

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH MENAI

LIVING AND SHARING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A GROWING PARISH FAMILY

Alfords Point Bangor Barden Ridge Illawong Lucas Heights Menai Woronora West



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

30 March 2025 Year C/1—Divine office Psalter Week 4

### 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

**A reading from the book of Joshua**  
(Joshua 5:9-12)

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

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.)

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

### Second Reading

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians** (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

### Gospel Acclamation

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke** (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come," replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property — he and his women — you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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#### Parish Office hours:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 4pm

#### Mass Timings:

Weekday: Tue - Sat 9.15am

1st Friday of the month: 7.00pm

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am

#### Blessed Sacrament Exposition

Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am

Fri - 8.30am Laud's music  
8.45am Divine Mercy Chaplet  
9am Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)

**Lauds** Tue, Wed and Thu - 8.45am

**Reconciliation:** Sat: 4.30 - 5.15pm  
Or by appointment.

#### Holy Communion or Visit at Home:

Please contact the parish office to arrange a time.

**Baptisms:** 1st Sunday during 10am Mass and every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11.15am (no baptisms during Lent)

#### Baptism Preparation Program:

11am on the 1st Sat of each month.

*In your love and concern, please pray for all the sick and vulnerable members of our Holy Family community:*

Kathleen Branley, Victoriano Mendoza, Jan Kurianski, Bernadette O'Brien, Ivan David, Adelaide Buttigieg, Tony Trainor, Ilse Von Stamm, Anthony Mifsud, Dymna Fitzpatrick, Sandra Thomas, Frances Rupolo, Matthew McLachlan, Mark F, Robbert A, Carlos Simoes, Beatrice Gonsalvez, Matilda Oliver-Nalder, Angela Symons, Carol Galdes, Julie Gonsalvez, Robert Nicholls, Brad Jory, Jayden, Natividad Sora, Bernard Aclan, Julius Aclan, Jean Aclan, Geoff Eastgate, Joanne Mannah, Marie Collins and Chris Halvey.

*We remember those whose Anniversaries and Special Prayers have been requested:*

Teresa Jacob, Felicity Thomas, Maria De Bellis, David Stephenson, Cassie Fonseca, Joseph Alam, Thomas Trutwein, Marilyn Nicholls, Johanna Nicholls, Justin Oliffe, Joe Bridgett, Peter Howlett, Venancio Salugsugan, Presentation Gamo Salugsugan, Juan Gamo Salugsugan, Rosario Salugsugan, Juliet Patricio Fajilan, Nilcar Fajilan, Capistrano Huerbana Aclan, Catalina Salas Aclan and Aleen Salas Aclan.

*Recently Deceased.*

Carmelo Schifilliti.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. - Amen -*

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

**(all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and

apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

## THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

We proclaim your Death, O

Lord, and profess your

Resurrection until you come again.

## THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our  
brother, and the flame of charity  
enkindled in our hearts by the  
Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the  
blessed hope for the coming of  
your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into  
tireless cultivators of the seeds of  
the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from  
within both humanity and the  
whole cosmos in the sure  
expectation of a new heaven and  
a new earth, when, with the  
powers of Evil vanquished, your  
glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of  
heaven.

May that same grace spread the  
joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally  
blessed, be glory and praise for  
ever. **Amen.**

## PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in the day of battle. Be  
our safeguard against the  
wickedness and snares of the  
devil. May God rebuke him, we  
humbly pray; and do thou, O  
Prince of the Heavenly Host, by  
the power of God, cast into hell  
satan and all evil spirits who  
wander through the world seeking  
the ruin of souls. Amen

# What's on at Holy Family Parish

- † Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am
  - † Morning Prayer (Lauds) - Tue - Thu 8.45am.
  - † Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - Fri 8.45am
  - 1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)
  - † Rosary - Sat - 8.45am.
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- † Children's Liturgy - Not in the School Holidays
  - † Daily Rosary, Rosary at 8-8.30pm on Zoom, please text (ROSARY) to 0418 433 333 to receive the link.

