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*We welcome all parishioners and visitors to our Mater Christi family*

### Fr Peter's Message

Lent is a period of six and half weeks from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. During Lent for 40 days (excluding Sundays) fasting is recommended for all Catholics. The 40 days remind us of Jesus' time in the desert before he began His public ministry.

Lent is also a time of spiritual preparation for us to celebrate the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. It is a time of penitence other than fasting. It is a time of prayer.

Vatican II declares: "The Lenten season has a two-fold character: - It stresses a penitential spirit - It recalls baptism or prepares us for it." This time is an opportunity to pay closer attention to the word of God. It is also a time for more ardent prayer. The Church provides an extra prayer of blessing at the end of the Lenten Masses, to help us in the effort we make during this season. This prayer supports us in the efforts we make. The three key words of lent are: **PRAYER - FASTING - ABSTAINING**

Remember No meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Many choose not to eat meat on Fridays during Lent. Perhaps part of our prayer would be to pray together as a family or come to one of the weekday Masses.



### Project Compassion Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above **or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) **or by calling:** 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

### ASH WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH

#### MASS SCHEDULE

7am Mater Christi Church  
 9am Mater Christi Church  
 9am Hammond Park Catholic Primary School  
 6pm Mater Christi Church

#### Liturgy at Mater Christi

Monday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Tuesday	5pm	<b>Adoration</b>
	6pm	<b>Mass</b>
Wednesday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Thursday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Friday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Saturday	5pm	<b>Confession</b>
	6pm	<b>Saturday Vigil</b>
Sunday	8am	<b>Mass</b>
	9am	<b>Mass (HPCPS)</b>
	10am	<b>Mass</b>
	5pm	<b>Mass</b>

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - During the Lenten season the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are prayed every Friday at 6pm in the Church beginning on 7th March.



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### Saturday Morning Mass

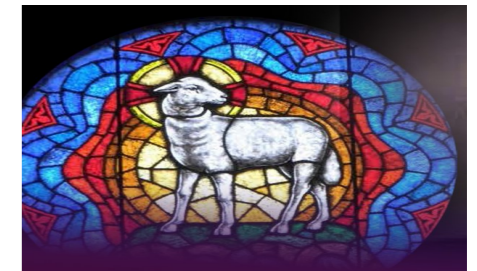
As of the first Saturday of Lent **8th March**, we will commence a Saturday morning Mass. This Mass will be at 9am. We will also be available for Reconciliation after this Mass. We will give it a trial during the Lenten season and review it over the Easter period.

### Lenten Reflection

Please join us for a Lenten reflection every Friday morning during Lent beginning Friday 7th March after the 9am Mass in the Chapel of Innocents. The focus will be on the Sorrowful Mysteries.

### Parish Lenten Recollection Day - 15th March

- 9am Mass
- 9.30am to 10am Morning Tea
- 10am to 10.30am Talk
- 10.30am to 11am Rosary
- 11am to 12 noon Adoration & Benediction
- 12 noon to 12.30pm Finish with a light lunch



A **Day of Recollection** in the Catholic context is a dedicated time for Christians to deepen their relationship with God. It typically involves: **Prayer and Meditation:** Participants spend a few hours in prayer, guided by meditation and spiritual reading. **Withdrawal from Daily Life:** It is an opportunity to step away from the noise and cares of everyday life to focus on spiritual growth. **Setting Up a Conducive Environment:** This will be in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. A Day of Recollection is a valuable opportunity for spiritual renewal and reflection. All parishioners are invited to participate in this recollection morning to help them practice the spirit of prayer this Lent.

### Parents, Altar Servers, and Guild Members

Please note that the link to the roster until the end of March is now available for updating. Kindly add your child's name to the roster based on your availability. Please also use the roster to see if there are any Masses with few or no servers and support the ministry by volunteering at those Masses if possible. Link to Roster: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OGvWRNOssDeg3SO0N31tAKmCjLsqJpCjecRmshD9DB4/edit?gid=0#gid=0>. If for some reason you are unable to access the roster, please request access via the email [materchristaltarservers@gmail.com](mailto:materchristaltarservers@gmail.com).

### Upcoming NEW and existing Altar Server Training & Sausage Sizzle - Saturday 29th March

Please submit your registration for the upcoming training using the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0DLdXn7jL7Hck6J2G32UGUMm8AimlxpRWOwoPOMhwJ0wvlg/viewform>. Please SAVE THE DATE for this training. Parents who are interested in volunteering for the sausage sizzle can also leave their details using the same link. Your registrations are essential to ensure we can cater adequately for all attendees.

Please join the Mater Christi Altar Servers WhatsApp group for timely updates at WhatsApp Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DZvmqCbeGJH0bGTi1kTScm>. Thank you for your time and commitment.



