

THIS SUNDAY:

17 March / 5th Sunday of Lent
 10 am **Sung Mass**
 Preacher: Fr Joseph Gabor

NEXT SUNDAY:

24 March / Palm Sunday
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- DURING THIS WEEK:**

Monday 18th March/ Lent Feria
 7.30 am Morning Prayer + MASS
 12.00 pm Art for Wellness for Adults
 17.15 pm Artworkshop for Kids (Beaufort Park)
 18.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 19th March / Lent Feria
 7.30 am Morning Prayer + MASS
 11 am Beaufort Park Coffee Morning
 18.00 pm Evening Prayer Communion

Wednesday 20th March/ Lent Feria
 7.30 am Morning Prayer + MASS
 12.00pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS with Communion + Lunch Club**

18.00 pm Evening Prayer
 19.15 pm Bible Study in Beaufort P.

Thursday 21st March/ Lent Feria
 7.30 am Morning Prayer + MASS
 18.00 pm Evening Prayer
 19.15 pm Bible Study Group in Beaufort Park – John's Gospel with Holy Communion

Friday 22nd March / Lent Feria
 7.30 am Morning Prayer
 6.00 pm Evening Prayer
 12.00 pm private **Stations of The Cross** prayed in the Church (booklets on the side-person's desk)

On Sundays:
 5-6 pm: Art for Wellness for Adults in Beaufort Park

FROM FATHER JOSEPH

Prayer for Public Confession at the beginning of Sunday Worship

- Almighty and merciful God, you have brought us together in the name of your Son to receive your mercy and grace in our time of need.
- Open our eyes to see the evil we have done. Touch our hearts and convert us to yourself.
- Where sin has divided and scattered, may your love make one again; where sin has brought weakness, may your power heal and strengthen; where sin has brought death, may your Spirit raise to new life.
- Give us a new heart to love you, so that our lives may reflect the image of your Son.
- May the world see the glory of Christ revealed in your church, and come to know that he is the one whom you have sent, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

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✠ 17th MARCH 2024 5th Sunday - Lent Year B

Welcome to St. Augustine's, Grahame Park especially if you are visiting us for the first time. The Order of Mass is in the Mass booklet. ✠ We aspire to be CONFIDENT – CREATIVE – COMPASSIONATE ambassadors of Christ!



✠ On Easter Sunday, after mass: '**Bring and Share**' PARISH LUNCH with relaxing music in the Hall.

✠ Easter Service times: Maundy Thursday 6.30 pm / Good Friday service 2 pm / Easter Vigil on Saturday 8 pm.

✠ Our Church council looked into the problem of making our church water-tight again. Some urgent fixes are on their way, thank you for your patience.

✠ Our '**Lent Book**' group on Thursdays. "*Lent with the Beloved Disciple*", Ch 5.

✠ Bishop's Chrism Mass with him on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 11am (EC4A3EF).

✠ Next church cleaning: 28th March Thu 12 pm/ Next PCC: 22nd April Mo 7.15 pm

The sick: Navette Levien, Margaret Sefa-Antwi, Phoebe Wadiba, Father Bernard Dagnall, Elfrida Boye-Doe, Robert Tunnicliff, Thelma Wint, Marvin Fuster

Anniversaries of Death: MARCH • 17th Valerie Gladden, Veronica McGilviray • 18th John Hedges, Fiona Hunter • 19th Sheila McDonnell, Margaret Miller • 20th Valerie Alexander, Dorothy Marsden • 21st Phyllis Campbellf • 22nd William Miller • 23rd Joseph Allen, Florence Blake

THE PROPER OF THE MASS (also as 'food for thought for the week')

• **The Eucharistic minister announces the antiphon and the hymn:**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP ✠ ('Entrance Antiphon') *Cf. Ps 42:1-2*
 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN ✠ *Be thou my guardian and guide*

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COLLECT

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Prophet Isaiah (31:31-34)

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the

House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind. // *The Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSE

A pure heart create for me, O God

Psalms 50(51):3-4,12-15

SECOND READING

From Saint Paul’s Letter to Hebrews (5:7-9)

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation. // *The Word of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 12:16

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (12:20-33)

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die. // *This is the Gospel of the Lord*

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(Mass booklet)

• **The Eucharistic minister announces the hymn:**

OFFERTORY HYMN ~ *Light of the minds that know him*

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

• **The Eucharistic minister announces the antiphon and the hymn:**

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.

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Soul of my Saviour*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

• **The Eucharistic minister announces the antiphon and the hymn:**

FINAL HYMN ~ *Soldiers of Christ, arise*

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PARISH CATECHISM **The Theological Virtues 4 / Sin**

Charity/Love is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. Jesus made love a commandment. By loving one another the disciples imitate the love of Jesus. The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our *enemies*, and to love children and the poor, and the sufferer, as Christ himself. Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love. The fruits of charity are joy, peace and mercy. Charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction.

The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit. The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The seven *gifts* of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The *fruits* of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. These are: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.

Sin. Sin is an offence against reason, truth, and right conscience. It is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse (wrong) attachment to certain goods. Sin wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity.

Sin is an offence against God. It turns our hearts away from Him. Sin is disobedience, a revolt against God, like the first sin, we want to be like ‘like god’. It is precisely in the Passion, when the mercy of Christ is about to vanquish it, that sin most clearly manifests its violence in many forms: unbelief, murderous hatred, mockery, cruelty, and betrayal.