



# CATHEDRAL *Weekly*

27th March 2022

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**A GUIDE TO THE  
DAILY READINGS**

28th MARCH 2022

2ND APRIL 2022

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



**Celebrating the life of Rev. Fr. Salim Kizito.  
May his soul rest in eternal peace.**



**Mon. 28th**  
Is 65:17-21;  
Ps 30:  
Jn 4:43-54.

**Tues 29th**  
Ez 47:1-9.12;  
Ps 46  
Jn 5:1-16.

**Wed. 30th**  
Is 49:8-15;  
Ps 145  
Jn 5:17-30.

**Thur. 31st**  
Ex 32:7-14;  
Ps 106:19-20.  
21-22.23.  
Jn 5:31-47.

**Friday 1st April 2022**  
Wis 2:1a. 12-22;  
Ps 34:  
Jn 7:1-2.10.25-30.

**Sat. 2nd APR 2022**  
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7  
Jn 7:40-53.

## *Reflection*

# THE MERCIFUL FATHER

**T**he Israelites after crossing the Jordan into the promised land settled at a place called Gilgal. They called it Gilgal because after Joshua finished circumcising all the men, as he was commanded by the Lord, the Lord said, 'Today I have removed the disgrace of Egypt from you'. The disgrace of Egypt was their slavery in Egypt. The removal of the foreskin was symbolic of being set free from Egyptian slavery. Gilgal means I have taken away. The first Passover in the promised land was celebrated at Gilgal. The day after the Passover they ate the produce of the land, in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. That same day the manna stopped.

The manna is the food God gave the Israelites for 40 years in the wilderness to give them strength to walk to the promised land. The stoppage of manna signaled God had fulfilled his promise to Abraham to give his descendants, the land he promised him, the land flowing with milk and honey.

The manna is a foreshadow (points to) of the Eucharist, the true manna from heaven, the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the food that gives us strength in this life on earth, to walk until we reach heaven, the promised land for Christians. It is the medicine of immortality. As Catholics we need to receive Holy communion frequently, by attending mass frequently to get the strength to persevere in our faith, despite the tribulations we encounter in this world. Couples not married in Church, should solemnize their marriage so that they can start receiving Holy Communion.

Psalm 34 praises God's Justice. It welcomes us to taste and see the goodness of the Lord, by putting our trust in him. He will deliver us from our hardships, and provide for our needs.

In the second reading, St Paul is urging us to be reconciled to God, for Christ died to give us reconciliation with God. He is urging us to break away from sin so that we can live righteous lives, by keeping God's commandments. Through our baptism into the death of Christ we are a new creation, a creation that is to live in the spirit, and not by the flesh. Lent is an opportunity to be reconciled to God, by confessing our sins, praying, fasting and giving alms. It is a time to reflect seriously on eternal life with God. It is a time to break away from everything that comes between our friendship with God.

In the gospel reading today from Luke, Jesus narrates to the Pharisees and scribes a parable, to make them understand the mercy of God, for they were astonished to see Jesus talking to tax collectors and sinners. The Pharisees and scribes used to look down upon sinners, despite the fact that most of them were great sinners. They were a bunch of hypocrites.

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### DUTY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2022

#### TODAY

07:00 AM ST JUDE  
08:00 AM CHARISMATIC  
RENEWAL  
09:00 AM ST ANNE  
11:00 AM ALLIANCE OF TWO HEARTS  
12:30 PM ST BHAKITA / ST. MATILDA  
5:30PM ST HILDEGARD

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH:  
HGCWA

#### 3rd April 2022

07:00 AM ST CHARLES LWANGA  
08:00 AM HOLY SPIRIT  
09:00 AM CMA  
11:00 AM HGWA  
12:30 PM ST. BRIGIT / ST. KIZITO  
5:30PM BIKIRA MARIA / ST LUCY

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH: 2/4/2022  
ST. BENEDICT


**UPCOMING  
FEAST DAYS &  
MEMORIALS**
**Sat 2nd APRIL 2022**
**Jer 11:18-20;**
**Ps 7**
**Jn 7:40-53.**

The optional memorial of St Francis of Paola may be celebrated as a commemoration.

**CENTRAL DEANERY CMA DURING  
ST. JOSEPH FEAST DAY**

**Yoshua 5:9a, 10-12**

**S**iku zile: Bwana alimwambia Yoshua: “Siku hii ya leo nimeiondoa hiyo aibu ya Misri kwenu.” Waisraeli walipokuwa wamepiga kambi yao huko Gilgali, jioni ya siku ya kumi na nne ya mwezi, waliadhimisha Sikukuu ya Pasaka katika tambarare za Yeriko.