This Week's Meeting Dates & Times			
Date	Time	Group	Venue
Sunday 2nd March	16:00	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Church
Tuesday 4th March	18:30	RCIA	Office Meeting Room
Wednesday 5th March	15:45	RCIYP	Office Meeting Room
Thursday 6th March	18:30	Parents Sacramental Program (Session 2)	Church
Saturday 8th March	14:30	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Church
	14:45	Bible Study	Office Meeting Room

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

2 March 2025

**First Reading Sir 27:4-7**

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

**Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
**Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.**  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Lk 6:39-45**

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2**

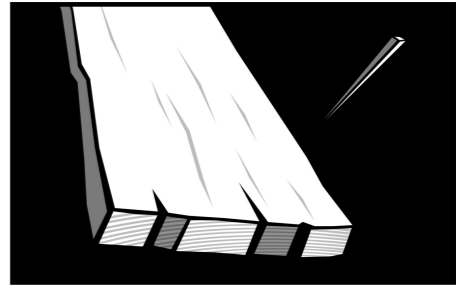
*(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58**

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



**'Why do we do that?'**  
*by Fr Nicholas*

John the Baptist once famously declared, *behold the Lamb of God; who takes away the sins of the world.* (Jn. 1:29). He recognised Jesus walking by the Sea of Galilee and, fulfilling his unique role of preparing the people to recognise the Christ when He came, pointed Him out as the Lamb of God. But this is a rather peculiar way to identify Jesus, right! The *Lamb of God*; this is a loaded Scriptural term. It has its origins already in the stories of Able and even Abraham, but it harks back to the Passover in Egypt. The Jews were spared the horrifying visit of the Angel of Death because their door posts were marked with the blood of a young lamb, the meat of which was consumed in the same house. Every year the Jews were to remember this event by offering in sacrifice a lamb without blemish, hereby sustaining their faith in God who would always deliver them from their oppressors. But of course, this Old Testament event foreshadowed the real deliverance God would work, not from temporal slavery but from sin and death. However, this could not be accomplished by the sacrifice of an irrational animal. Only the life of the God-man could deliver souls from the power of death. This is precisely what John the Baptist announced, and what is recalled to our minds at every Mass. When the priest holds before us our Eucharistic Lord he also declares, *behold the Lamb of God... We are invited to consume the real Lamb of God whose Blood washes away all sin and whose Body is the pledge of eternal life.*

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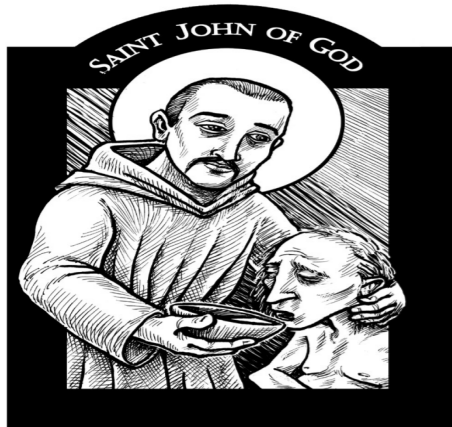
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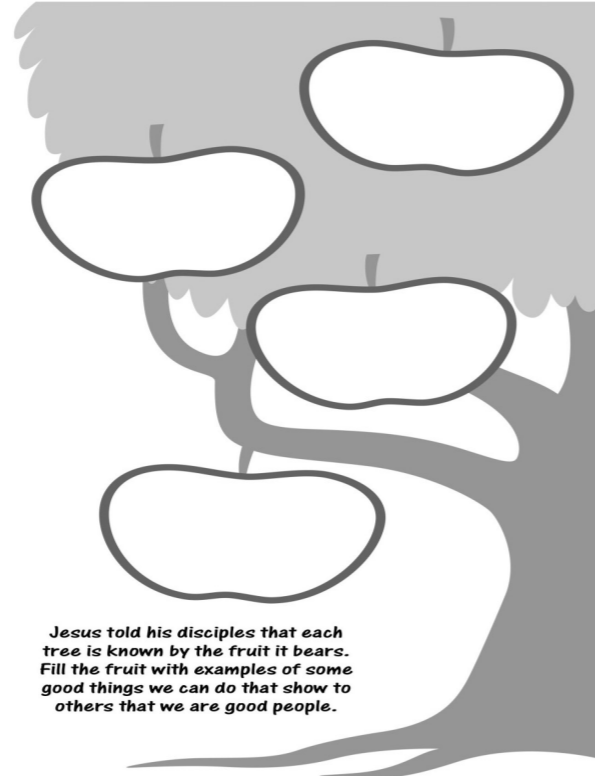
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**S**t John of God was originally a soldier who fought for Spain against the French and the Turks. Around the age of forty, he repented his former life and converted to a life of service to God. In 1539 he bought a house and gave shelter and care to the sick and needy. After his death, John's followers formed a Religious Order of hospitalers, the Brothers of St John of God. He is the patron saint of nurses, hospitals and the sick.



Jesus told his disciples that each tree is known by the fruit it bears. Fill the fruit with examples of some good things we can do that show to others that we are good people.

**Wordsearch**

Try to find these words:



- character
- eye
- faithful
- log
- palm
- speck
- students
- teacher
- test
- tree
- true
- words

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