

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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GOSPEL

Lk 13: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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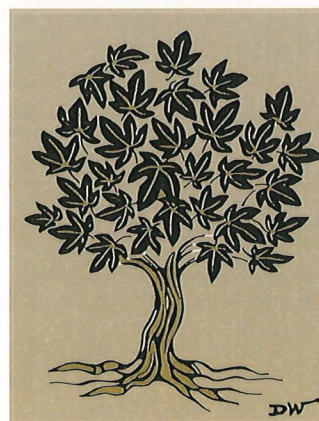
Breaking Open the Word

A CHANGE OF HEART

Last week our Lenten focus was on prayer. This Sunday is about conversion and a change of heart. In the first part of today's reading, Jesus reminds his audience that suffering or persecution is not the result of guilt or sin. Terrible events remind us to have a spirit of repentance. "Repentance" is more of an openness of heart and mind to God, the essential and primary quality of a disciple, and less the codified legalistic need to address one's infringement of ethical or moral standards.

The second part of today's Gospel moves in an ecological direction. Repentance implies ecological conversion. The parable of the fig tree and its owner highlights the attitude of its owner to what is grown on his property. He sees the tree as unproductive and therefore unable to provide a cash return. The owner is greedy. Earth's gift, the tree, is seen as a commodity whose lack of fruitfulness means for the landowner that it is to be "cut down" because it is "taking up the ground" (literally in the Greek, "using up Earth").

What appears as ecological sensitivity is rather an economic or materialistic agenda. But the one who cares for the Earth and the tree, its gardener, offers a more viable and environmental friendlier solution. Leave the tree, offer it fertiliser, and it may bear fruit in the future. He pleads for patience for Earth's fruitfulness. This is instructive for contemporary disciples: tender horticultural practice that cares for Earth is preferred to pragmatic, utilitarian destruction.



Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / C

23 MARCH 2025

FIRST READING

Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel:
I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, / gives judgement for all who are oppressed. / He made known his ways to Moses / and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

4. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / For as the heavens are high above the earth / so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

■ The word of the Lord.



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- MASS TIMES**
- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
 - **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
 - Tuesday: 5.30pm
 - Wednesday: 8.45am
 - Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

3rd Week of Lent YR C
23 Sun: 3rd Sunday of Lent
24 Mon: No Mass
25 Tues: The Annunciation of the Lord
26 Wed: 3rd Week of Lent
27 Thu: 3rd Week of Lent
28 Fri: 3rd Week of Lent
29 Sat: 3rd Week of Lent/ Vigil 4th Sunday of Lent YR C

- SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS**
- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
 - Rosary: Sat 8am
 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
 - Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.00pm
- *For Baptisms & Weddings***
Please call the Parish Office

- PARISH FAITH FORMATION**
- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
 - **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
 - **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

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WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

UNLESS YOU REPENT. When misfortune strikes people considered to be sinners, others might say: 'They had it coming! God is punishing them!' In today's Gospel Jesus criticises such attitudes on two grounds. Firstly, it is wrong to see the wrath of God in every tragic event. Secondly, we need to recognise that we are all guilty of sin and in need of conversion. Instead of judging others, let us ask God to forgive our sins and help us as we undertake the difficult task to reform.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

| PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS | First Collection EFT Details | | Second Collection EFT Details | |
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| | Reference: | Name | Reference: | Name |

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

| Mass | Acolyte | Commentator | Readers | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday 29 th Mar 6.00pm | Robert Lam Nguyen | | T Hanson C Joyce | C Bonavia L Nguyen | M & m Coutinho |
| Sunday 30 th Mar 8.00am | Ashley Rebeiro | R Bennett | P Palmezz C Parnham | L Millington S Robinson | N King |
| Sunday 30 th Mar 10.00am | Joe Saldanha | R Ratnayake | N Barker F Brown | T Seputro M Bijoux | R Vadakkal S Barker |
| Sunday 30 th Mar 6.00pm | Sunil Rodrigues | | S Fernandez J Fernandez | P & J Pereyra | J Mai M Lanarolle |

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

We are now in the autumn months and Covid-19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better. **Mass for you at home will be broadcast every Sunday at 6am on the Ten Network** and multiple times during the week on Foxtel's Aurora (Channel 173).

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **22nd March 2025**
D Rodrigues 11 Coffey St, Belmont & C Quamson
33 Pearl Rd, Cloverdale.

Parish Office Relocation

The parish office has now been relocated to the back rooms of the parish centre. Office hours will still remain the same. To gain access to the parish office, please use the door of the parish centre on the school side. A door bell has now been placed. If you need to contact the parish after office hours, please leave a phone message or email: ndparish@bigpond.net.au

Easter Raffle 2025

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses from this weekend. Tickets: \$3 for 1 or \$10 for 4. Donations of assorted chocolate items to help make prize baskets is sort after. Donations can be left in the Sacristy or brought to the Parish Office, now located in the Parish Centre.

Passing of a Long Serving Parishioner

On Monday 17th March we heard of the passing of John York. John was a long serving parishioner of Belmont/Redcliffe and Cloverdale. He was on the Parish Council at Belmont/Redcliffe for many terms. He was the organiser of the footy tipping competition over the many years. He will greatly missed by family and friends. RIP.

Notre Dame Parish Youth Group Activity

Calling all youth from Year & up! Lets STRIKE UP some fun! Bowling Night on Friday 28th March @ 6pm at Zone Bowling Cannington. Wear your sneakers and bring \$19.90 for the entry fees. Booking is essential, so please write your name on 'The Expression of Interest Sheet' and get a Parent Consent Form as well.

Youth Camp 2025: 25th – 27th April

Join the Adventure at our Youth Camp. Are you ready to make unforgettable memories and unleash your Faith? Join us for fun, friendship, faith and freedom for an action packed Youth Camp that will inspire, excite and empower you! **25th – 27th April 2025 @ Cahoots Adventure Camp**, 100 Kirby Rd, Bullsbrook. Cost: \$90, this covers 2 night's accommodation, food & materials. See poster for registration or contact Roge M: 0403 781 021.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent @ 6pm in the Church.

Easter Timetable Flyers

Available from both sides of the Church. Hand it out to family and friends.

Around the Archdiocese

Project Compassion 2025 –Third Sunday of Lent

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature.. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. **You can donate by taking a box or envelopes or calling 1800 024 413 or securely online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion**

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures.

Email: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.

This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction. See noticeboards for full details.

Notre Dame Community

Footy Tipping – AFL Season 2025

Thank you to all that have placed an entry or 3 in the footy Tipping AFL 2025. We have had a lot of entries, over 130. The first lot of results will be available after the 3rd round. Thank you again for supporting the parish.

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Peter Butcher, Ivy & Harry Klass, Sharon Fletcher, Francis D, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Angela & Domenico Ciccotosto, deceased members of the Lucci & Di Giovanni families, Denzil Devisser, recently deceased Albert (John) York and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:

Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan & Philomena Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), Rob Petty, Hannah Guilfoyle & Bob Sullivan.

Baptisms

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community: *Isla Mae, Jai Oliver & Riley Eamon Hunt.*

