

Mon 1 Apr Liturgy of the Day

Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30; John 4:43-54
"The man believed what Jesus said to him and left." The belief expressed here is in reality an example of boundless trust. What would our lives be like if we could take Jesus at his word?

Tue 2 Apr (St Francis of Paola, H)

Ezekiel 47:1-9; Psalm 46; John 5:1-16
"The recollection of an injury is a rusty arrow and poison for the soul." (Francis of Paola). The harbouring of hurt and anger can become a chain which binds and controls our lives. Forgive... and let go.

Wed 3 Apr Liturgy of the Day

Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145; John 5:17-30
Seeking "God's will" means to rely upon God to help you make good decisions, acknowledging that you have been given a heart to love, and a will to choose to decide what is best for your life - in Jesus.

Thu 4 Apr (St Isidore, BD)

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106; John 5:31-47
"If a person wants to be always in God's company, they must play regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us." (St Isidore)

Fri 5 Apr (St Vincent Ferrer, Pr)

Wisdom 2:1:12-22; Psalm 34; John 7:1-2:10:25-30
"If you truly want to help your neighbour, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire." (St Vincent Ferrer)

Sat 6 Apr Liturgy of the Day

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7; John 7:40-53
Sometimes we may find Jesus' words mysterious and challenging. But we need to remember that the way of discipleship is not the way of absolute certainty. It is one grounded in faith, hope and love.

Sun 7 Apr 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; John 8:1-11
Karl Marx said that religion is an escapism, an opiate to dull a harsh life, a flight from reality. Is your faith rooted in action, in helping to bring about the Kingdom of God? What kind of believer are you?

(KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial))

H=Hermist; B=Bishop; D=Doctor; Pr=Priest

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9, 10-12.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 34.

RESPONSE:

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, praise of him is always in my mouth. 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 lowly one called; the Lord heard, and rescued him from all his distress. R

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ, I will arise and go to my father and I will say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life, he was lost and is found.

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FASTING FROM GOSSIP

IF YOU follow Pope Francis on the internet or in the news you must know how much he abhors gossip. You may remember the stir he caused when in his 2014 Christmas message to the Roman Curia he analysed some of the weaknesses in the Vatican and deplored "the disease of gossiping, grumbling and backbiting". He described gossip as a "grave illness which begins simply, perhaps even in small talk, and takes over a person, making him become a 'sower of weeds' (like Satan) and in many cases, a cold-blooded killer of the good name of our colleagues". Elsewhere he has warned about the "terrorism of gossip". He writes "Detraction and calumny are acts of terrorism: a bomb is thrown, it explodes and the attacker walks away calm and contented" (Rejoice and Be Glad, Footnote 73).

The strange irony is that the word "gossip" started out as "god-sibb" meaning a sponsor at baptism! Somewhere along the line this spiritual relationship came to mean communication about a person who is not present in a way that involves evaluation (good or bad). Today, for most people, gossip means damaging a person's name and reputation in their absence.

Another inspired critic of gossip is St James who leaves no doubt about sins of the tongue: "the tongue is a whole wicked world in itself; it infects the whole body; catching fire itself from hell, it sets fire to the whole wheel of creation... the only person who could reach perfection would be someone who never said anything wrong" (James 3:2,6f). He is echoing the words

of Jesus himself who said: "for every unfounded word people utter they will answer on judgement day, since it is by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words condemned" (Matthew 12:36 & 37).

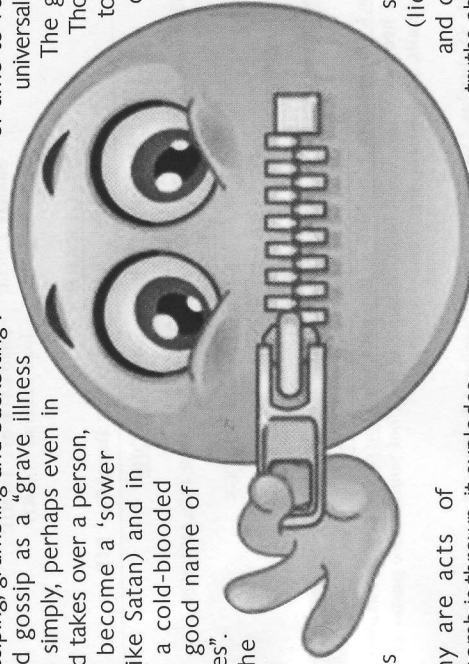
Down the centuries the Church has had plenty of time to reflect on the almost universal practice of gossiping.

The great theologian, St Thomas Aquinas, helped to clarify the subtleties of gossip in an effort to warn people of this tendency. He distinguished between gossip (simply talking about people in their absence), and backbiting - spreading calumny (lies) about people and detraction (divulging truths about others in a way to harm them further). He drew attention to tale-bearing, derision and cursing as other forms of sins of the tongue.

