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SUNDAY 2 MARCH - YEAR C

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## NEWTON MASS TIMES

Mon to Sat: 8:00am Mass  
Saturday: 6:00pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9:00am and 5:00pm  
11:00am (Italian)

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:30am - 9:00am  
5.30pm - 6.00pm

## ADORATION TIMES

Mon-Fri after 8am Mass until 9.30am  
1st Friday: 8:00am Mass followed  
by Exposition of the  
Most Blessed Sacrament  
until 5:00pm  
4th Friday: 8.00am Pro Life Mass  
followed by Rosary and  
Adoration until 9.30am

## FAMILY MASS

Every 1st Sunday: 5:00pm

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MASS

Every 4th Sunday: 5:00pm

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“Can a blind person  
guide a blind person?  
Will not both fall  
into a pit?”

Luke 6:39

## 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

### First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

### Responsorial Psalm 91:2-3,13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

### Second Reading Corinthians 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

### Communion Antiphon

I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me, sing psalms to the  
name of the Lord Most High.

This verse is part of a larger passage in which Jesus is addressing a crowd of his followers and delivering what has come to be known as the Sermon on the Plain. In this sermon, Jesus imparts wisdom and teachings that are integral to the Christian faith, and Luke 6:39 is one of the many powerful and thought-provoking passages found within it. The context of this verse is important for understanding its deeper meaning. In the preceding verses, Jesus addresses the themes of judgment, mercy, and forgiveness, challenging his listeners to examine their own hearts and actions. He speaks about the importance of not being hypocritical and emphasizes the need to live a life that is rooted in love and compassion for others. It is within this context that Jesus speaks the parable about the blind leading the blind.

The imagery of falling into a ditch symbolizes the consequences of blindly following those who lack insight and understanding. Jesus is cautioning us against following those who lack true understanding and insight into the ways of God. This message is relevant not only in the context of the time in which Jesus spoke these words but also for contemporary believers. In a world filled with countless sources of information and guidance, this parable serves as a reminder to seek out leaders and mentors who possess spiritual wisdom and understanding. Overall, Luke 6:39 serves as a poignant reminder of the need for discernment and spiritual insight in the journey of faith.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

**TO LOVE:** Am I quick to point out the mistakes of others that I make myself?

**TO SERVE:** Lord Jesus, open my eyes to my faults so that I will not be judgmental of another's shortcomings.

# Pastoral Letter for Lent

Scan the QR code to read the correspondence from Archbishop Patrick O'Regan regarding his Pastoral Letter for Lent 2025, Pilgrims of Hope: *A Lenten Journey in Light of the Synod and Jubilee Year*.



## Celebrating 100 Years

Our long-term parishioner, **Angela Beltrame**, will be celebrating her **100<sup>th</sup> birthday** on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March. We wish to congratulate her on achieving this milestone. For this occasion, Fr Anthony Beltrame will be celebrating Mass for her at 6:00PM on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at the Annunciation Church, Hectorville. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

## Saints of the Week

**Wed 5 Mar Ash Wednesday** (*fast & abstinence*)

**Fri 7 Mar Sts. Perpetual & Felicity, Martyrs** (*om*)

## Upcoming Meetings & Prayer Groups

**Wednesday 5 March**

**7:00PM RCIA Instructions**—Bishop Kennedy Room

**Every Tuesday after 8AM Mass**—Novena to St Anthony

**Every Saturday Morning after 8.00AM Mass**

**Cenacle Rosary for Priests**—Bishop Kennedy Room

## Stewardship – Our Gifts to God & Parish

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation and your financial support of St Francis of Assisi Parish.

1st Collection is for the Priests of the Archdiocese

2nd Collection is for the support of the Newton Parish.

**Weekend of 23 February 2024**

**1st Collection Total: \$1244.85**

**2nd Collection Weekly Giving Total: \$3532.00**

## Next Week on the Roster

Please ensure you arrive 10 minutes before Mass begins.

**CLEANERS: Saturday 8 March - Leader: C. Paradiso**

E. Costanzo, I. Lagozzino, R. Maiorano, P. Parletta, S. Spajic, N. Zollo

**6.00pm Vigil: Saturday 8 March**

Commentator: F. Royan

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: D. Evans

Ex.Min.Hol.Comm: D. Ferguson, T. Aistrope

**9:00am: Sunday 9 March**

Commentator: M. Hayek

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: D. Keenan, A. Wardle

Ex.Min.Hol.Comm: B. Burvill, A. Burvill, L. Desteno

**11:00am: Domenica 9 Marzo**

Commentator: A. Corbo

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: N. Zollo, C. Cirocco

Ex.Min.Hol.Comm: E. Ferraro, A. Ruggiero, A. Catalano

**5:00pm: Sunday 9 March**

Commentator: J. Salvatierra

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: S. March, J. Placentino

Ex.Min.Hol.Comm: M. Rego, R. Skubala-Szafir, Altar Server

**READINGS NEXT WEEKEND — 9 March**

**First Sunday of Lent — Year C**

**Deut 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13**

**Gospel Luke 4:1-13**



**First Aid Kit** is located on the wall in the Church foyer near the bulletin board.

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I hope this note finds you and your loved ones in good health and spirit. As we reflect on the many blessings we have received throughout the year, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for each of you. Your love, faith, and support continue to strengthen our parish community, and for this, I am truly thankful.

As you know, our parish has been committed to serving not only our immediate community but also to reaching out to those in need through various programs and initiatives. However, the challenges we face require us to come together in new and meaningful ways, especially as we work toward maintaining and improving our parish facilities and supporting our ongoing ministries.

