

Mass Intentions from April 2-8, 2022

Sat. Apr 2/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Apr 2/11:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Henry Haddad Giuseppina Fusco Eileen Shanahan Leonila Jardelez Cian	-Teresa Baird - Samia Cassar - Anna Muzzo - Shanahan & Scott - Josephine Caine & family
Wed. Apr 6/10:00 a.m.	Val Bastone Victor Chartier	- Anna Muzzo - Doreen, Rick, Lise, Cindy, Kristin, Glenn, Stephanie, Christian, Alexa, Kate, Penny
Thu. Apr 7/10:00 a.m.	Antonio Muzzo	- Lina Pavoni
Fri. Apr 8/10:00 a.m.	Sam Atallah	- Atallah family

5th SUNDAY IN LENT (Year C)

“Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.”

First Reading (Isaiah 43:16-21)

God’s merciful love for us is as welcome as a stream in the desert. It gives life and joy to all.

Second Reading (Philippians 3:8-14)

The past is of no account; the future is full of promise. Nothing can compare with the privilege of belonging to Christ.

Gospel (John 8:1-11)

Christ’s forgiveness is total and reaches out to each of us. Accusers and accused alike are set free.

Reflection:

Lent is a time of spiritual re-birth.

We are given the opportunity to focus on what is essential in our relationship with our God. That which is dead and non-productive must be removed and buried so that new life which comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus can have an effect in our lives. If we make Good use of these 40 days, we will be able to celebrate the paschal mystery of our salvation during the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Everybody, it seems, has a past, a history, a skeleton in the cupboard. We all have things that we are ashamed of, that we would not want to be brought to light. Sin does to each of us the very things that it did to the woman in today’s reading. It isolates us from our God, our community, and from our very selves. It prevents us from becoming the real person we are called to be, the person God wants us to be. Sin blocks that, it cuts off all our relationship and leaves us desperately alone and isolated. If we condemn others, we must also condemn our own sinfulness. Jesus looks beyond the issue to the person in need and breaks right through the barriers that sin sets up. He does this not by condemning or punishing, but simply by offering forgiveness. Our future lies in accepting God’s forgiveness and dying to self.

May you keep your eyes focused on where the Lord Jesus is calling you to be and may you realize that Jesus is offering you a fuller life than what you are experiencing now.

APRIL 3 IS THE FEAST OF SAINT RICHARD OF CHICHESTER

Born (1197 - 3 April 1253), also known as Richard de Wych, is saint (canonized 1262) who was Bishop of Chichester. Richard was born in Burford, near the town of Wyche (modern Droitwich, Worcestershire) and was an orphan member of a gentry family. On the death of their parents Richard's elder brother was heir to the estates but he was not old enough to inherit, so the lands were subject to a feudal wardship. On coming of age his brother took possession of his lands, but was required to pay a medieval form of death duty that left the family so impoverished that Richard had to work for him on the farm. His brother also made Richard heir to the estate. According to Richard's biographers, friends tried to arrange a match with a certain noble lady. However Richard rejected the proposed match, suggesting that his brother might marry her instead; he also reconveyed the estates back to his brother, preferring a life of study and the church.

*Richard is widely remembered today for the popular prayer ascribed to him:
Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly.*



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
Giving thanks to the Lord.**

**Our First Community Event PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held on
Sunday after the 11 am mass at the parish hall.
Pancakes and coffee will be served.
ALL ARE INVITED.
As we are continuously being blessed with abundance, a Goodwill
offering to help the less fortunate in our parish is encouraged.
Thank you for your continued generosity.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE		
Passion Sunday		
09 April -	4:30 pm	St. Patrick’s Square
10 April -	11:00 am	Parish Mass
Holy Thursday		
14 April -	6:00 pm	Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday		
15 April -	2:30 pm	Confession
	3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
16 April -	6:30 pm	Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY		
17 April	9:00 am	Mass at the St. Patrick’s Square
	11:00 am	Mass at the Parish



**REMEMBERING
YOUR LOVED ONES
AT THE RESURRECTION**



For the past few years we have been suggesting that if you wish to **“remember your loved ones”** by offering flowers for the sanctuary, you may do so by using your green bordered **“Easter Flower”** envelope provided in your box or you may use a blank envelope.

Please **write clearly ONLY THE NAMES OF YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES ON THE ENVELOPE**. Their names will be mentioned in the Easter Bulletin.

Envelopes will be accepted until Palm Sunday.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GOODWILL OFFERING.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2022

“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul’s exhortation to the Galatians: “Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (kairós), let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10).

2. “Let us not grow tired of doing good”

Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives. May the corporal fasting to which Lent calls us fortify our spirit for the battle against sin. Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, knowing that God never tires of forgiving. [3] Let us not grow tired of fighting against concupiscence, that weakness which induces to selfishness and all evil, and finds in the course of history a variety of ways to lure men and women into sin (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 166). One of these is addiction to the digital media, which impoverishes human relationships. Lent is a propitious time to resist these temptations and to cultivate instead a more integral form of human communication (*ibid.*, 43) made up of “authentic encounters” (*ibid.*, 50), face-to-face and in person.

Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours. During this Lent, may we practise almsgiving by giving joyfully (cf. 2 Cor 9:7). God who “supplies seed to the sower and bread for food” (2 Cor 9:10) enables each of us not only to have food to eat, but also to be generous in doing good to others. While it is true that we have our entire life to sow goodness, let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life (cf. Lk 10:25-37). Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely. Let us put into practice our call to do good to all, and take time to love the poor and needy, those abandoned and rejected, those discriminated against and marginalized (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 193).

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