

4th Sunday of Lent - Year A

14th /15th March 2026



1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Saul had died. The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem to find the new king from among the sons of Jesse. Samuel liked what he saw of these sons, but the Lord kept prompting him in another direction. God's Spirit led Samuel to young David who became Israel's great king.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul wrote to the Ephesians about new life in Christ. He pointed out how the people had been living in darkness, but were now living in the light of the Lord. The challenge, then was for the people to "walk as children of light." Paul said Christ would give them light.

John 9:1-41

The blind man in this lengthy passage represents the world of darkness and what the light of God can do to transform human lives. The Jews did not believe the man had been blind, but the end of the story is one of great affirmation. The light of the world is Jesus.

Next Week:
5th Sunday of Lent
Year A

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Universal Prayers

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1. That we might do everything in our power to eliminate hunger and disease. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That we might allow our own suffering to deepen our faith and compassion. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That we might do everything in our power to combat prejudice and injustice. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That we might learn sympathy for the powerless from our own experience of being victimised. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That we might do everything in our power to overcome ignorance and poverty. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That we might learn the courage of the chronically ill from our own experience of illness. Let us pray to the Lord.

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8:00am
Wednesday	Mass	8:00am
Thursday	Mass	8:00am
Friday	Mass	8:00am

Confessions

Tuesday 17th March, 4:00pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday 14 th	Trevor Brogan
Sunday 15 th	Special Intention
Tuesday 17 th	Ana Croatia
Wednesday 18 th	Stuart Davidson
Thursday 19 th	Special Intention
Friday 20 th	Ana Polish
	Delcie Regan

Diary Dates

CWL St Patrick's Day Morning Tea	Sunday 15 th March	After 9:30am Mass	Parish Hall
CWL Meeting	Monday 16 th March	10:30am	Parish Hall
Scripture Study	Tuesday 17 th March	6:00pm	Parish Hall
Choir Practice	Tuesday 17 th March	7:00pm	STA Church
Woman's Faith Circle	Wednesday 18 th March	9:30am	Parish Hall
MMP Cenacle (Rosary & Reading)	Thursday 19 th March	5:00pm	Chapel
Solemn Vespers & Benedictions	Sunday 22 nd March	4:00pm	STA Church
Crafternoon	Friday 27 th March	4:00pm	Parish Hall
Men's Group	Wednesday 8 th April	7:00pm	Parish Hall
Morning Tea	Thursday 9 th April	10:15am	Parish Hall

What is Laetare Sunday?

Most Catholics today are used to the Mass being conducted in English, and they hardly ever think about the fact that Latin remains the official language of the Catholic Church. But occasionally, Latin reasserts itself, as it does in the case of Laetare Sunday.

Answer: Laetare Sunday is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Laetare means "Rejoice" in Latin, and the Introit (entrance antiphon) in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo is Isaiah 66:10-11, which begins "Laetare, Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem").

Because the midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow," and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead. Flowers, which are normally forbidden during Lent, may be placed on the altar. Traditionally, the organ was never played during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday.

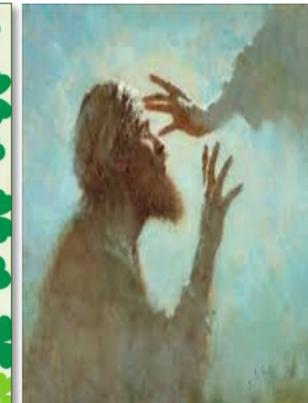
Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, and it has a counterpart in Advent Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, when purple vestments are exchanged for rose ones.

The point of both days is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of each respective penitential season.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MORNING TEA

All parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate St Patrick's Day at a morning tea, hosted by the Catholic Woman's League

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH
AFTER 9:30AM MASS
IN THE PARISH HALL



Lenten Devotions

Each Thursday during Lent, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11:00am - 12noon in the Church.
Each Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross 9:00am in the Chapel

Board

A Catholic lady who is moving to the Highlands is seeking accommodation. She will be working at the hospital. She is a non-smoker and pet free. If anyone is interested in helping please contact the parish office.

Catholic Women's League

The next Catholic Women's League Meeting will be held on Monday, 16th March in the Parish Hall at 10.30am.

We extend a warm welcome those who are interested in CWL and its purpose to join us for the meeting followed by morning tea.

Crafternoon

Friday 27th March,
4pm to 6pm, Parish Hall
All welcome!

* Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

Be inspired by Easter memories and traditions. Bring a hat to decorate or help someone decorate theirs for an Easter Hat Parade that will take place at Crafternoon in April.

A selection of crafting supplies will be available on the day.

Kairos Prison Ministry- Letters and Cookies Reminder

Thank you to all our parishioners who collected instructions to writing a short letter to an inmate and/or willingness to bake cookies by the dozen. An important reminder that these will be collected next weekend, 21st /22nd March. As Pam and Edwin enter prison next Sunday afternoon, we please ask Sunday night contributions to be delivered at the three earlier weekend masses. The team Formation was completed this weekend. Over 32 hours over four full days in Nowra, the team has bonded to present a loving united front. Please pray for hearts and minds to come together with the 30 inmates participating. May it be a discovery of God's unconditional love and new hope for all those in need.