



# Sacred Heart Parish

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C – 06 April 2025

### *Drop the Stones, Embrace Mercy*

#### Parish Priest:

Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

#### Assistant Priest:

Fr John Pham

#### Parish office hours:

**Tuesday-Friday**  
9.00am to 4.30pm

#### Parish Secretary:

Quyen Le Phan

#### Accounts:

Mary Pankiw (Fridays)

#### Weekday Mass Times:

##### English:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:

7.00am

Wed:

6.30pm

Sat:

9.00am

##### Vietnamese:

Tues & Thurs: 6.30pm

Wed: 7.00am

#### Weekend Masses

##### English:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10.00am;  
6.00pm

##### Vietnamese:

Saturday Vigil:

(Chaplain): 7.30pm

Sunday:

7.00am; 7.30pm

(Chaplain): 4.00pm

#### Exposition:

Saturdays: 8.00am

#### Reconciliation:

Wed: 6.00pm

Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am

5.30pm - 5.50pm

#### Convent/Pastoral Care

Sisters of Our Lady

of the Southern Cross

Phone: 9723 3704

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0451 945 756

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#### SHC Primary School

Principal: Julie Straub

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#### Baptism & Wedding

By appointment

(6 months in

advance for weddings)

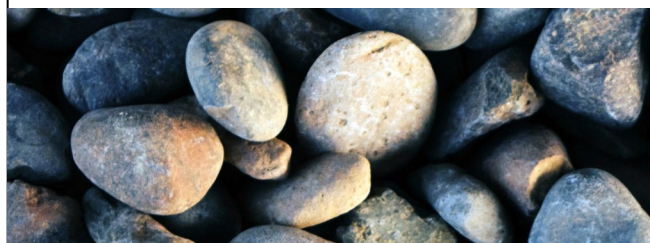
In this week's Gospel, we see Jesus facing a difficult situation. The scribes and Pharisees bring a woman caught in adultery before him, hoping to trap him with a dilemma.

If he says she should be stoned, he contradicts his message of mercy. But if he says she should be freed, he seems to go against the Law of Moses. Instead of falling into their trap, Jesus responds with wisdom: *"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her"* (John 8:7). One by one, the accusers walk away, and the woman is left alone with Jesus, who forgives her and tells her to sin no more.

This Gospel is not just about the woman or the accusers but also challenges us to reflect on how we treat others. **How often do we, like the Pharisees, judge others harshly while forgetting our own sins?** We live in a world full of judgment and too often, we are quick to judge and criticise. We may not throw physical stones like the people in the past, but we can harm others with our words, our gossip, or our harsh condemnation. In the digital age, social media has made it easier than ever to "throw stones" at people, sometimes without knowing the full truth. We see public figures, friends, and even strangers being criticised, accused and condemned, often without compassion.

However, this week, Jesus challenges us to do something different. Before pointing out someone else's mistakes, we should first examine our own hearts. **Are we truly without sin? Instead of condemning, can we choose to show kindness and understanding?** This does not mean we need to ignore sin. Jesus does not tell the woman that her actions are acceptable. Jesus condemns sins but he does not destroy the sinner. Instead, he forgives and invites conversion: *"Go ... and do not sin anymore."*

Lent is a time to examine ourselves and seek God's mercy. Just as Jesus forgave the woman and gave her a new start, he offers the same to us. No matter what our past mistakes are, God does not define us by our failures. He invites us to rise, change, and walk in His grace.



Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

John 8:11

This Lent, may we drop our stones of judgment and embrace hearts of mercy. Jesus calls us not to focus on the sins of others but to recognise our own need for grace. If we seek God's mercy, he is ready to say to each of us: *"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more"* (John 8:11).

Fr. John Pham

## Pope's April prayer intention



### FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES

*Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.*

*Pope Francis*

## Thank you

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Sacramental Team, dedicated parents, and guardians for their efforts in preparing our children to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. We also thank the visiting Priests who thoughtfully guided them on Monday night. It was a truly enriching experience. May God's abundant blessings and grace be upon us all.

## First Saturday Morning Tea - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who makes our bimonthly First Saturday morning tea possible. Your dedication and service are greatly appreciated, and we always feel so welcome. May our friendship continue to flourish.

## Palms needed for Palm Sunday

We need palms or olive branches for Palm Sunday (12 & 13 April) if you would like to donate, please bring them to the church **by Friday 11 April** or contact the office at **97242151** as early as possible that we may come and pick them up. Thank you for your assistance.

