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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B

24th/25th February, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

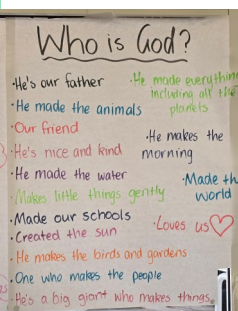
Welcome to the Second Sunday of Lent.

I would like to congratulate our St Vincent De Paul Society in Kingaroy, for their celebration of 80 years ministry of seeing and serving Christ in the poor. May God bless our Vinnies men and women and all those who support their work.

Life is a journey that helps us to see more. Coming back from my trip -to visit my family and Europe- has filled me with a great sense of gratitude for every parishioner and community. There is a blessing in embarking on such a journey. Travelling on that road, can renew our sense of seeing and give us new eyes that see more than we ever have. In my experience, this journey has given me new eyes that appreciate even more, what a blessing each of you are to the Church of Christ and to our wonderful communities. Going on a new Journey can be an act of grace that opens our eyes to God and to love. Lent is exactly that journey.

We have begun the journey of forty days, walking with Jesus on the road towards Easter. If we immerse ourselves deeply into this Lenten experience of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, then God can help us to see with the eye of resurrection at Easter. I will recommend attending Sunday and weekday Mass during Lent as one of the ways to experience the best of this journey. Finally, I will encourage you to take up a personal Lenten challenge. This challenge may be something new, something that you have never done before to help your family or another person. If we embrace this journey, then on Easter morning, we will see with the eyes of transfiguration, and say like Peter in the Gospel: **'Lord It is wonderful for us to be here.'**

SMCC Kingaroy (Mandy Sullivan, Head of College)



Our Primary teachers are doing some fabulous work in their Religion classes.

Our Prep students are learning about the Creation story and the 7 days of God's work. They are also learning How to pray and what to pray for. They are learning that praying is like talking to a friend.

Our Year 1 students are working towards the Easter story. Their classes are centred around learning what it means to be a disciple, about Betrayal and also Forgiveness. Mrs Flitcroft has made a special prayer book for Lent with a reflective prayer for each day that the children say.

Our Year 2 students are studying the Creation story too. Their emphasis is on being stewards of all the Earth's creatures and plants and how to look after our environment.

Year 3 students are increasing their understanding about 'the Messiah'. They are looking at scripture both Old and New Testaments. They have also examined the Old Testament and how the prophets spoke of the coming of the Messiah. particularly the New Testament and identifying the Messiah and how the Messiah is referenced in many different ways.

Prayer

Lord Jesus

During Lent, I seek Spiritual renewal and a deeper connection with you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, cleanse my heart and draw me closer to your love and grace. Amen.

St Pat's Nanango (Sarah McCarthy, Acting APRE)



At St Patrick's, the Prep class and the Year 1 and 2 class have been learning about the Creation Stories from the book of Genesis.



The Prep students have been exploring 'The 7 Days of Creation.' They have been using hands-on materials and objects to retell this story.

Our Year 1 and 2 class have been learning about how to care for God's creation and how to be respectful of each other and our planet. The Year 1 and 2 students listened to Andrew Chinn's song, "God made them all" and used their iPads to reflect on their contribution to respecting and caring for our world.

Blessings, Fr Stanley.

SECOND SUNDAY of LENT - YEAR B

Saturday 24th February	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 25th February	Nanango	8am	Mass



CONGRATULATIONS TO

St Vinnies Kingaroy

80th Anniversary

Kingaroy 10am Mass

First Reading: **Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18**
Responsorial Psalm: **I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**
Second Reading: **Roman 8; 31 - 34**
Gospel Acclamation: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**



Gospel: **Mark 1: 12:15**

Weekday Liturgy - Week in Ordinary Time - Year B

Thursday 29th February	Yarraman	9am	Mass
	Kumbia	5.30pm	Mass

ANOINTING MASS



Friday 1st March
Kingaroy 8am Mass
Nanango 12pm Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross to commence in Kingaroy at 7.40am due to World Day of Prayer being hosted by St Mary's at 10am. Nanango will remain at 12pm followed by Stations of the Cross.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024
PALESTINE**

St Mary's Catholic Church Kingaroy
 Friday, 1st March 2024
 Time: 10am



Blackbutt - Anglican Church, 29 Douglas St - 1pm
 Nanango Uniting Church - 44 Gipps St - 10am
 Kumbia - Our Lady of Peace Kumbia - 1.30pm
 Yarraman - Anglican Church, 22 Millar St - 10am

Light refreshment will be available after service.
 Everyone welcome.

THIRD SUNDAY of LENT - YEAR B

Saturday 2nd March	Blackbutt	5pm	Vigil
Sunday 3rd March	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy
	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Recently Deceased: Jackie Webb.
Death Anniversaries: Gaetano (George) Gatt, Moya Walsh, Edith Hanly, Edward Ekari, Jim Lenihan, Jack Cronin.
Prayers for the sick:
OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Pauline Giles, Greg Knaggs, Selwyn Kurz, Delba Liebke, Kylie Sutherland (Perrett), Terry Walsh.
St Mary's Parish - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Sylvia McArdle, Michael Carroll, Teresa O'Sullivan, Lyle Tincknell, Kevin Owen, Dafyd Martindale, Brian Lenihan, John O'Neill, Therese Hanley.



PARISH WORKING BEE



Parish working bee
 St Mary's Kingaroy
 Saturday, 2nd March 2024
 commencing at 7am.
 Bring along your hats,
 water, gardening tools.

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.



**Second Sunday of Lent
24 & 25 February**



After the birth of children, 22 year old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations.*



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