

# Care for Life

Third Sunday of Lent 2019



... it may bear fruit next year ...

## Content Page

### 1. **Copy and distribute reflections**

Each Sunday there is a reflection on the Gospel, and a 'call to action' on the threat posed by assisted dying laws in Western Australia. Please photocopy these front-and-back and distribute them to your parishioners each Sunday. They can be folded into the weekly bulletin, handed out independently, or left at each door of the Church – but please remind your parishioners to take a copy home with them.

### 2. **Project the artwork during Mass**

A local young artist, Sam Allum, was commissioned to produce a simple image based on the Gospel of each Sunday. You might project this onto the screen each week as people arrive for Mass, and again during your homily. You may use the images in the context of this Lenten Program, but not otherwise - the artwork is copyright.

### 3. **Use the Gospel Reflection to shape your homily**

We do not expect you to preach on assisted dying laws. We hope you will find these Gospel reflections helpful in preparing your homily and have tried to tie them together – a bit difficult, since Sunday 5 is taken from John instead of Luke, and you have a wide range of Gospels to choose from on Easter Sunday.

### 4. **Add the Intercessory Prayer/s to your Prayers of the Faithful**

Each Sunday there are two intercessory prayers you may wish to use. Holding these concerns in prayer is a simple and effective way for your parishioners to support the *Care for Life*.

### 5. **Use the Children's Liturgy**

These reflections are designed to encourage a care for others in the young.

### 6. **Use the Second Rite of Reconciliation**

Through the readings and examination of conscience this outline challenges us to review how we are called to *Care for Life*.

### 7. **Encourage your parishioners to answer the 'Call to Act'**

*Care for Life* is not a parish project, and parishes should never get involved in politics. This is however an opportunity for your parishioners to understand the issues and engage *individually* in the public policy debate around assisted dying and euthanasia.

## Universal Prayers

For the gift of life:

May the compassion of Jesus' love for all of humanity be evident in our response to the laws that erode Gospel values. [Pause] Lord hear us.

**Response:** Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the sick:

That whatever their suffering, as a Christian community we support them by valuing the gift of their presence.

[Pause] Lord hear us.

**Response:** Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

## Music Selections

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation. J M Neale/ H Purcell. CWB #640; GA #482

Eye Has Not Seen. M Haugen. AOV1 #146; GA #466

God of mercy and compassion. E. Vaughan CSsR et al./ French Melody  
CWB #692; CWBII #290; GA #302

Grant to Us, O Lord. L Deiss. CWB #698; CWBII #291; GA #303

Jesus, In Your Heart We Find. JP McAuley/R Connolly. CWB #724; CWBII #397; GA #464

My Soul in Stillness Waits. M Haugen. CWBII #237; GA #280 (Verses 5-6)

Now We Remain. D Haas. AOV1 #45; CWBII #636; GA #499

Return to God. M Haugen. CWBII #298; GA #304

Sing praise to the Lord all our days. J Moloney/ French Melody. CWB #810; CWBII #602

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy. F Faber/ Dutch melody. CWB #838; CWBII #624

Tree of Life. M Haugen. CWBII #300; GA #307

Unless a Grain of Wheat. B Farrell. AOV1 #35; CWBII #635; GA #500

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross. I Watts/ E Miller. CWB #862; CWBII #329; GA #330

When We Eat This Bread. M Joncas. AOV1 #99

## CARE FOR LIFE LENT 2019

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