

## Mass Intentions from April 5-11, 2025

Sat. Apr 5/4:30 p.m. Linda Hunt - Erin Shannon

Sun. Apr 6/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird -Teresa Baird  
Henry Haddad - Samia Cassar  
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott family  
Vincenzo & Elisa Bertucci - Caterina Romano  
Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino - Nick Cicchino  
Deceased members of Chung family - Jacqueline & Jeanine

Wed. Apr 9/10:00 a.m. Antonio & Carolina Muzzo - Anna Muzzo

Thu. Apr 10/10:00 a.m. Benedetta Di-Murro - Daughters

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Devotion 9:30 to 10:00 am

Fri. Apr 11/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott,  
Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family - Teresa Baird

### Meditations on the Stations of the Cross after the 10:00 am mass. St. Patricks SQ: Stations of the Cross 4 pm.

## 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)

I am about to do a new thing: I will give drink to my chosen people.

### Second Reading (Philippians 3:8-14)

I have suffered the loss of all things, in order that I may gain 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:

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.**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday

13 April - 10:00 am Parish Mass

### Holy Thursday

17 April - 6:30 pm Mass of the Last Supper & Washing of the Feet

### Good Friday

18 April - 2:30 pm Confession  
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
4:00 pm Meditations on the Way of the Cross

19 April - 6:30 pm **Easter Vigil at the parish**

### EASTER SUNDAY

20 April - 9:00 am Mass at the St. Patrick's Square  
10:00 am Mass at the Parish

## HELPING THE NEEDY FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners, through your generosity St. Richards was able to prepare 30 food baskets during Christmas 2024, for the needy and newly arrived families in the Mosaic School in our parish.

These families and a few more with children are still facing hardship. During this Lenten season and all year round,  
**let us follow Jesus teaching**

**“What you do unto your brother you do for me”.**

**Within your means if you can help, St. Richards wishes to give food vouchers to these families for Easter.**

*Please use the specially marked brown envelopes at the back of the church for your donation **until next Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.***

**As always ...thank you for helping your fellow parishioners.**



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families.  
**By -Teresa Baird.**

## Sick and Shut-Ins

**If you have a family member or know of a friend who is shut-in and wish to receive Holy Communion or a visit from our pastoral home care team please call the parish office.  
We are here to serve you.**

Collection for March 23 was \$ 810.50  
Thank you for your contribution.



## What Lent means to me

**Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to GOD.**

The Gospel is GOD's "love letter" to the world, written on a cross, sealed in blood and opened in the resurrection. It is a letter to be read to the entire world:

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.**

### Lenten Reflection

If we wish to change the outer aspects of our lives we must first change the inner attitudes of our minds.

The miracle of inner change is possible.

Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. It calls for self-discipline.

You have to command yourself and make yourself do what needs to be done.

The change of heart to which Lent calls us can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer.

### Our Father

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all.**

**Let us help You fill the starving with good things, not with scraps from our table.**

**Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep. Clothe us with Your love that we may complete each good work you created us to do.**

**Place in our hearts Your compassion for each starving child and use our little acts of love so that they starve no more.**

**Amen.**