## Giáo xứ xin Lá cho Lễ Lá

Xin quý vị giúp cho Giáo xứ những nhánh lá dừa kẻ cả lá Ô-liu để dùng cho Lễ Lá (ngày 12 & 13 tháng tư) sắp tới, nếu quý vị muốn tặng xin mang đến nhà thờ vào **thứ sáu 11/04/2025** hoặc liên lạc văn phòng giáo xứ theo số **97242151** trong thời gian sớm nhất để chúng tôi đến lấy về (nếu quý vị cần người chặt những nhánh lá chúng tôi sẽ giúp). Cảm ơn sự giúp đỡ của quý vị.

## Baptism-Updated Time

From this month, the Rite of Baptism for our children will be celebrated at 11.30am on Sunday.

1st & 3rd week in English

2nd & 4th week in Vietnamese

## Lent & RCIA Journey: The Rites of Scrutiny—6.00pm Sunday Mass

Our 16 catechumens have begun the third stage of their journey, called the period of Purification and Enlightenment. It is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than in catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the elect as they search their own consciences and do penance. The celebration of certain rites, particularly the scrutinies, starting on this 3rd, and the following 4th & 5th Sunday of Lent) is meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, nos 125-126*)

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2025

The flyers are available at the church doors, please take them home for yourself, family, friends or neighbours and invite them to join us at this Easter celebration.

## Chương Trình Tuần Thánh và Phục Sinh 2025

Xin quý vị đem các tờ chương trình Tuần Thánh và Phục Sinh 2025 cho gia đình, bạn hữu hoặc láng giềng và mời họ đến tham dự các Thánh Lễ Phục Sinh với Giáo Xứ. Các tờ chương trình để ở nơi các cửa nhà thờ.

## Bethlehem Olivewood Biblical Items - For Sale

On the 5th & 6th of April there will be handcrafted olivewood biblical items for sale before and after Mass. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the catholic families there. Any purchase will help support the catholic community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood and also support maintaining the Holy sites there.

## Welcome to God's Family

This weekend we pray and welcome to our baby and his family for his baptism: **(Vincent) Devantervorn Non**



## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Jack McAlister, Joseph Bui Van Luong (VN), John, Noel Ahern, Maria,

**R.I.P. & Anniversaries:** Fr Patrick McAuliffe, Ronald Robinson, Ivan Puskas, Bernard Vilath-Gamuwa, Clare Vilathgamuwa, James Tri Long Le, Maria (13), Joseph (6), Peter (4), Paul, James (2), Anthony, Dominic, Vincent, Lucia, Teresa, Cecilia (2) Francis Borgia (2), Francis Xavier, Anna (3), Augustin, souls of ancestors, grandparents & family members (5), for all souls (7), Joseph Bui, Pereira, Fransisco Pinheiro, Theresa Dao, Maria Dinh Hoang Mai, Joseph Dinh Xuan Viet, Joseph Dinh Hoang Son, Joseph Nguyen Van Tan, Joseph Nguyen Ngoc An, Maria Tran Thi Loan, Maria Tran Thi Huong, John Zammit, Isirodo, Madalena Luong Thi Thao, Cecilia, Phanxico Xavie Maria, Martino, Benado Nguyen Van Nguyen, Catarina Huynh Thi Theu, Maria Madalena, Lucy Nguyen Thi Yen Thu, Phaolo Cao Van Tri, Maria Le Thi Oai, Lucia Cao Thi Anh Tuyet, Maria Cao Thi Bach Cuc,

**Other Intentions:** For the sick, for the conversion of hearts (4), thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (8), peace and wellbeing for family & friends (5), for safe travel, for healing & recovery (2), for stable work (3), for personal intention (2)

## Words of the Holy Father

And Jesus sends the woman on her way with these wonderful words: "Go and do not sin again" (Jn 8:11). And thus Jesus opens a new path to her, created by mercy, a path that requires her commitment not to sin again. It is an invitation that applies to each one of us. When Jesus forgives us, he always opens a new path on which to go forward. In this Lenten Season, we are called to recognize ourselves as sinners and to ask God for forgiveness. And, in its turn, while forgiveness reconciles us and gives us peace, it lets us start again, renewed. Every true conversion is oriented toward a new future, a new life, a beautiful life, a life free from sin, a generous life. Let us not be afraid to ask Jesus for forgiveness because he opens the door to this new life for us. May the Virgin Mary help us to bear witness to all of the merciful love of God, who through Jesus, forgives us and renders our lives new, by always offering us new possibilities. (*Angelus*, 7 April 2019)

## Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

**First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125. R. v.3**

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14**

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation: Joel 2:12-13**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!**

**With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and  
compassionate.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**



