Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

Little Flower Bribie Island, St Peter's Caboolture, St Michael's Kilcoy, St Mary's Woodford.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

14th / 15th March 2026

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The question of human suffering has troubled people from ancient times until today. In the Old Testament, suffering was often linked with sin. People believed that if someone was sick, blind, or burdened, it must be because they or their parents had done something wrong.

This created a painful image of God: a God who punishes, a God who sends suffering. With this mindset, it is no surprise that when the disciples saw the man born blind, their first question was, "Rabbi, who sinned this man or his parents?" But Jesus breaks this way of thinking. He gently corrects His disciples and says, *"Neither this man nor his parents sinned."* The blindness was **not a punishment**. It was not God sending evil. Rather, it was a moment in which God's compassion would be revealed. Jesus does not spend time explaining why the man is blind. He does not discuss genetics, social conditions, or medical neglect. Instead, He focuses on what truly matters: **responding to suffering with love**. The blind man did not need theories about the origin of evil. He needed healing. He needed someone to see him, care for him, and restore him. This is one of the central messages of Lent. Lent invites us to see the world as Jesus sees it not through blame, judgment, or fear, but through mercy. For Jesus, every human need becomes an opportunity for God's love to shine. What appeared to the disciples as a theological problem became for Jesus a moment of grace.

The same is true for us. Every day we encounter people who are hurting physically, emotionally, or spiritually. Their suffering is not a sign of God's anger, but an invitation for us to reveal God's tenderness. Jesus reminds us that "the night is coming "our time on earth is limited. Therefore, we cannot postpone doing good. Lent calls us to act now, to help now, to love now. But we must also acknowledge our own forms of blindness. Selfishness can block us from seeing the needs of others. Pride can keep us from admitting our mistakes. Prejudice can prevent us from seeing the truth. And judging by outward appearances, like Samuel in the first reading, can cause us to overlook the goodness within people. These, too, are forms of spiritual blindness.

Lent is a season of light Christ's light. If we allow Jesus to touch our hearts as He touched the blind man's eyes, everything changes. We begin to see ourselves, others, and the world with new clarity. So let us use this holy season to reveal God by doing good. Whatever kindness you can offer, offer it now. We will not pass this way again.

God Bless
Fr Akesh

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Meet Manaini – aged 44. In remote northern Fiji, life has always been a struggle for Manaini, a mother of 6 and grandmother of 2. Holding back tears she shared *"The things I worry about the most are my kid's education. The requirements that need to be met are hard for me to try to achieve with my daily income"*

For Manaini's family meals were often plain and unbalanced and store-bought food too expensive. Leftover crops were fed to the animals and at night the village was in darkness leaving the most vulnerable unsafe.

Almost a quarter of Fiji's population live in poverty. It was through Caritas Australia's local partner FRIEND that Manaini was able to increase her skills in farming and food processing which meant a great deal in her and her family's day to day living.

Schemes like this are made possible through your generous support of Project Compassion.

Mandatory Safeguarding Training

~ Tuesday 24th March 10.00am – 12pm ~

St Peter's Church, Caboolture

This session is required for all **Special Ministers to the Sick, members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, Counters, Bankers, key holders and Youth Leaders.** If you can't make it, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible so that other arrangements can be made for you to complete it. We thank you for your time and support.

Lunch will be provided after the presentation.

Parish Pastoral Council Update

Our Council met last Monday afternoon. It followed on from the Inservice we received from Teresa McGrath from Archdiocesan Ministries. Out of our conversation on Monday there are three areas we feel require further attention. The first has to do with the wonderful youth that exists within the parish. We are looking at holding a **Youth Festival** sometime in the next few months, beginning with a Mass at St Peter's but taking place in the MPC area in the school. We are calling together a planning team to bring this event to fruition.

Secondly, a major focus for our PPC Team is the use of **effective communication** across the parish. We have a newsletter already, but we are hoping to expand our Facebook platform to be even more effective into the future. There may be other avenues of effective communication that will benefit both our parish and its parishioners.

The third area of focus will be the possibility of a **Parish Strategic Plan**. With our focus on youth and communication we already have two areas of planning that will form the strategic plan for the future direction for the parish over the next two years. So, like a man with a wheelbarrow, it is all ahead for us, and from these plans we will continue to build our faith communities into the future. Let's go together.

