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Life messages: "Roll away the stone, [unbind him and let him go.](#)"

We often bind ourselves with chains of addiction to alcohol, drugs, sexual deviations, slander, gossip, envy, prejudices, hatred, and uncontrollable anger, and bury ourselves in the tombs of despair. Sometimes we are in the tomb of selfishness, filled with negative feelings such as worry, fear, resentment, hatred, and guilt. If we want Jesus to visit our dark dungeons of sin, despair and unhappiness, let us ask Jesus during this Holy Mass to bring the light and the power of the Holy Spirit into our private lives and liberate us from our tombs. Are there times when we refuse to let God enter into our wallets, fearing that faithful tithing will endanger our savings? When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus will call our name and command, "Come out, Mary", "Come out, Joe"! This is Good news for all of us: "Lazarus, come out!" This can be the beginning of a new life.

We need to be ready to welcome death any time. We live in a world that is filled with death. We kill each other in acts of murder, abortion, euthanasia, execution, war and terrorist activities. We kill ourselves through suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, smoking, overwork, stress, bad eating habits, and physical neglect. We watch calmly as others die from poverty, hunger and malnutrition, homelessness, unemployment, poor education, disease, child abuse, arms proliferation, discrimination, pollution, and destruction of the environment. The most important question is: am I ready to face my death? A strange question and its truthful answer are found in the sacred scriptures of the Hindus. "What is the greatest wonder in the world?" The answer is: "All of us know that we will surely die, but each of us foolishly thinks that he or she will not die any time in the near future." Let us not be foolish; let us be wise, well-prepared and ever ready to meet our Lord with a clear conscience when the time comes. Thomas a Kempis wrote: Every action of yours, every thought, should be those of one who expects to die before the day is out. Death would have no great terrors for you if you had a quiet conscience Then why not keep clear of sin instead of running away from death? If you aren't fit to face death today, it's very unlikely you will be tomorrow
(The Imitation of Christ, 1, 23, 1) (CCC #1014).

Humour: Three friends were discussing death and one of them asked: "What would you like people to say about you at your wake service while your dead body in the coffin is visible to everyone?" The first of the friends said: "I would like them to say, he was a great humanitarian who cared about his community." The second said: "He was a great husband and father who was an example for many to follow." The third friend said, "I would like them to say, 'Look, he's moving in the coffin!'"

Recently Deceased: Antonio Tomolo, Elizabeth Negline,
Anniversaries: Eufrosina, Galdo, Giulio Butera, Angelina Markis, Camillo Lamonaca, Nabih & Frangia Challita, Bido & Filomena Di Felice, Percy, Audrey & Garry Tinker.

Please pray for the Sick : Maura, Robert, Joe, Adam, Rosa, Diana, Gina, Nola, Tony, Emma, Teresa, Steve, Michael, Paul, Giuseppe, Emmanuel, Mary, Michelle, Lucia, Leanne, Raemond, Muriel, Peter, Raphaela, Natalina, Daniella, Christian, John, Anthony, Jessie, Con, Teresa, Rita, Gabriella Gino, Jason & Giovanni

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:
In the Footsteps of Jesus
IN THE LAND OF THE BIBLE with
optional Egypt Tour.

October 16-27 2020
Chaplain Rev Fr Florentino
(Boy) Galdo with Biblical
Catholic guide \$5640 per person
twin share.

\$1699 Egypt. Extra.
For further information contact
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**As you are aware all
Mass and church
celebrations have
been suspended
due to the Corona
Virus outbreak.**

**Therefore during this
time the Parish
Bulletin will not be
printed.**
**Please continue your
prayers privately and
have a spiritual
Communion.**

**Thank You and may
God Bless Us All**

**POPE FRANCIS ~
TWITTER**
In the context of the
pandemic that threatens
human life and the global
economy, today we
reiterate the
teaching of
Evangelium Vitae to
transmit the culture of
life to future
generations: an attitude
of solidarity, care, and
welcome..

**THANKSGIVING
OFFERING
March 8, 2020**
Thanksgiving: \$
Presbytery: \$

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION (Pope Francis encourages us to pray this prayer daily)

PROTECT, O HOLY GUARDIAN, THIS OUR NATION OF AUSTRALIA.
ENLIGHTEN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMMON GOOD, SO THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW—LIKE YOU DO—HOW TO CARE FOR THOSE ENTRUSTED TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.
GRANT INTELLIGENCE OF KNOWLEDGE TO THOSE SEEKING ADEQUATE MEANS FOR THE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL WELL BEING OF THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
SUSTAIN THOSE WHO ARE SPENDING THEMSELVES FOR THOSE IN NEED, EVEN AT THE COST OF THEIR OWN SAFETY: VOLUNTEERS, NURSES, DOCTORS WHO ARE ON THE FRONTLINES IN CURING THE SICK.
BLESS, O ST. JOSEPH, THE CURCH: BEGINNING WITH HER MINISTERS, MAKE HER THE SIGN AND INSTRUMENT OF YOUR LIGHT AND YOUR GOODNESS.
ACCOMPANY, O ST. JOSEPH, OUR FAMILIES: WITH YOUR PRAYEFUL SLILENCE, CREATE HARMONY BETWEEN PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, IN A SPECIAL WAY WITH YOUNGEST.
PRESERVE THE ELDERLY FROM LONELINESS: GRANT THAT NO-ONE MIGHT BE LEFT DESPERATION FROM ABONDMENT AND DISCOURAGEMENT.
COMFORT THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST FRAIL, **ENCOURAGE** THOSE WHO FALTER, **INTERCEDE** FOR THE POOR.
WITH THE VIRGIN MOTHER, **BEG** THE LORD TO LIBERATE THE WORLD FROM EVERY PANDEMIC. AMEN.

**Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all
children and vulnerable adults.**