This year, we embarked on a fundraising campaign to ensure that our parish church can continue to be a beacon of hope and faith for all who enter its doors. We raised over \$300,000 towards our project. The funds we raised went towards enhancing our church building, replacing with a new roof, reverse cycle air condition, new solar, and most importantly, ensuring that we have the resources to continue serving those in need.

I understand that times can be difficult for many, and I want to stress that any contribution, no matter the size, is a tremendous blessing. Your generosity helps sustain the many programs and services that make our parish a place of faith, fellowship, and support for all.

Please know that your prayers, your support, and your presence are always a gift. I am incredibly grateful for your continued commitment to the parish.

Together, as one community in Christ, we can achieve great things. May God bless you and your families abundantly as we work to strengthen our parish and deepen our faith.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,

**Fr. Anthoni Adimai SdM**

*Parish Priest*



### Project Compassion Sunday

1st & 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need.



this Lent

**Please donate today.**



You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at: [fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/newton-catholic-parish-5074](https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/newton-catholic-parish-5074)**

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

## Planned Giving Envelopes

New sets of envelopes are available in the foyer at both Newton and Athelstone Masses today. We are seeking volunteers to distribute the envelopes that are not collected today. Please call the Parish Office. This helps to reduce the cost of postage.

## Cleaners' Roster Now Available

New cleaning rosters are now available. Please check your emails for your new rosters as we transition to a digital format. Those whom we do not have emails, please collect your printed copy from the church foyer. We thank you all for the hard work you do in keeping our Church clean.

If you would like to volunteer to become a cleaner, please contact the Parish Office. All volunteers must complete a Police clearance.



## Lenten Reflection Books Online

Digital copies of the 2025 Lenten Reflection: We Journey in Hope is now available. Grab your digital copy online: [www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html](http://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html)

## Lent - Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday 5 March**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses

**8:00AM Mass in English**

**10:30AM Whole School Mass**

**7:00PM Bilingual Mass**



## The Way of the Cross / Via Crucis

**Friday 7 March**

The Way of the Cross (Via Crucis) during Lent begins Friday 7th March at 7:00PM

## Lent, Holy Week and Easter Timetable

Timetables will be available next week.



**PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME TO CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE FOYER FOR MORE NOTICES.**

## Vinnies Pantry Needs

Long life milk, 2-minute noodles, Cup of soups. Tins of tuna/mixed vegetables and tomatoes. Small packets of rice and sugar.

*Thank you for your ongoing generosity!*



## Jubilee 2025 Upcoming Events

**MARCH**

**8-9 March**

Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

**28 March**

24 Hours for the Lord

**28-30 March**

Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy



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## Turni di Liturgia Italiana

Turni della liturgia Italiana sono disponibile nell'atrio della chiesa. Grazie.

## Elenchi di Pulizia

I nuovi elenchi di pulizia sono ora disponibili. Controllate le vostre e-mail per l'elenchi mentre passiamo al formato digitale. Coloro che non hanno e-mail, sono pregati di ritirare la copia stampata dall'atrio della chiesa. Ringraziamo tutti voi per il buon lavoro che fate nel mantenere pulita la nostra Chiesa!

## Buste Per Donazioni

Oggi le nuove buste sono disponibili nel foyer della Chiesa. Stiamo cercando volontari per distribuire quelle buste che non vengono raccolte oggi. Chiamate l'Ufficio parrocchiale durante la settimana tra le 9am-4pm. Questo aiuta a ridurre il costo della spedizione.

## La Quaresima - Mercoledì delle Ceneri

**Mercoledì 5 Marzo**

La Quaresima inizia il Mercoledì delle Ceneri. Le ceneri saranno benedette e distribuite a tutte le Messe

**8:00AM Messa in Inglese**

**10:30AM Messa per tutta La Scuola**

**19:00 Messa Bilingue**

## La Via Crucis

**Venerdì 7 Marzo**

La Via Crucis durante la Quaresima inizia Venerdì 7 Marzo alle ore 19:00.

## Celebrando Cent'Anne

La nostra parrocchiana di lunga data, **Angela Beltrame**, celebrerà il suo **centenario** Domenica 9 Marzo. Desideriamo congratularci con lei per aver raggiunto questo traguardo. Per questa occasione, Padre Anthony Beltrame celebrerà la messa per lei alle 18:00 di sabato 8 marzo presso la Chiesa dell'Annunciazione, Hectorville. I parrocchiani sono benvenuti.

## World Day of Prayer 2025

The Cook Islands

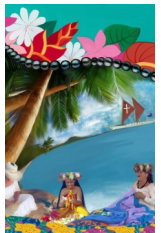
"I made you wonderful"

**Friday 7 March**

**10:00AM @ St. Martin's Anglican Church**

**3 Gorge Road, Paradise SA 5075**

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.



## Jubilee Year Hectorville Parish

Pilgrimage to St Aloysius Church—Sevenhill, Clare Valley, Adelaide Hills

**Tuesday 1 April**

On behalf of Father Jeevan, the Hectorville Parish would like to extend an invitation to Newton Parish to join us on our pilgrimage day to St Aloysius Church at Sevenhill, Clare Valley in the Adelaide Hills. It is to be held on Tuesday 1st April 2025. The bus will leave from the Hectorville Parish (18-20 Montacute Road, Hectorville) at 9:00AM and return at approximately 5:30PM.

The cost is \$35 per person to cover transportation costs. You will need to bring your own lunch, however, coffee and tea will be provided. **To book your seat, please contact the Hectorville Parish Office on 8336 9988 with your details.**

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