

23rd March, 2025, 3rd Sunday of Lent / C

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### **St Therese Barellan**

**In our Prayers:** Pope Francis, Barry Carroll, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldow.

**For our Deceased:** John Staniforth, Vera Davies, John Mason, Kevin O'Dwyer,  
Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence,  
accidents & natural disasters.

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**March 29-30**

No Mass at Ardlethan 5th Sunday

**Next Mass Sunday 6th April 8am**  
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**Reflection - *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 of reform.

The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C call for repentance and returning to the Lord. They recount Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, emphasize God's kindness and mercy in the psalm, and warn about the need to learn from the past in the second reading. The gospel passage includes Jesus' admonition to change our ways and his parable of the fig tree, highlighting God's continuous efforts to help us grow and mature in faith. The themes encompass self-reflection, the meaning of suffering, understanding God's nature, and the sacrament of reconciliation.

**Reflection** -Lent is the most important time of the year to nurture our inner life. It is the time during which we not only prepare ourselves to



celebrate the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, but also the death and

resurrection that constantly takes place within us. Life is a continuing process of the death of the old and the familiar, and being reborn again into a new hope, a new trust, and a new love. The death and resurrection of Jesus therefore is not just an historical event that took place a long time ago, but an inner event that takes place in our heart when we are willing to be attentive to it.

*Henri Nouwen*



*Thank You to ACAT for their very generous donation. ACAT are dissolving after numerous years due to the Uniting Church closure and lack of numbers. CWA will be taking on the funeral catering and look forward to the community members helping them as they have done for ACAT.*



We rejoice with Zach Griffin and Hayley Buerckner as they proclaim their love for each other next Saturday 29th March at Beckom.

May God enrich their marriage with blessings that will nourish and sustain them as they journey more deeply into the Mystery of Living and Loving.

## Dates:

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>13th April</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>18th April</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>20th April</b>



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**Third Sunday of Lent**  
22nd and 23rd of March 2025

**Lam** is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Growing up, Lam often felt isolated due to limited job opportunities and difficulty moving around his community. While his friends started jobs after high school, Lam stayed home with his parents, unsure if he could ever achieve his dream of becoming a graphic designer.

Everything changed when Lam joined the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia. Through this initiative Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. Along the way, he built confidence, made friends and gained a sense of connection.

Today, Lam runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. Lam hopes his story will encourage other young people with disabilities to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Lam's journey shows how your support of Project Compassion empowers individuals to break barriers and transform their lives. Will you walk alongside people like Lam this Lent?



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**Roster Apr 6th**

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