Congratulations to ***Chase, Harper & Estelle Smyth***
Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

Priests Commitments

Sunday 14th March ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass Little Flower	*(Fr John)*
8:00am Mass St Mary's	*(Fr Akesh)*
10:00am Mass St Peter's	*(Fr Sean)*
11.00am Baptism St Peter's	*(Fr Sean)*
10:00am Mass St Michael's	*(Fr Akesh)*
5:00pm Mass St Peter's	*(Fr John)*

Monday 16th March

9.30am Mass St Mary's	*(Fr John)*

Wednesday 18th March

9.30am Mass St Peter's	*(Fr John)*
10.30am Parish team meeting	

Thursday 19th March

9.15am Mass Little Flower	*(Fr Sean)*
11am Funeral St Peters	*(Fr Akesh)*

Friday 20th March

7.45am Mass St Columban's	*(Fr Akesh)*

Saturday 21st March ~ 5th Sunday of Lent

11.00am El Shaddai Mass St Peter's	*(Fr Akesh)*
6.00pm Mass Little Flower Bribie	*(Fr Akesh)*
6.00pm Mass St Peter's Caboolture	*(Fr John)*

Reconciliation Times (Note change at St Peter's)

St Peter's ~ 4.45pm – 5.30pm
Little Flower Church ~ 5pm – 5.30pm

For times outside of these, please contact the Parish Office or see one of our Priests.

What a wonderful celebration the World Day of Prayer Service was at St Peter's last Friday. Many thanks to those who so generously gave of their time and talents to bring together such a beautiful morning. Our photo shows the Planning Folder being passed on to Fr Mamuor, the Anglican Priest, whose church will host in 2027.

St Peter's Food Drive

Please support the call for non-perishable food items which support local charities across the Caboolture Region. The food baskets will be available at each of the Masses at St Peter's. For all enquiries, please call Paula: 0414 462 332 or Peter: 0410 911 946

Parish banking for the weekend of 7/8 March ~ $4791.40 Thank you for your generous support.

News from Our Schools

St Peter's Primary School
Principal: *Mr Russell Davey*
APRE: *Miss Catherine Meiklejohn*

St Columban's College
Principal: *Mr Michael Connelly*
APRE: *Mrs Ange Woodriff*

Across the Parish during March

14th / 15th March FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
14th March Couples for Christ Retreat *St Michael's Church 9am – 4pm*
14th March Living Waters Prayer Group 2pm-4pm *Mary McKillop Hall*
16th March Rosary *9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's*
16th March Lenten Discussion Group *4pm Little Flower*
18th March Christian Meditation *8.45am Little Flower Church*
19th March Mother's Prayer *9.30am Parish Meeting Room*
19th March KSC General Meeting *6pm – 9pm Mary McKillop Hall*
20th March Lenten Discussion Group *9.30am St Mary's*
20th March St Peter's Craft Group *10.30am Mary McKillop Hall*
21st /22nd March FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
21st March El Shaddai Anniversary Mass *11am St Peter's Church*
23rd March Rosary *9am St Mary's & 9.30am St Peter's*
23rd March Lenten Discussion Group *4pm Little Flower*
23rd March Communal Reconciliation *6pm Little Flower*
25th March Christian Meditation *8.45am Little Flower*
25th March Communal Reconciliation *6pm St Peter's*

Easter Communal Reconciliation

Please mark in your calendars the following times for our **Communal Reconciliation Services ~ Little Flower** Monday 23rd March 6pm
~ **St Peter's** Wednesday 25th March 6pm

The celebration of Individual Confession
St Michael's - Sunday 22nd March after the Mass
St Mary's - Monday 23rd March after the Mass
St Peter's - Wednesday 25th March after the Mass
Little Flower - Thursday 26th March after the Mass

Ceremony Times for Holy Week & Easter

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 6pm all Churches
Good Friday ~ **Stations of the Cross** 10.30am at all Churches
The Passion of Our Lord ~ 3pm at all Churches
Easter Vigil ~ 6pm St Peter's & 6pm Little Flower
Easter Sunday ~ 8am Little Flower, 8am St Mary's,
7am & 10am St Peter's & 9.30am St Michael's

During the **10am Mass at St Peter's** next weekend, our parish community will joyfully welcome our 4 catechumens for the **Presentation of the Creed**. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey toward the Easter sacraments.

This Weekend's Readings
Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-013
Psalm Resp: *The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

~ Labyrinth Prayer ~
Lenten Reflection
Upper Caboolture Uniting Church,
561 Caboolture River Road,
This Monday 16 March at 4.00 p.m.