Nao wakala mazao ya nchi siku ya pili baada ya Sikukuu ya Pasaka yaani, mikate isiyotiwa chachu na bisi siku ile. Walipokula mazao ya nchi ile, siku ya pili yake, mana ikakoma; kwa vile sasa waliweza kula mazao ya nchi ile. Kwa kuwa Waisraeli hawakuwa na mana tena wakajilisha mazao ya nchi ya Kanaani tangu wakati huo.

**Zaburi 34**
***K. Onjeni, mwone jinsi Bwana alivyo mwema.***

Nitamtukua Bwana kila wakati; sifa zake zi kinywani mwangu daima. Nafsi yangu itajisifu katika Bwana wanyonge wasikie na kufurahi. K.

Mtukuzeni Bwana pamoja nami; tuliadhimishe jina lake pamoja. Nilimkimbilia Bwana, akanisikiliza, akaniopoa katika hofu zangu zote. K.

Mtazameni Mungu mkafurahiwe na nyuso zenu zisihuzunike. Mnyonge huyu alilia, naye Bwana akamsikiliza, akamwoko katika shida zake zote. K.

**2 Wakorintho 5:17-21**

**N**dugu zangu: Mtu akiwa katika Kristo ni kiumbe kipya. Ya kale yamepita, mapya yamefika. Hayo yote yanatoka kwa Mungu. Yeye ametupatanisha naye kwa ujumbe wa Kristo, akatukabidhi sisi kazi ya upatanisho. Yaani, Mungu ameipatanisha dunia naye katika Kristo, kusudi asiwahesabie watu tena makosa yao. Akaliweka neno la upatanisho ndani yetu.

Basi, tumekuwa wajumbe mahali pa Kristo, kwa maana ni Mungu anayeonya kwa huduma yetu. Na ombi tunalotoa kwa jina la Kristo ndilo mpatanishwe na Mungu. Yeye amemfanya yule asiyejua dhambi kuwa dhambi kwa ajili yetu, ili na sisi tuwe uadilifu wa Mungu katika yeye.

**SHANGILIO LA INJILI**

*Sifa na utukufu kwako, ee Kristo.*

*Nitaondoka, nitakwenda kwa baba yangu na kumwambia,*

*Baba, nimekosa mbele ya Mungu na mbele yako.*

*Sifa na utukufu kwako, ee Kristo.*

**Luka 15:1-3, 11-32**

**W**akati ule: Watoza ushuru wote na wakosefu walimjia [Yesu] wapate kumsikia, lakini Mafarisayo na Waandishi wakanung'unika, wakisema, “Huyu huwapokea wakosefu na anakula nao.” Akawaambia mfano huu: “Mtu mmoja alikuwa na wana wawili, mdogo akamwambia baba yake, ‘Baba, nipe sehemu ya mali iliyo haki yangu.’ Basi baba akawagawia mali. Baada ya siku si nyingi, mdogo huyo akakusanya vyote akaenda mbali ugenini alikotapanya mali yake kwa kuishi maisha ya uasherati. Alipomaliza vyote, njaa kali iliingia nchi ile, naye pia akaanza kupatwa na shida. Basi akaenda kujiunga na mwenyeji wa huko aliyemtuma shambani kwake kulisha nguruwe. Akataman: kujishibisha kwa maganda waliyokula nguruwe, lakini hakuna mtu aliyempa kitu. Akajifikiria, akasema, ‘Ni watumishi wangapi wa baba yangu wana chakula tele, nami ninakufa njaa. Nitaondoka. nitakwenda kwa baba yangu na kumwambia, “Baba, nimekosa mbele ya Mungu na mbele yako. Sistahili kuitwa tena mwanao unitendee kama mmoja wa watumishi wako.”’ Basi akaondoka akarudi kwa baba yake. Baba yake alimwona angali mbali, akamwonea huruma. Akamkimbilia, akamkumbatia, akambusu. Mwana akamwambia. ‘Baba, nimekosa mbele ya

