative and thoughtful ways to cope with our disabilities. Because my sister has a vision impairment she couldn't see the colour of the 'flowers', but I knew she would love the taste of the chocolates.

My mum hated that her daughters spent so much effort trying to be 'normal'. But the truth is, the things that happen to a person with a disability are nowhere near what a 'normal' person would experience. Consider the challenge of going through job rejection time and time again, knowing it is because of the perception that *all* people with a disability need a lot of assistance, money for assistive equipment etc. Offers of employment are diminished before an interview has even been granted.

My sister spent her birthday with a Disability Employment Services provider trying to find a full-time, meaningful job. She went directly to businesses in her area, dressed professionally and with an introduction letter and resume, so that a prospective employer would get to meet her in person and see what a keen, independent and intelligent person she is. She just wanted the opportunity to apply. In the end she created her own employment because she couldn't find an employer who would take someone with a vision impairment.



I know how she feels. When I graduated from Guide Dogs Victoria in 2014, I was faced with the cold, hard fact that my life would never be the same again. My guide dog was my shadow, an extension of me. When I attended a rare job interview, I would put a bow tie around my guide dog's neck to deflect some of the heat off me.

The interviewer would ask questions that were of a more chatty, personal nature — everything except questions about my qualifications (I have a Diploma, a Bachelor of Health Science, and 15 years of work experience behind me). The only thing that seems to be holding me back is my vision impairment and the 'elephant' in the room — my guide dog.

So what changes do we need to see in the general workforce to make it a fair playing field? First, don't assume that people who are disabled are limited to certain industries. Not all people who are blind want to work in a call centre. We all have passions and want to contribute to the workforce.

Other things that would help are truthful and inclusive job advertising, and job application systems that are accessible. For example, avoid captcha technology — I am not a robot, but nor can I see the security images that these tools expect me to be able to identify. Consider, too, the wording in the advertising: Do you really *need* to have a drivers license?

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meaningful full-time job."

Equal opportunity should start, and be discussed openly, in the job interview. A good start would be to access the great technology that is already available and will only get better in the future. Never-ending paperwork and having to use pens to sign forms should be banned (my guide dog can't sign for me). PowerPoint presentations need to include audio descriptions and captioning resources.

Cultivate people's abilities rather than creating hurdles. Allow leadership to be formed in management positions. IT database platforms need to meet access levels to support productivity. To engage employees with disabilities in the workplace, the physical and cyber environments need constant upgrading and adjusting to allow everyone to be productive and reach their employment potential.

Then there are custom contracts that reflect the employee's needs to be retained in the workplace; disability awareness training for employees, with someone who has lived experience of what it's like to actually be disabled; the list goes on. Did you know that businesses who employ disabled people can receive \$8000 per person to assist with training and modifications?

My sister is now 24 and I am 31. I can't wait for society to learn about different abilities, on their own accord and through positive advertising. Blindness has no cure. I want to be a good role model to my family and friends. If I can win an ironman I should be able to find a meaningful full-time job. It just shouldn't be this hard.

Casey Hyde is a disability advocate who believes in social justice. She is also a champion in para triathlon. She loves travelling around Australia and meeting people who open her eyes to new things.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**6th Sunday of Lent
Palm Sunday
14 April 2019**



Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community.

Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel:

Luke 22:14-23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



Please keep in your prayers:

Please contact the office if you know of anyone who can come off this list.

Nick Hurst, Nadia Kumar, Betty Brady, Bernie Newman, Graham Meyer, Gerard Cash, Trevor Wiencke, Mandy Hartas, Rosa Maria Santos, Barry Bamber, Colleen Bombaci, Ken Hogan, Sophia Gill, Lauren Learmoth, Basil Comely, Wendy Bridges, Keryn Wallace, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Joan McCormick, John Leahy, Val Hartas, Lee Tillam, Michael Dillon, Malcolm Skeritt, Margaret & Colin Farrugea, Ernie Anderson, Graham Sims.

In Memoriam:

Gordon Robert Grey, Patricia (Pat) Catherine McCarney, Mary (Molly) June Whaley, Nora Alice Stone, Istran Rendes, Christopher Harold Spence, Nellie Hamblion (Jennings), Marjorie Brundell, Eric James Williams, Roy Clarence Dibley

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