'Heaven Starts in Your Heart'
St Mary's Woodford

7.30am ~ 1pm Saturday 28th March
Guest Speaker: Fr Paul Chandler O'Carm
Officiated by: Fr Sean, please see notice boards for more info and write your name on the sheets provided. Please bring a plate to share for lunch.

Little Flower Hospitality Meeting Tuesday 24th at 10am in the church. New members are always welcome.

If you've put your name down to attend the Marian Valley trip on the 13th April, money will need to be paid by the end of March ~ $60.00 (includes bus & lunch)

Pope Leo's March prayer intention: For Disarmament & Peace. Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that the world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Amen.

Stations ~ Every Friday in Lent

St Mary's Church	- 9.00am
Little Flower Church	- 5.00pm
St Peter's Church	- 5.30pm

LIVING WATER'S PARISH WH&S POLICY STATEMENT

Our parish is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all who worship, work, volunteer, or visit. We will identify hazards, manage risks, comply with legislation, and foster a culture of care consistent with our Catholic values.

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Commitment

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Email: AOB@stopline.com.au
Online: https://bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com/

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased ~ May They Rest in Peace of God ~ Erin Greentree, Joan Itong, Bing May, Eileen Feldman, Jeanette Perak, Terry Burns, Terry Woolnough, Fr Peter Casey, Margaret Jones, Alan Petty & Della Lopez

Those whose Anniversaries Occur at this Time ~ Kevin O'Brien, Sid Matthews, Barbara Johnson, Peggy McPherson, Lillian Sutton. Monique Carfantan, Jean Higgins, Robert Burns, Lex Day, Margaret Kennedy, Don Watt, Margaret Neale, Kerry Wright, Ron McGrath, Morgan Midgley, Anna Kropp, Molly Grace, Ted Norman, Margaret Numes, Ann Mullen, Lee Travers, Janelle Runge, Joe Salgado, Mick Lee, Eileen Corbett, Jill Cervetto, Des Forbes, Jovita Ubaldo & Fiona Godfrey

Our Sick ~ Jill Holland, Horrie Hunt, Richard Hooper, Andrew Ayres, Margaret Griffin, Johannes Nelis, Trent Menzies, Sergio Spigariol, Sue McIntyre, Terry Wearing, Mary Burt, Pat MacDonald, Kathryn Sotiriadis-Mobley, Peter Brown, David Stott, Mary Loveday, Kira Wojtowicv, Elspth & Alan Jones, Christine O'Brien, Jayden Lowe, Ron Jones, Xander Ferguson, Marlene Albert, Jeanette Herd, Don Joiner, Sheila Musarra, Helen Johnson, Tricia Fischer, Joshua & Myra Sessions, Joan Fitzpatrick, Brian Wyvill, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, June Bell, Ken McKewin, Jessica Timson, Michael Cooper, Patricia Twinchek, Ray Davis, Helen van Dinter, Eileen Hangan, Gerard Brown.

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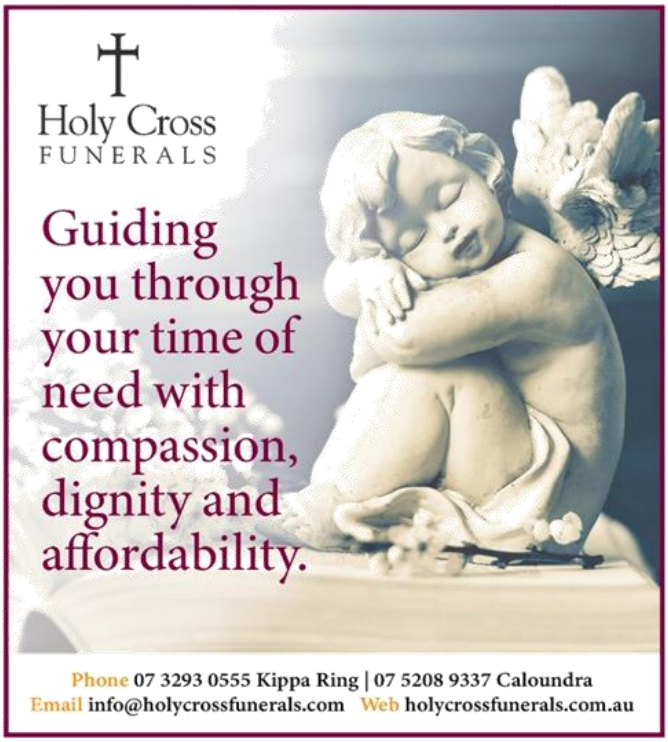

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