

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year C

27th March 2022

First Reading Jos 5:9-12 A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

IONA-MARYKNOLL & KOOWEERUP

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Safeguarding

Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk.

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Monday 28/3	NO MASS	
Tuesday 29/3	Iona	9.30 am
Wednesday 30/3	Iona	9.30am
Thursday 31/3	Kooweerup	9.15 am
Friday 1/4	Nar Nar Goon	9.30am
Saturday 2/4	NNG	6.00pm
Sunday 3/4	Kooweerup Iona	9.30am 11.00am
Liturgies	Maryknoll Lang Lang	9.00am 9.30am

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5.30 to 5.50 NNG

1st, 4th and 5th Sundays 9.00 to 9.20 KWR

Other times by appointment

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Our parishes acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



Prayer For Ukraine.

This Friday, March 25, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Bishop Greg is inviting Catholics in the Diocese of Sale to join with all Catholics in Australia to find time to pray for peace in Ukraine.

Bishop Greg echoes the words of Archbishop Mark Coleridge, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, who said the Feast of the Annunciation, when the Church celebrates Mary's "yes" to the call of God, is a good day for the Consecration – a day when the world says "yes" to the call of peace.



This weekend In the Kooweerup parish we welcome

Leo Vincenzo Barclay

Son of Joshua and Gloria

Into the Christian community
and life of Christ

**..may the flame of light received today
be kept alive
and shine and glow for
others to see and to use..
..to be a light of Christ for all.**



Parish Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Susan Kelly, Rose Ahrens

Anniversaries :

Recent Deaths:

"Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND

Iona: Stewardship—\$1260.85 Presbytery— \$625.20

KWR: Stewardship—\$990.00 Presbytery - \$587.00

<http://imkcatholicparishes.com.au/donate>
Or contact your Parish office. **Thank you**

EASTER SERVICES

Stations of the cross & Reconciliation



St. Joseph's, Iona: **Wednesday 6th April: 6PM**
St. Johns' Koo Wee Rup: **Thursday 7th April: 6PM**
St. James, Nar Nar Goon: **Friday 8th April: 6PM**

Holy Thursday 14th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper
St. Joseph's Iona 7:30PM
Followed by adoration for an hour.

Good Friday 15th April

Stations of the Cross –
Maryknoll 10.00am Kooweerup 11.00am
St. Joseph's Iona: **Solemn liturgy of the Passion 3PM**
followed by sacrament of reconciliation.

Easter Vigil Saturday 16th April

St. John's Koo Wee Rup: 7.30PM

Easter Sunday 17th April

St. James Nar Nar Goon: 8.30AM
St Mary's Lang Lang: 9.30am
St. Joseph Iona: 10:00 AM

Parish Reading Rosters

26th/27th March	READERS	MUSIC / LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	BERNADETTE	KERRY	
KWR	JOAN		
IONA	ALISON		
MKNOLL	NO LITURGY		
LANG LANG	VOLUNTEER	MARY C	
2nd/3rd April	READERS	MUSIC/LEADER	SPECIAL MINISTER
NNG	Therese V		
KWR	PETER K		
IONA	LEONIE		
MKNOLL	KERRY	MAM	GADY
LANG LANG	MARY C	MICK K	

Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

DATE	IONA- MARYKNOLL	KOOWEERUP
MARCH 27TH	MARY S	
APRIL 3RD	JO/KERRY	

Church cleaning/flowers

MKNOLL	IONA	NNG
APRIL— MARYCLAIRE	3RD APRIL RACHEL SCANLON	20/3 TO 3/4— SHARON
MAY—SHARON	10TH APRIL MARY SAYERS	4/4 TO 16/4 KAREN LAWLOR

PRAYER GROUP IONA

Meets every Thursday morning at 9.30am at Iona.
FOR DETAILS CONTACT: MARY SAYERS: 5629 5339

FRIENDS OF JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP KWR

2nd Tuesday of the month 1.00pm at the St John's meeting room.

Next Meeting:

Parish Events/Information

PARISH OFFICES Iona-Maryknoll parish office is located behind St James Church. 60 Nar Nar Goon Rd Nar Nar Goon - **Open Tuesdays 10.30 to 3.30 and Friday 9.00 to 1.00**—Sharon (Parish Secretary) Ph. 0456000990 Email: ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au **Please note change of hours.**

Kooweerup Parish office is located at the Presbytery. 166-168 Station Street Kooweerup (facing Salmon St) Contact Anne Nunn. Phone 59971510 Mob. 0457971265 Email: kooweerup@cdsale.org.au

IONA-MARYKNOLL PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE Des Wynne (Chair), Gady Noonan (minutes) Frank Rovers, Leo Garvey, Sharon Sparks, Ray Hearn and John Van Bortel Next meeting: **Tuesday April 5th 7.30pm at NNG**

KOOWEERUP FINANCE COMMITTEE: Members—John Hester, Enzo Buccheri, Harold Keily, Peter Feltham
Next meeting—Sunday March 27th 7.00pm

Parish Finance committees advise the Parish Priest on financial policies and matters of the Parish.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Iona-Mknoll reps: Sam Franz, Rose Ahrens KWR reps: Peter Gallagher, Peter Damon, Bernie Hance. Minutes secretary—Sharon Sparks Ex officio members: Andrew Greco, Chris Dortmans, Bec Kollaris

Next meeting Thursday March 31st at KWR 6.00pm—PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME

HALL HIRE: For hire information of our Parish halls please contact - Iona hall— Liz Harrison. Mob. 0437759844, Fr Pooley Hall Maryknoll— Sharon Sparks. Mob. 0411500364.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Meets on the 4th Sunday of the month.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE STALL

The CWL are once again having a stall at the upcoming Maryknoll market

Sunday April 10th 9am to 1pm

If you are able to assist with donations of cakes or other items
please contact Liz 0437 759 844 or Marcia 59428253



Please come along and support the CWL who are raising money for
Trinity families.

The market also assists the Fr Pooley Hall committee,
in raising money for maintenance of the Hall.

Lots of stalls, entertainment, BBQ, coffee etc.



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Today's gospel is perhaps the most famous of the parables that are unique to the Gospel of Luke. Sadly, what is often overlooked is the accusation aimed at Jesus that leads into the telling of this and two other shorter parables (the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin – Lk 15:4-10). The Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus of what they regard to be abhorrent behaviour in relation to the purity code that dominated 1st Century life: not only does Jesus welcome sinners, he actually shares meals with them. This would be absolutely scandalous behaviour. Who you ate with was a reflection of who you were. To eat with sinners and the unclean effectively made you a sinner and unclean.

The three parables Jesus tells in response to this accusation are all about the lost being found and great rejoicing over the finding of the lost sheep, lost coin, or lost son. The Gospel of Luke – more so than any of the others – has a very strong focus on the message of Jesus being addressed to and welcomed by the outcasts and marginalised; in other words, the 'lost' of his society. Rather than being embarrassed by the accusation that he ate with sinners, Jesus would have worn those words like a badge of honour. It was exactly what his mission and ministry was all about – being one with the poor; the outcast; the sinful; the lost. The three parables, and particularly the parable of the lost son, demonstrate the joy of a loving God when one who was lost returns. The extravagant welcome the prodigal son receives from his father is symbolic of the extravagance of God's love that will be poured out for any 'sinner' who returns to God.