



St. David's Parish  
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,  
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**MARCH 10, 2024**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

This Sunday has a place apart amongst the Sundays of Lent. As in Advent we had *Gaudete* Sunday, so in Lent we have a Sunday commonly called *Laetare* Sunday. Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near. This Sunday is our foretaste of Easter joy. Knowing the ebb and flow of intensity even in our best efforts, God deals with us tenderly in rhythms of consolation and desertion. So today, thoughts of freedom and joy come in the middle of Lent. But the joy does more than cushion our failing energies and needle our lagging spirits. It is a positive, meaningful joy, born of our fruitful life in Christ and of our sweet

### **Mass Timings**

Saturday Vigil Mass    4.00 Pm  
Sunday Mass                10.00am  
Weekdays                 9.00 am    In Denbigh House

### **READINGS**

First Reading -                Chronicles 36:14-16  
Second Reading -            Eph.2:4-10  
Gospel -                         Jn 3:14-21

### **Reflections:**

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Second Book of Chronicles* 36:14-16, 19-23. It refers to the edict of Cyrus, the king of Persia, permitting the exiles to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple, which had been burned by the Chaldeans as a punishment from God for the infidelities of the Chosen People.

**The Second Reading is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10*. In today's extract St. Paul is emphasizing the gratuitousness of the gift of faith which the Ephesian converts have received. This gift which God gave them, *even when they were sinners*, had united them to Christ, and has given them the right to share in His glorious resurrection and inherit heaven with Him and through Him**

**The Gospel is from St. John 3:14-21. This man Nicodemus had a half-open mind as regards Jesus. He was moved by his teaching and miracles. He defended him when his companions were out to have Jesus arrested. He helped to have him properly buried when his enemies had him put to death, but that was as far as he went, apparently. There is no mention of him in the first Christian community of Jerusalem. What held him back, what kept him from giving himself fully to Jesus who spoke so kindly and told him so clearly that he himself was indeed a teacher who had come from God, that he had been offered by God as the sacrificial victim who would save the world? All Nicodemus had to do was to accept his word, "believe in him" and be baptized and he too would have eternal life.**

**Why did he not do this? The answer is given in the beginning of his story "He came to Jesus by night." He was one of the leading Pharisees and evidently was afraid of what they would think of him had they seen him associating with Jesus. How much more so did he dread what their reactions would be had he become a follower of him whom they called "this impostor." Nicodemus had only half of his mind open to the truth, the other half was closed and barred by his fear of what his own class—the leaders of the Jews—would think of him. He risked his own future happiness in order not to lose the present respect of his sinful associate**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS- March 03, 2024**

<b>Loose cash</b>	<b>115.00</b>
<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>109.01</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>224.01</u></b>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OFFERED BY</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
March 9, Saturday	Serio Rodrigues	Emily Rodrigues- good health
March 10, Sunday	Oswald Pinto	Emily Lusanta Pinto
March 11, Monday	McDonald Family	
March 12, Tuesday	Ruth Fernandes	Thanksgiving
March 13 Wednesday		
March 14, Thursday	Rosalba	Jose,Luke,Liana,cade
March 8, Friday	Mr. and Mrs.Reginold	For the Family

**Let us Remember the Sick in Prayer**

Patrick Ngale, Philip McGreavy, Antony Parry

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

**Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday.**

**ON EMERGENCY ANY TIME 0741-749-4277**

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICE**

<b>Palm Sunday Vigil Mass</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b>
<b>Palm Sunday Morning Mass</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Good Friday Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b>
<b>Good Friday, Passion Liturgy</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>8.30 pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>

## **DONATIONS TO THE PARISH**

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# Registered Charity No. 70042 Schedule for the Holy Week

## ANNIVERSARIES MARCH 9-15

Thomas Kelly , '73: Patricia Baines, Bridget & Ann Cushnahan, Kathleen Clifford
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Charles Albert Lewis, '91: Michael McArdle, '92, Elizabeth Douglas, '04.
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Jessie Hill, '71: Mary O'Neil
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Herbert Stokes, '81: Sr. Teresinie, '92: Mary Fleming
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Eleanor Jones, '71:
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Benjamin Parry, Robert Stephens, '05. Helen Grimshaw, James Connolly, Mary Sheridan, Joan Anne Reul Tokein, 2023
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Fr. Aelred Colman
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