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**Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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**Parish Diary**

Tues 9 Apr	09h30	Healing Mass followed by the Rosary and Prayer for Mothers
Thurs 11 Apr	10h00	Rosary at Colleen Chapman, 75 Southy Road Farrarmere
	10h30	Mass at Lions' Old age Home
	18h45	Bible Study
Fri 12 Apr	18h30	Stations of the Cross. You may park in the School grounds
Sat 13 Apr	09h00	St Vincent de Paul meeting in the Board Room

A second collection for the **Bishops' Lenten Appeal** will be taken during Lent. This is for the needy so we ask you to give generously.

There will be **Stations of the Cross** this coming Friday in the Church at 18h30. You may park in the School grounds.

**St Vincent de Paul** is raffling a chocolate Easter rabbit given by generous parishioners at R5.00 a draw. See the bunny at the main door after mass and support St Vincent de Paul in their care for the needy

Our annual **Festa** is on **Sunday 2 June**. Buy your raffle ticket for R100 and be in the draw for the prize of R20, 000. Tickets are available after Sunday mass and at the Parish Office.

*Confessions in Holy Week*

Saturday 13 April: 08h30

Tuesday 16 April: after the 09h30 Mass  
 From 18h00 to 19h30 Confessions only – no penitential service.

Good Friday 19 April: 10h00 after the Stations of the Cross  
 15h00 after the Lord's Passion

The blessing of the Columbarium of St Patrick's Church Benoni on Saturday 7 April 2019

We have been very blessed over the years to have had the Garden of Remembrance (in front of the Parish office) for the communal interment of ashes in the ossuary (receptacle for ash) in the corner of the Garden, and to have been able to commemorate our loved ones interred there on plaques on the wall placed by the Knights of da Gama.

Such a Garden, however, has limited space and the ossuary is now almost complete full. The time has come for it to be sealed with the remainder of the ossuary and plaque space reserved for the husbands and wives of spouses already interred and their children. The Garden of Remembrance will now remain as it is, and be maintained for posterity.

A new place of interment in the Parish garden, to be known as the Columbarium, has been built, together with a grotto for our Lady, thanks to the huge generosity of many parishioners. This is where the ashes of the faithful departed will now be interred.

The Columbarium consists of niches, each of which has space for two boxes of ashes, which will be sealed in by a black granite cover suitably inscribed. There will be some place also for a smaller granite plaques.

St Patrick's Finance Committee, under the Parish priest, will administer the use and maintenance of the Columbarium.

The Columbarium is to be blessed today at the end of the 10h00 Mass. Our Lady will moved to her grotto and be blessed after the 10h00 Mass and Procession on the day of our Festa, Sunday 2 June 2019, which is the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit who gives us all eternal life.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2019**

Palm Sunday 14 April: Masses as usual  
10h00 Mass with Procession

Holy Thursday 18 April: The Lord's Supper at 19h00

Good Friday 19 April: Stations of the Cross at 10h00  
 The Lord's Passion at 15h00

Holy Saturday 20 April: Easter Vigil at 19h00 (20h30)  
 No Mass at 08h00

Easter Sunday 21 April: **Easter Mass at 07h30 and 10h00.**