



### Mass Propers

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

#### FIRST READING | 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

#### PSALM | Psalm 136(137):1-6

*℟. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*

#### SECOND READING | Ephesians 2:4-10

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

#### GOSPEL | John 3:14-21

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.  
is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
to praise the name of the Lord.*

### Liturgical Calendar

Mon	11 Mar	Feria
Tues	12 Mar	Feria
Wed	13 Mar	Feria
Thurs	14 Mar	Feria
Fri	15 Mar	Feria
Sat	16 Mar	Feria
Sun	17 Mar	4th of Lent ( <i>Lætare</i> )

### 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!  
On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, called “*letare*”, that is, “rejoice”, because this is the opening antiphon of the Eucharistic liturgy that invites us to joy: “Rejoice, Jerusalem” — thus, it is a call to joy — “Be joyful, all who were in mourning”. This is how the Mass begins. What is the reason for this joy? The reason is God’s great love for mankind, as today’s Gospel passage tells us: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16). These words, spoken by Jesus during the encounter with Nicodemus, summarize a theme that lies at the centre of the Christian message: even when the situation seems desperate, God intervenes, offering man salvation and joy. Indeed, God does not remain apart from us, but enters the history of mankind; he “meddles” in our life; he enters, in order to animate it with his grace and save it. We are called to listen to this message, rejecting the temptation to value our own self-confidence, to think we can do without God, to claim absolute freedom from him and from his Words. When we find the courage to recognize ourselves for what we are — this takes courage! — we realize we are people called to take our weaknesses and our limitations into account. So it may happen that we are gripped by anguish, by anxiety about the future, by fear of illness and death. This explains why many people, searching for a way out, sometimes take dangerous shortcuts such as, for example, the path of drugs or that of superstition or of disastrous magic rituals. It is good to know our limitations and our weaknesses; we must be aware of them, however, not in order to despair, but to offer them to the Lord. And he helps us on the path of healing; he takes us by the hand, and never abandons us, never! God is with us and for this reason I “rejoice”; we “rejoice” today: “Rejoice, Jerusalem”, [the antiphon] says, because God is with us. And we have the true and great hope in God the Father rich in mercy, who gave us his Son to save us, and this is our joy. We also have many sorrows, but, when we are true Christians, there is the hope that is a small joy which grows and gives us certainty. We must not become disheartened when we see our limitations, our sins, our weakness: God is near; Jesus is on the Cross to heal us. This is God’s love. To look at the Cross and tell ourselves within: “God loves me”. It is true, there are these limitations, these weaknesses, these sins, but he is greater than the limitations and the weaknesses and the sins. Do not forget this: God is greater than our weaknesses, than our infidelities, than our sins. And let us take the Lord by the hand; let us look to the Crucifix and go forward. May Mary, Mother of Mercy, place in our hearts the certainty that we are loved by God. May she be close to us in the moments in which we feel alone, when we are tempted to surrender to life’s difficulties. May she convey to us the sentiments of her Son Jesus, so that our Lenten journey may become an experience of forgiveness, of welcome and of charity. — *Pope Francis*



### Parish Roster

<b>Commentator:</b>	Viv Bruton	10/03/24
	St John's Students	17/03/24
<b>Readers:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Helen Wells; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lynne Pulsford	10/03/24
	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> St John's Students	17/03/24
<b>Music:</b>	Carmel Treasure	10/03/24
	St John's Students	17/03/24
<b>Counters:</b>	Gerard and Denise Mulligan	10/03/24
	Bill and Margaret Harden	17/03/24
<b>Flowers:</b>	<i>No Flowers During Lent</i>	
<b>Church Clean:</b>	Trisha Parker Group 4.	03/03/24
	Lyn Bowden Group 1.	07/03/24
<b>Mowing:</b>	Terry Sheehan	10/03/24

*\*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

Parish Priest: Fr Thomas Duncan P.P., V.F.  
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### Parish Notices

#### **St Patrick's Day Dinner**

**DATE and TIME:** 16 March 2024 at 6pm  
**WHERE:** RSL Hall, Quintin Street.  
**COST:** Adults -\$20; Children under 13 - \$10.00. Irish Stew and dessert.  
**An evening of fun, games, faith, quizzes, friendship and Irish luck!**

#### **Easter Mass Times**

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:** Wednesdays 6th March and 20th March  
**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: 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, Jim Hannant, Josie Willett, Rosalie Sharp, Geoff Willett, Phero Nguyen Van Tinh, Mark Pearson, Christine Byres, Jennifer Bowden, Pat Fitzgerald, Helen Upton, Peter Hickey, Dennis Robinson, residents of Pinaroo and Westhaven, Those in hospital and those who receive home Communion.

#### **† Recently Deceased:**

**† 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, Emeliop Perez-Eugenio Florence Wilson, Janelle Reid, Darcy Oates, Joel Pomeranke, Christine Stanford, Mary Keogh, John Moloney, Garry John Herden. **Requiescant in pace.**