

## Roster this week



Madaline Brugger & Mrs McGrath

No Flower during Lent



## Prayer for the sick



Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj, Gladys Robbin, John Appelman, Kim Shadwell, Oliver Liddy, Jackie Ledger.

## Anniversaries: 18th March – 24th March

Berta Lopez, Arthur G V Hancock, Michael Gardner, Vera Ryan, Mary Duffy, Winifred Mills, Winifred Powell, Lola Pansy Taylor, Kevin Pearl, Patrick O'Hagan, Carmen Mark Valentino, Dianne Symes, Josef Milling, Graham Harper, Mr & Mrs Tevaseu, Rajesh Dayal, Aileen Burns, Patrick Truman, Kelly Chong Nee, Henriette Ann De Glas, Michael Mules.

## Recently Deceased

Lorna Margaret O'Neil, Maria Trang, Peter James Stephenson.

## Home visit

Anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office and a visit can be arranged.

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Parish Secretary: Michelle Castell

**17th March 2019— 2nd Sunday of Lent**

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## The Mountain Experience

The three special apostles were Peter and John and James. They went up to the mountain with their Master, Jesus, and they witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. It was not just a privilege, but it was the faith strengthening experience that Jesus granted them. Their personal experience revealed several things.

First of all, life after death is assured. Moses, the Patriarch, and Elijah, the great prophet, both of whom had departed this earth years earlier, they saw, and heard them talking to Jesus. They are not dead, but truly alive.

Second, it proved that Jesus, whose face was extremely bright and shining, and whose clothes were bright as the sunrays, is truly the Messiah.

Third, and most important, was the voice from on high proclaimed: *'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'*. Lk 9,35. This confirmed, that Jesus was not just an ordinary man, but He actually is the 'Son of God'. As the 'Son of God', Jesus outranks Moses and Elijah. He actually is the God that Moses and Elijah worshipped and talked about.

Fourth, the saying *'listen to Him (Jesus)'* means listen to God's Son or to God himself. *'Listen to him'*. Apart from His teaching and miracles, there were three times Jesus predicted his Passion, death and resurrection. The victory, that He won for us was the power of the cross. It is through the cross, that His love for us was truly visible. It is through the cross, that He reconciled humanity to God, the

Father, for the sin of the whole human race. It was on the cross, that He promised paradise for the thief who sought pardon.

Jesus is the Light for the world to see, as He once said, *'I am the Light of the world' Jn. 8,12*. To see His brightness, we don't need any outside assistance, but those who have faith in Him, and love Him dearly will see it. A humble and contrite heart helps a person to see the Light of Christ. The very act of receiving Jesus Christ as the *'Son of God' Lk 1,35* is the ultimate mountain experience. When we invite Him into our lives, He sends the Holy Spirit to dwell within our heart, and the Light of Christ will lighten all dark corners in our hearts. We, humans always long to know what will happen to us after we depart this world, and we also long to know the purpose of life. In searching for the correct answers, some are happy with an answer that suits them; others create their own gods to worship, and others decide how to find gods. Jesus said: *No one can come to the Father except through me. Jn 14,6*. We, the finite, can't reach the Infinite without God's grace. *Jesus is the Way, the truth and life Jn 14,6b*. We seek Jesus by listening to his teaching, and by aligning our will to His, we will make our lives meaningful.

Vudinh Tuong



### Confirmation class

Start Friday 22nd March– Form is available for pick up from the parish office.

### Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council needs more new members. There are different groups in our community, and I would like to have each group to nominate a member from their community to make up the P. P. C. We meet at 7pm the first Thursday of each month, and each meeting lasts for just over an hour. The big coming event for the Pastoral Council is to organize the multicultural celebration which is scheduled for Sunday August 18th 2019.

**The P.P.C. meeting for April is 7pm Thursday 4th at the parish office.**



### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

It is held on the third Sunday each month during the 9am Mass. Forms are available on our website.

### St Ann's School– Redbank Plains

St Ann's school at Halletts Road, will be a P-6 school, planned for opening in 2020.

<http://www.bne.catholic.edu/school-cirriculum/new-school/pages/default.aspx>

### Loop System

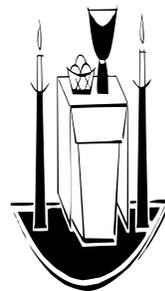


The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

**New Parishioners** Please give the Parish Office a call.

### Mass time this week

18th March	—	Mon	—	9am Mass	—	St Patrick
19th March	—	Tues	—	9am Mass	—	St Joseph
20th March	—	Wed	—	9am Mass		
21st March	—	Thurs	—	9am Mass		
22nd March	—	Fri	—	9am Mass	—	Station of the cross



### Saturday Reconciliation

23rd March	—	4.00pm	—	4.30pm		
			—	5.00pm		Vigil Mass

**Sunday Mass** 24th March — 7.00am & 9.00am

### Third Sunday of Lent 24th March

Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9