



Mass Propers

Pope Francis Angelus Address

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING | **Jeremiah 31: 31-34**

PSALM | **Psalms 50: 3-4, 12-15**

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING | **Hebrew 5: 7-9**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL | **John 12:20-30**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Liturgical Calendar

Mon	18 Mar	St Patrick, Bishop.
Tues	19 Mar	St Joseph, SBVM.
Wed	20 Mar	Feria
Thurs	21 Mar	Feria
Fri	22 Mar	Feria
Sat	23 Mar	Feria c. St Turibius
Sun	24 Mar	Palm Sunday

Roma Mass Times

Tuesdays – Fridays: 7:30 am
Saturdays: 9:00 am
Sundays: 8:30 am

Adoration: Fridays 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Confessions: Saturdays 9:30 – 10:30 am

Next Mass at Pinaroo: Wed 20 March, 9:30 am

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today's Gospel narrates an episode which took place in the last days of Jesus' life. The scene takes place in Jerusalem where he finds himself for the feast of the Jewish Passover. Several Greeks had also arrived there for this celebration. These men were driven by religious sentiment, attracted by the faith of the Jewish People and, having heard of this great prophet, they approach Philip, one of the 12 Apostles, and say to him: "we wish to see Jesus". John highlights this sentence, centred on the verb "to see", which in the evangelical lexicon means to go beyond appearances in order to comprehend the mystery of a person. The verb John uses, "to see", means to reach the depths of the heart, to reach through sight, with understanding, within the person. Jesus' reaction is surprising. He does not answer with a "yes" or with a "no" but says: "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified". These words which at first glance appear to ignore the question of those Greeks, in reality provide the true response because those who seek to know Jesus must look within the Cross where his glory is revealed; to look *within* the Cross. Today's Gospel invites us to turn our gaze to the Crucifix which is not an ornamental object or a clothing accessory — abused at times! Rather, it is a religious symbol to contemplate and to understand. Within the image of Jesus crucified is revealed the mystery of the death of the Son as *a supreme act of love*, the source of life and salvation for humanity of all ages. We have been healed in his wounds. Do not forget this: look to the Crucifix, but look within it. And in order to explain the meaning of his death and Resurrection, Jesus uses an image and says: "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit". He wants to explain that his extreme fate — that is the Cross, death and Resurrection — is an act of fruitfulness — his wounds have healed us — a fruitfulness which will bear fruit for many. He thus compares himself to a grain of wheat which, rotting in the earth, generates new life. Jesus came to earth through the Incarnation, but this is not enough. He must also die to redeem man from the slavery of sin and to offer him a new life reconciled in love. I said "to redeem man": but to redeem me, you, all of us, each of us. He paid that price. This is the mystery of Christ. Go towards his wounds, enter, contemplate, see Jesus — but from within. And this dynamism of the grain of wheat which was accomplished in Jesus must also take place within us, his disciples. We are called to take on the Paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean? That is, what does it mean to be the grain of wheat? It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbours, especially the least of them. To joyfully carry out works of charity towards those who suffer in body and spirit is the most authentic way of living the Gospel.



Parish Roster

Commentator:	St John's Students Alwyn Rapasta	17/03/24 24/03/24
Readers:	1 st & 2 nd - St John's Students 1 st Sarah Mehay-Dewar; 2 nd Anne Pavia	17/03/24 24/03/24
Music:	St John's Students Sue, Georgina and Team	17/03/24 24/03/24
Counters:	Bill and Margaret Harden Mary Bates and Viv Bruton	17/03/24 24/03/24
Flowers:	<i>No Flowers During Lent</i>	
Church Clean:	Lyn Bowden- Group 1 w/a Filipino Group- Group 2 w/a	17/03/24 31/03/24
Mowing:	Paul Upton	17/03/24

**If you are unable to volunteer this week/fortnight, please arrange for a replacement from your lists. This will ensure the smooth running of our parish.*

Country Church Mass Times

First Saturday:	5:00 pm Jackson 6:30 pm Yuleba
Second Sunday:	10:30 am Wallumbilla 4:00 pm Surat
Third Saturday:	5:00 pm Mitchell
Fourth Sunday:	5:00 pm Injune*

* Mass in Injune is subject to monthly change, please check with parish office.

Staff and Contact

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Parish Notices

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:00pm (Roma)

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 9:00am (Roma)
The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm (Roma)

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 7:00pm (Roma)

Easter Sunday Mass: 7:30am Mitchell; 10:00am Wallumbilla

St John's School Tea and Talk

Join St John's students for afternoon tea and fostering the connection between our parish and school community.

WHEN: Wednesday 20th March-last for Term 1
TIME: 3.10pm
WHERE: St John's School. (Park in the school carpark)
CONTACT: Trisha Parker 46221842 - no RSVP necessary.

St Vincent de Paul News

Next Meeting: Tuesday 19 March 2024 in the
Justin King Centre at 6.00pm



Sacrament of Penance

A reminder that the Sacrament of Penance is held every Saturday morning from 9:30am-10:30am in the confessional or any other time by appointment. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to come regularly to the Sacrament of God's mercy and love in order to ensure that they are properly prepared and in the state of grace that is necessary for receiving Holy Communion.

Please Pray For:

The Sick: Cath Cocks, Pat Vokes, Sr Christa Murphy, Katrina FitzGerald, Brenda McKenzie, Ryan Conde, Angie Ocampo, Denise Schneider, Marie Schultz, Gretta Berge, Ron Russell, Ashlee Nichol, Josie Willett, Rosalie Sharp, Geoff Willett, Phero Nguyen Van Tinh, Mark Pearson, Christine Byres, Jennifer Bowden, Pat Fitzgerald, Helen Upton, Peter Hickey, Dennis Robinson, David Bowden, residents of Pinaroo and Westhaven, those in hospital and those who receive home Communion.

† **Recently Deceased:** Jim Hannant

† **Anniversaries of Death:** Lee Tickelpenny Wilson, Francesco Maiore, Don Nixon, Bernie Coughlan, Syd Mehan, Jean Riddell, Jim Goodman, Cecilia Foster, Glenda Hunter, Sean O'Bryne, Brian O'Donohue, Bob McHugh, Emelio Perez-Eugenio Florence Wilson, Janelle Reid, Darcy Oates, Joel Pomeranke, Christine Stanford, Mary Keogh, John Moloney, Garry John Herden. *Requiescant in pace.*