## Gospel: John 8:1-11

### *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

## Chúa Nhật V Mùa Chay - Năm C

### Bài đọc 1: Is 43, 16-21

#### *Trích sách Tiên tri Isaia.*

Chúa là Đấng mở đường dưới biển, mở lối đi dưới dòng nước; Chúa là Đấng dẫn dắt xe, ngựa, quân binh và dũng sĩ. Tất cả đều ngủ và không chỗi dậy nữa; chúng bị ngộp thở và tắt đi như tim đèn. Người phán: "Các ngươi đừng nhớ đến dĩ vãng, và đừng để ý đến việc thời xưa nữa. Đây Ta sẽ làm những cái mới và giờ đây chúng sẽ xuất hiện, như các ngươi sẽ biết; Ta sẽ mở đường trong hoang địa, và khai sông nơi đất khô khan. Thú đồng, muông rừng và chim đà sẽ ca tụng Ta, vì Ta đã làm cho hoang địa có nước và đất khô khan có sông, để dân yêu quý của Ta có nước uống; Ta đã tác tạo dân này cho Ta, nó sẽ ca ngợi Ta".

### Đáp Ca: Tv 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6

**Đáp:** Chúa đã đối xử đại lượng với chúng tôi, nên chúng tôi mừng rỡ hân hoan (c. 3)

## Bài đọc II: Pl 3, 8-14

### *Trích thư thứ nhất của Thánh Phaolô Tông đồ gửi tín hữu Philipphê.*

Anh em thân mến, tôi coi tất cả mọi sự như thua thiệt trước cái lợi tuyệt vời là được biết Đức Giêsu Kitô, Chúa tôi. Vì Người, tôi đành chịu thua thiệt, và coi mọi sự như phân bón, để lợi được Đức Kitô, và được ở trong Người, không phải do sự công chính của tôi dựa vào lề luật, nhưng do sự công chính bởi tin Đức Giêsu Kitô: sự công chính bởi Thiên Chúa là sự công chính bởi đức tin để nhận biết Người và quyền lực phục sinh của Người, để thông phần vào sự đau khổ của Người và trở nên giống Người trong sự chết, với hy vọng từ cõi chết được sống lại.

Không phải là tôi đã đạt đến cùng đích, hoặc đã trở nên hoàn hảo, nhưng tôi đang đuổi theo để chiếm lấy, bởi vì chính tôi cũng đã được Đức Giêsu Kitô chiếm lấy. Anh em thân mến, chính tôi chưa tin rằng tôi đã chiếm được, nhưng tôi định ninh một điều là quên hẳn đằng sau, mà hướng về phía trước, tôi cứ nhắm đích đuổi theo để đoạt giải ơn kêu gọi Thiên Chúa đã ban từ trời cao trong Đức Giêsu Kitô.

### *Câu Xướng Trước Phúc Âm: Ga 8, 12b*

**Chúa phán:** "Ta là sự sáng thế gian, ai theo Ta, sẽ được ánh sáng ban sự sống".

### *Phúc Âm: Ga 8, 1-11*

#### *Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Thánh Gioan*

Khi ấy, Chúa Giêsu lên núi cây dầu. Và từ sáng sớm, Người lại vào trong đền thờ. Toàn dân đến cùng Người, nên Người ngồi xuống và bắt đầu giảng dạy. Lúc đó, luật sĩ và biệt phái dẫn đến Người một thiếu phụ bị bắt quả tang phạm tội ngoại tình, và họ đặt nàng đứng trước mặt mọi người. Họ hỏi Chúa Giêsu: "Thưa Thầy, thiếu phụ này bị bắt quả tang phạm tội ngoại tình, mà theo luật Môsê, hạng phụ nữ này phải bị ném đá. Còn Thầy, Thầy dạy sao?" Họ nói thế có ý gài bẫy Người để có thể tố cáo Người. Nhưng Chúa Giêsu cúi xuống, bắt đầu lấy ngón tay viết trên đất. Vì họ cứ hỏi mãi, nên Người đứng lên và bảo họ: "Ai trong các ngươi sạch tội, hãy ném đá chị này trước đi". Và Người ngồi xuống và lại viết trên đất. Nghe nói thế, họ rút lui từng người một, bắt đầu là những người nhiều tuổi nhất, và còn lại một mình Chúa Giêsu với người thiếu phụ vẫn đứng đó. Bấy giờ Chúa Giêsu đứng thẳng dậy và bảo nàng: "Hỡi thiếu phụ, những người cáo chị đi đâu cả rồi? Không ai kết án chị ư?" Nàng đáp: "Thưa Thầy, không có ai". Chúa Giêsu bảo: "Ta cũng thế, Ta không kết tội chị. Vậy chị hãy đi, và từ nay đừng phạm tội nữa".