# THE Catholic Weekly

SUNDAY, 30 MARCH 2025  
PULPIT POINTS

- ♦ Pro-life rally and prayer events draw thousands
- ♦ Friendship unites faith leaders
- ♦ Double standard on display in Wombatgate
- ♦ Pope Francis returns home from hospital
- ♦ Candlelight vigil held for massacred Syrians

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## THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

Saint John the Evangelist describes the impending events celebrated throughout the Easter Triduum as the hour of Jesus. We should consider the events of the Triduum as a single, salvific event. In fact, the beginning of this single event is the Lord's Last Supper. As we hear in tonight's Gospel, "Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father." (John 13:1) Holy Thursday is rightly considered the moment that Our Lord instituted the Holy Mass. For this reason, it is a day of exceptional devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. At the end of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the hosts consecrated at that Mass are solemnly processed to a beautifully adorned altar of repose (these hosts will be distributed at the celebration of the Passion of the Lord). The faithful are then encouraged to keep vigil with Our Lord as he enters into his Passion. The atmosphere should be prayerful and meditative. The liturgical books instruct that once midnight passes, any continued adoration should take place "without solemnity" as the focus of the faithful shifts to the Christ's Passion. The ciborium (the vessel containing the consecrated species) is reserved in a tabernacle made by Deacon Elliot Casalegno who served briefly at Holy Family Parish.

## WHY DO CATHOLICS VEIL THE CRUCIFIXES, STATUES AND IMAGES IN THE CHURCH?

The Catholic Church recommends the practice of veiling statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, in order to heighten our senses and build within us a longing and anticipation for Easter Sunday.

We use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. The last weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

The veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

| ROSTER FOR<br>5/6 APRIL: (1ST WEEKEND)<br>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT<br>YEAR C |                 | 5.30pm                                           | 8:30am                                        | 10am                             | OTHER                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                                                                          | ACOLYTE SERVERS | Christopher Fetherston<br>Peter McLachlan        | Paul Tyson                                    | Bernard Govind                   | Counters:<br>Jeff Low's Team                |
|                                                                          | READERS         | Simon Bradstock<br>Margaret Keyes<br>Sophie Kerr | Emma Gioiello<br>Erica O'Brien<br>Julie Tyson | Adrian D'Mello<br>Marina D'Mello | Children's Liturgy:<br>Courtney & Indiana   |
|                                                                          | WARDENS         | Charlie Zammit/Benny Falls                       | George Szymura/Jim Montague                   | Robert Pedic/Tony Ibrahim        | Aeralife Aged Care:<br>Terri                |
|                                                                          | MUSICIANS       | Holy Family Singers                              | Gino Ferraro (PowerPoint MP3)                 | Lisa (PowerPoint MP3)            | Barden Lodge Aged Care:<br>Linda & Margaret |
|                                                                          | PIETY STALL     | Maria G                                          | Priscilla                                     | Laura/Georgia                    |                                             |



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



## From Fr Mani's desk...

### The greatest short story of the world

The parable of the prodigal son in today's gospel is called "*the greatest short story in the world*", "*the gospel of the gospels*", and the "*parable of the prodigal father*." The world famous portrait of the "*Return of the Prodigal Son*" by the 17<sup>th</sup> century Dutch artist Rembrandt, demonstrates the eternal impact of this parable on human hearts down through the centuries.

Through the three persons - the repentant younger son, the self-justifying elder son and the forgiving father - Jesus outlines different aspects in our life.

The younger son: He began by wanting freedom from his father. He forced his father to give him his right to one-third of his father's property. The son then sold his property and traveled to a far-off city where he realized all his wild dreams of a carefree life. Finally, when he became bankrupt, was abandoned by "friends," and was forced to take up the mean job of feeding pigs. At last, awakened by his sufferings, he gathered enough courage to return to his father and confess his sin and the whole scene is changed.