The advice to give up gossiping for Lent is not meant to suggest that it is OK at other times and one can go back and have a "good gossip" from Easter onwards! To be severely practical it might be a way into greater restraint of the tongue to quietly begin by deciding not to gossip about one or two named people, people we are habitually inclined to gossip about. This will make us more sensitive to what we say about everybody.

Another step in the battle against gossip is to train ourselves to say something good about certain particular people who have been the target of our gossip.

"Set a guard over my mouth. O Lord, keep watch over the door of my lips" (Psalm 141:3).



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CHURCH BANKING DETAILS
Bank: Standard Bank Grassy Park.
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Died: We pray for the soul of Maxwell Daniels. May his soul rest in peace.
Stations of the Cross: Will be played on Tuesday 5th April at 11:00am at Q.O. Peace. All Welcome.

a. Mass Offering:	QUEEN OF PEACE	
	Sunday 7.30am - Joan Lazarus - 1st RIP	
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a. Mass Offering:	ST. GERARD'S	
	Sunday 8.00am - Livieme Barendse - RIP	
Weekly Pledge Payments 24th March 2019		
	QUEEN OF PEACE	
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	ST. GERARD'S	
	3030,2462,5411,78,244,3645,3128,7674,7831,7855	
	ST. CLEMENT'S	
	6859,7561,1272,7487,6795,7597,4461,3697,3488,4408,761,1003	

PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENTS
Christmas in July (Snack Dance) 26th July 2019 at Retreat Civic Centre. Tickets are available at R140,00 per person including a Cheese & Wine. Band in attendance is the Cool Sounds. See poster at the back of the church for further details. Please support.

Mothers' Day Breakfast: (Saturday 11th May) in aid of Seniors Christmas Lunch. The Combined Fundraising Team continues to appeal to your generosity for any monetary contributions to buy breakfast items for the Mothers' Day Fundraiser. We need about R5,000.00 to cover cost of bacon & sausage. There is a list at the back of the church if you wish to donate any of the food items listed. We count on your generous hearts as always. Every little bit helps. Limited tickets available @ R50 each after Holy Mass. Contact Judith @ St. Clement's; Chereen J. @ St. Gerard's; Ronald @ Q.O. Peace. All Welcome!

Please Note: There are few more books (Light Through The Bars) left. These can be bought from the parish office at R170.00 per book.

CSP: (Child Safeguarding Policy) It is an Archdiocesan requirement to safeguard our children, therefore a form 29 must be completed by all who are ministering to children at church. All co-ordinators to collect this form from PPC members at your church. A copy of ID to accompany completed form and return to PPC members by 14th April 2019. For any queries Contact Denise Klassen on 082 7288 1469.

Confirmation Final Year - Extra classes will begin on 14th April from 4.00pm - 6.00pm @ Queen of Peace. Three more classes on 28th April; 5th May; & 19th May.

DAY & DATE	MEETINGS & EVENTS	TIME & VENUE
Mon. 1st April	PARISH MISSION	@ Q.O. Peace from 1st-6th Apr.
Wed. 3rd April	Marriage Preparation - 7	@ 7.30pm @ Q.O. Peace
Fri. 5th April	Parish Penitential Service	@ 7.00pm @ Q.O. Peace
Wed. 10th April	BIBLE STUDY	@ 6.00pm @ Q.O. Peace
	Queen of Peace Catechists' meeting	@ 7.30pm
	St. Gerard's Proclaimers' practice	@ 7.00pm
Fri. 12th April	Marriage Preparation - 8	@ 7.30pm @ Q.O. Peace
	Stations of the Cross	@ 7.00pm in all 3 churches
	Practise for Passion Readings (Proclaimers')	After the Stations in 3 churches
Sun. 14th April	PALMSUNDAY - MASS	@ 7.00am & 9.30am @ Q.O.P.
		@ 8.00am @ St. Gerard's
		@ 10.00am @ St. Clement's

PARISH MISSION - 2019 (Animated by Fransalain Priests) @ Queen of Peace
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday - 6.30pm Praise & Worship, 7pm Holy Mass followed by talk, Friday- 6.30pm Praise & worship, 7.00pm Preparation for Confession, 7.30pm Individual Confessions

Preachers & Themes

- Monday (April 1st) - Awesome God - Fr. Phillip MSFS
- Tuesday (April 2nd) - How can I thank God - Fr. Nikseng MSFS
- Wednesday (April 3rd) - Marriage & Family - Fr. Phillip MSFS
- Thursday (April 4th) - Man's sin and God's Mercy - Fr. Phillip MSFS
- Friday (April 5th) - Sacrament of Confession - Fr. Nikseng MSFS
- Saturday (April 6th) - Life in the Spirit - Fr. Nikseng MSFS

Priests available for house visits or counselling on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday during the day on request. Call the parish office to make a request.

During Parish Mission Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday there will be no 8.30am Holy Mass and No Novena on Wednesday & Thursday. There will be Holy Mass at 5.45am at Queen of Peace from Monday to Friday during these days.

Saturday evening Mass will not be our usual Sunday Vigil Mass.

Donations: Requesting you to kindly donate Easter Eggs to the parish.