

# Catholic Parishes of St. Andrew's Malabar & St. Agnes' Matraville

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat. 5pm - 5.15pm

Also available by appointment

School: 9311 1995

## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Go Make Disciples,*

**The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney**

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Roy Simon, John Brennan, Sr. Maureen (Brian) Brazel, &

Marika Gubasci.

Anniversary: Inez & Angela D'Souza, Alda Balacco, Jenny Moy, Isabel Hayson, Michael Gubasci,

Terry McGuinness, Troy Perey, Connie Silvio, & Graham Twitchings.



Please try to download the Service NSW app so that your phone can scan the **QR Code**

**St Agnes' and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe**

*Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend.*

**Please observe signs on the pews.**

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation,

please form **one line** & keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles

**EASTER ROSTER** for Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, in the Annexe

### From my desk

Greetings to all on this 5th Sunday of Lent, which used to be called Passion Sunday. This Sunday, begins the journey towards Palm Sunday, then onto the Easter Triduum. You will notice our statutes are now covered, preparing us for that moment in time, that our salvation was given to us by Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. The covering of statues assists us to focus our minds on the Cross, and what is central of that salvific action of Jesus.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday (Please try to wear red), if you are able to donate palm branches, large ones for the Altar and small for parishioners please bring them on Thursday 25 or Friday 26th for Malabar parish, I believe Chris is organising Matraville. We are still requiring people to participate in the Easter Triduum (celebrations) please consider to be part of our week of weeks. Thank you in anticipation!

Recently I received news, that Archbishop Fisher O.P., Our Archbishop will be installing me as Parish Priest, on Sunday 18th April, at 10am at Malabar. There will be no 9am Mass that Sunday. As our capacity is 185 people at our Mass, hopefully things might change before then otherwise we will need to register online. Let's hope and pray things will change and many can come to this celebration.

Don't forget Project Compassion giving, and return your envelopes in any of the collection boxes.

God bless,

**Fr John**

### OPEN DAYS/TWILIGHT EVENINGS

Champagnat College Pagewood, Wed, 24 March (3-6.30pm)

Stations of the Cross will be on **Fridays of Lent at 7pm (both parishes).**

Easter Colouring Books and Cards available in Piety Stall (\$3.50).

### PROJECT COMPASSION

enables us to observe Lent in a practical way by supporting Caritas's work among the needy people of the world.



**Choir Practice for Easter Triduum** at Malabar Tues, 23 March, 7pm, in the church. New singers welcome.

**All in the Planned Giving and those wanting to join** (St Andrew's Parish), are kindly asked to fill in the notification form on the pews. If we have accurate information, we may be able to give a higher tax deduction in the new financial year. **Sincere thanks for your generosity.**

### Where will Fr John be??

This Week Saturday, 20 March - 5pm Malabar, Sunday 21 March - 10am Matraville  
Next Week Sunday, 27 March - 5pm Malabar, Sunday 28 March - 9am Malabar

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

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 to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

## DYING IN ORDER TO LIVE

As Holy Week approaches, we are invited to enter more deeply into our own hearts and to accompany Jesus as he searches his heart in preparing to undergo his passion. The readings focus not only on the new life that we are offered, but also on the decisions that must be made to die to what is false within us so that God's new life may grow and flourish within us.

Jeremiah spoke to his contemporaries about the new covenant that God wanted to plant in their hearts. He powerfully calls for a decision to renewal. Would they give God the space in which to plant a seed? Did they have the courage to leave their past behind and journey towards a new future?

In the second reading and the Gospel we see how Jesus also shared in our struggle to choose the life that comes from dying to self. In the letter to the Hebrews, we are presented with the image of Jesus as God's Son who, like us, must search, struggle and pray so that the seed might grow and flourish. Some people may be disquieted by the image of Jesus having to come to perfection through struggle. It is a most precious gift – this is how seriously God takes it when God becomes one like us and shares in our humanity. In the gospel we see Jesus wrestling with this moment which is paradoxically the moment when he is already glorified. It is the moment of decision, when he must choose to become the living example of the seed that dies in order to live.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**



# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

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## FIRST READING

Jer 31: 31-34

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.**

*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

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.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12  
**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me, / that I may teach transgressors your ways / and sinners may return to you. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Heb 5: 7-9

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.**

*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

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.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12: 26

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; / and where I am, my servant will also be. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**