Mungu na mbele yako; sistahili kuitwa tena mwana wako.’ Lakini baba akawaambia watumishi wake, ‘Upesi leteni joho maridadi, mkamvike, mtieni pete kidoleni na viatu miguuni. Tena mleteni ndama mnono, mkamchinje. Kisha tule na kufanya sherehe, kwa maana huyu mwanangu alikuwa amekufa, naye amefufuka; alikuwa amepotea, naye ameonekana tena.’ Kisha wakaanza kufanya shangwe. Sasa mzaliwa wake wa kwanza alikuwa bado shambani, na aliporudi na kuikaribia nyumba, alisikia vijifo na ngoma. Akamwita mmoja wa watumishi, akamwuliza, ‘Kuna nini?’ Naye akamwambia, ‘Ndugu yako amekuja, na baba yako amemchinja ndama mnono, kwa sababu amempata tena salama.’ Akakasirika. na alipokataa kuingia nyumbani, baba yake alitoka nje na kumsihi. Akamjibu baba yake, ‘Tazama, miaka mingapi nimekutumikia, tena sijavunja amri yako hata mara moja; lakini huanipa hata mwanambuzi nifanye tafrija pamoja na rafiki zangu. Lakini huyu mwana wako aliyekula mali yako pamoja na makahaba, aliporudi umemchinja mara ndama mnono.’ Akamjibu, ‘Mwanangu, wewe umekuwa pamoja nami siku zote. na vyote nilivyo navyo ni vyako. Lakini sharti tufanye shangwe na furaha, kwa maana huyu ndugu yako alikuwa amekufa, naye amefufuka tena; alikuwa amepotea, naye ameonekana.’”

**Joshua 5:9a. 10-12**

**I**n those days: The LORD said to Joshua, “This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” While the sons of Israel were encamped in Gilgal they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho.

And on the next day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased on the next day, when they ate of the produce of the land; and the sons of Israel had manna no more, but ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

**PSALM 34*****R. Taste and see that the Lord is good!***

I will bless the LORD at all times,  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
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 lowly one called; the LORD heard,  
and rescued him from all his distress. R.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Brethren: If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ.*

*I will arise and go to my father and I will say to him:*

*Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.*

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ.*

**Luke 15:1-3.11-32**

**A**t that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.”’

“And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’” “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. “Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Behold, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’

“And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”



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# Reflection

The parable is about a wealthy man, and his two sons. His young son requested his father to give him his inheritance. The Father divided his estate between them. The young son departed with his inheritance to a distant country, where he squandered his inheritance on drunkenness and fornication, until all was spent and he was totally broke. He was starving and got work to take care of pigs. With time he decided to go back to his Father and repent for misusing his inheritance, wasting all of it in sin. He was prepared to work as a servant for his Father. When the Father saw his son he ran to him, embraced him, kissed him, clothed him with new clothes and slaughtered the Fattened calf to celebrate the return of his son. He forgave him completely. Our heavenly Father is awaiting us always to return to him from our sinful ways, so that he can forgive us and be reconciled to him. There is great jubilation in heaven when a sinner converts from his evil ways.

This parable of the prodigal son, should encourage us this Lent to go for confession, stop our evil ways and keep God's commandments. Let us emulate the prodigal son and seek mercy from our Merciful Father. Let us emulate our merciful Father and forgive all those who have offended us, starting from our marriage and family.

The older son has the characteristics of the Pharisees and scribes. He is proud, thinks he is righteous, and does not forgive his younger brother. He gets angry for the forgiveness and love shown to his younger brother by their father. God expects us to forgive others, so that our sins can be forgiven. Let us forgive all those who have hurt us, so that God's mercy and blessings can flow into our hearts, our bodies, our families, and the work of our hands, this lent. Let us rejoice when we see our neighbors returning to God.



Children taking part in the way of the cross



Act of mercy by altar servers

## CENTENARY DINNER



# SUPPORT THE DINNER

**HOW TO SUPPORT**

- PERSONAL/ FAMILY DONATIONS
- DONATE MEAT, RICE, CHICKEN COOKING OIL E.T.C
- PURCHASE DINNER CARDS





**When is the dinner?**

**DATE:** Friday 29th April 2022

**TIME:** FROM 5.00 P.M.

**VENUE:** HOLY GHOST CATHEDRAL

**DRESS CODE:** AFRICAN SMART



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Account name: 100 Years

*For more information contact the parsih office*

**Centenary dinner Cards are available in the tent outside. Anyone interested in contributing to this celebration is requested to come to the office. Help can be rice, cooking oil, meat and so on. Welcome**