

Care for Life

Fourth Sunday of Lent 2019



. . . he ran to the boy and clasped him tenderly . . .

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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 those in our world who are vulnerable:

May the constant example of Jesus' compassion, especially for the vulnerable, be a guide to us of the need to shape our world in whatever way we can to protect the rights of all people. [Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the elderly:

May we be bearers of hope and love, protecting the rights of elderly people to live a full and happy life. [Pause] Lord hear us.

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Music Selections

Amazing Grace. J Newton. AOV1 #29; GA #437

A New Heart for A New World. T Watts/M O'Brien. AOV1 #158; CWBII #477; GA #438;

Bring us back to You, O Lord our God J-P Lecot/ Sr Lucia Fay. CWB #629; CWBII #287

Christ Is the World's Light. F P Green. CWB #643; CWBII #467

Blest Be the Lord. D Schutte. AOV1 #179; GA #458

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

I Am the Light of the World. G Hayakawa. AOV1 #176

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say. H Bonar/ R V Williams. AOV1 #54; CWBII #512; GA #468

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

Our Father we have wandered. K. Nichols/ E Routley. CWB #; CWBII #297

Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light. D Haas. AOV2 #67; GA #27

Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light. C Willcock SJ. CWB #594; CWBII #481; GA #28

Rejoice! The Lord is King. C Wesley/ J Darwall. CWB #799/ CWBII #377

The Name of God. D Haas. CWBII #517; GA #68

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

Yes, I Shall Arise. L. Deiss. CWB #867; CWBII #648; GA #214

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