The self-justifying elder son: The elder son had no feelings of sympathy for his brother. He played the part of a dutiful son, but his heart was not in it. He was resentful, bitter and angry. He was so jealous of his younger brother that he never wanted to see him again. He leveled a series of allegations against his prodigal brother, whom he viewed as a rival. Instead of honoring his father by joining him in accepting his brother and playing an appropriate role at the meal, the elder son publicly insulted and humiliated his father.

The prodigal father: The father in the story is the central figure. He promptly gave a share of his property to his younger son, bid him a tearful farewell and waited daily for his return. Finally, when the boy returned in rags, confessing his sins, the father promptly forgave him, kissed him on the cheeks and healed the broken relationship between them. When the elder brother refused to join in the party, He assured the elder son of his continuing love by saying, "All I have is yours."

Thus, the father symbolizes the loving and unconditionally forgiving Heavenly Father who is excessive, extravagant and generous with His forgiveness and mercy. Although the story of the prodigal son is often given as an example of repentance, it is actually the story of how God forgives and heals the repentant sinner. As in the imagination of Rembrandt, like a mother with her long and tender hand (right hand) pats on the back of the son; like a father he shows the masculinity (left hand) by strongly pressing him close to himself and gives strength to rise up.

With a little effort, we can see that we all share a little of both the sons' traits. Which of these three, the prodigal son, the older brother or the forgiving father, speak to you this Lent? Each of them opens a door and shows a path to Easter.

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## WORKING BEE SATURDAY 12 April

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### Many hands make light work!!

**From 10am - 12pm**

Please join us for one or two hours for a general tidy-up, inside and outside our Church and car park, getting ready for Holy Week.

Can you please bring along your cleaning/tools.

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

Thank you!

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## SAVE THE DATE

20  
DAY

06  
MONTH

25  
YEAR

## PARISH DINNER

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN  
THE COMING WEEKS.

### BIBLE STUDY - The Gospel of John - Chapter 4

**Thursdays 27 March to 3 April, 7.30pm**

- Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
- Second Sign at Cana

Facilitator: John Rickert

**All Welcome!**



*Please welcome Fr Jose Karekatt to Holy Family!*

Fr. Jose Karekatt MSFS, is a Fransalian priest for 32 years and is the Founder & Director of ITSSCAT-(Institute of Talent Search for Social Change and Transformation), in Kerala, India. It is a unique educational institution with multifaceted goals for the talented, hardworking and sturdily aspiring high school male students to rise into the top from the economically backward stratum of the society. His dream is to bring about a change in the lives of these children, their families and society, by helping them with proper education, formation and training to get into the administrative services of the nation and other high-profile professions and scientific inventions.

Fr Jose will be celebrating Mass this Sunday 30 March at 10am. Please make him feel welcome.

## MAIN TOPICS TO DISCUSS FOR SYDNEY SYNOD

(30 AUGUST TO 2 SEPTEMBER 2025)

### *The Three Longings*

1. That our liturgies be more prayerful; occasions of real encounter with God and opportunities for faith development; sacramental programs be improved to initiate into prayerful sacramental celebrations.
2. That our parish and other Church communities be Christ-centred; where people are called to ongoing conversion; where people are called to live their baptismal dignity, growing in holiness and service; welcoming communities, especially as regards families and the young.
3. That we be mission oriented; we carry Christ's presence beyond Church boundaries; we see ourselves as servants of all with a special place for the marginalised.



### TOWARD A MORE PRAYERFUL, CHRISTLIKE AND MISSIONARY CHURCH

Copies of the Pastoral Letter to the Archdiocese of Sydney regarding the Synod of Sydney 2026 can be found in the foyer. Please take home and read.



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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



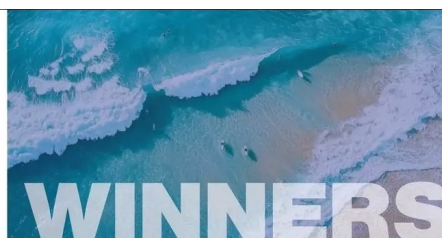
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| <b>2ND PRIZE</b><br>Bank Top-Up & Shopping Spree                                                 | 41361         | St. Vincent De Paul           |
| <b>3RD PRIZE</b><br>Sydney Staycation Escape: Luxe Stay, Gourmet Dining & VIP Perks              | 20814         | The Shire Bands               |
| <b>4TH PRIZE</b><br>Sharks VIP Getaway: Luxury Stay, Dining, Game Day & Surf Experience          | 00300         | Nicole Fitzsimmons Foundation |
| <b>5TH PRIZE</b><br>Dragons Fan Ultimate Pack: Game Day Tickets, Signed Jersey & Exclusive Merch | 20321         | The Shire Bands               |
| <b>TOTAL MONEY RAISED:</b>                                                                       |               | <b>\$64,500</b>               |
| <b>COMMUNITY GROUP WHO RAISED THE MOST:</b>                                                      |               | <b>St. Vincent De Paul</b>    |

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# WHAT'S ON DURING LENT AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:  
Tue — Sat: 8.30 — 9.10 am
- Morning prayer (Lauds):  
Tue-Thu at 8.45 am.
- Divine Mercy Chaplet and Devotion and Benediction:  
Friday 8.45 am.
- Rosary: Saturday 8.45 am.
- Mass: Tuesday — Saturday 9.15 am; Wednesday at 7pm and Fridays at 7pm (Confession before every Mass)
- Stations of the Cross in Italian every Thursday morning at 10am and in English each Friday at 7.30pm



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## JOURNEY WITH CHRIST THIS LENT



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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE

**You are invited to  
join us as we  
commemorate the  
saving  
Passion, Death and  
Resurrection of  
Jesus Christ,  
celebrated in the  
sacred Liturgies of  
Holy Week.**

**Palm Sunday 13 April, 2025**

5.30pm Vigil Mass  
8.30am and 10am Masses

**Tuesday 15 April, 2025**

9:15am Daily Mass

**Wednesday 16 April, 2025**

9:15am Daily Mass

**Maundy Thursday 17 April, 2025**

No 9.15am Mass on this day  
10.30am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral  
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration at the Altar of Repose after the Mass  
until 12am

**Good Friday 18 April, 2025**

Divine Mercy Novena begins  
10:00am Stations of the Cross  
Reconciliation 11.15am - 12.15pm  
3pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's  
Passion  
Reconciliation 4.30pm - 5.30pm

**Holy Saturday 19 April, 2025**

Reconciliation 10am - 11.30am  
7.30pm Easter Vigil in the Church

**Easter Sunday 20 April, 2025**

8.30am and 10.30am Masses  
(No 10am Mass on this day)

LENTEN SERIES

## SHIRE YOUNG ADULTS

GOD - FAITH - ENCOUNTER



**SATURDAY 29 MARCH - 7:00PM**

CRONAN YU - PRAYER AS CONFIGURATION TO THE  
SACRED HEART

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SUTHERLAND

**WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL - 7:00PM**

FR DAN MCCAUGHAN - REFLECTIONS ON DIVINE  
FATHERHOOD IN THE MODERN AGE

ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ CATHOLIC PARISH GYMEA

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SATURDAY 8  
MARCH

BEGINNING WITH  
DINNER AT 7PM

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COMMENCING  
SUNDAY 9  
MARCH

5PM FOLLOWED  
BY DINNER

LENTEN GATHERINGS HELD IN THE  
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DURING LENT

PREPARING FOR EASTER THROUGH  
COMMUNITY, COMPANIONSHIP, AND  
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### Palms

If you have a palm tree and would like to contribute fresh palm leaves at the Palm Sunday blessing of palms, you can either drop them off in a basket in the foyer on the Saturday 12 April before 4pm.

