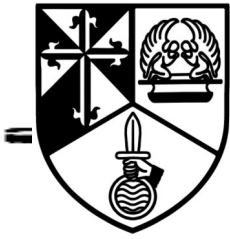


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Mass Times
Monday - NO Mass
Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am
Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm
Saturday - 9:00am
Vigil - 5:pm
Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour
Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary
Before 10am Mass on Sundays

Third Sunday of Lent



If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
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PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY** Please contact Jacquie in the
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 4:17

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING

First reading - Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

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,' Moses 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 fathers,' 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, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.' 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: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

The Lord is kind and merciful.

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.

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.

Cont...

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.

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.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

Second reading - 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

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

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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

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.

Cont...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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

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LENTEN ADORATION

One of our usual Lenten observances is to engage in some meaningful prayer time during this penitential and reflective season of the Church's year. In order to facilitate this aspect of our penitential schedule we shall be having a period of quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm-7pm on the Friday's of Lent. Please come and join us, you need not stay for the whole time but this opportunity gives us all a moment of the week to offer praise, thanksgiving, sorrow and petition to Our Lord in a quiet reflective environment. Jesus invites all of us to "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." (Mark 6:31)

BIBLE STUDY

Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) Monday nights (except Public Holidays) at 6pm in the Parish Centre a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. Currently the group is looking at St Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

3 SUNDAY LENT



I suppose we see in today's gospel the logic behind the so called "Law of Karma" popularly proposed by Hindu spirituality. This logic teaches that your actions come back to you in some way-evil activity will result in evil visiting upon whereas behaving well means blessings will be given to you at some time.

Jesus puts pay to this mentality. Jesus does not believe in this karmic mindset. Jesus narrates two scenarios: the killing of some Galileans, and the falling of a tower on some innocent people. The popular logic would hold that these people deserved what happened to them because they'd done something evil, particularly in the case of the Galileans (who were known agitators against the Romans). The logic in this first scenario is obvious, these Galileans most probably provoked Pilate's wrath in some way and the result was this massacre in the Temple by Roman forces.

"Jesus rejects this false idea and warns the Jews who brought the tidings [of these events] that, unless they repented in time, similar disasters awaited them too.

Cont...They are not to regard the murdered Galileans as more guilty than themselves."

In order to emphasise the seriousness of the matter still further, the Lord refers to this other incident, the falling of a tower in Siloam on some innocent bystanders. In this case the "innocence" of the parties involved is presumed, these are just ordinary people going about their duties. Jesus uses this incident to distinguish accidental happenings and the situation of personal moral guilt. The people concerned were no more guilty of some sin than the masses not visited by this calamity.

The Gospel here then is good news but only for those who convert from a destructive life and come to true repentance. One's personal evil does not necessarily have to be apparent in such a dramatic way, in fact most of our personal evils are hidden from the eyes of men, but God sees all and calls all people to repentance regardless of the circumstances of their lives. God calls us to acknowledge those times where a lack of charity, or a disordered desire for wealth, power or prestige, or perhaps an unhealthy desire for the sensual things can become a barrier to holiness of life.

The second story in our gospel for today alerts us to the fact that our time for repentance is short. We can't just put off going to confession for another day, we can't just deny we do anything wrong, we can't just avoid saying sorry to god for the stupid, reckless and selfish things we've done. There is mercy in that the owner of the tree allows one more year but time is of the essence.

The Season of Lent is a time where we are called to make a thorough examination of our conscience. Lent is a time where we can clearly point out the weaknesses in our lives so that we can acquire God's mercy and grace to attain holiness of life. Otherwise as our second story narrates we've been given three years to produce fruit, we have only one more year and either produce fruits or face getting cut down!

God love you all. You're all in my prayers. Fr Mannes OP

SEIZING LIFE'S OPPORTUNITIES

'The parable of the fig tree tells its own story - God's mercy may allow us second chances, but, sooner or later, there is the "last" chance. One of the facts of life is that time is constantly passing by. We may pretend we do not feel any older! However we attempt to fool ourselves, the fact remain that time flies and so does life with its opportunities.



'Many shy away from this thought. And so, here we are already half way through Lent and the Church wants us to review our situations. We are being asked to seize the opportunities that come our way and not to fool ourselves into thinking that there is always tomorrow. We do not have forever to accept God's offer.

'So far during Lent we have been asked to see these weeks as opportunities for new growth in our spiritual attitudes. The real scope for new growth is present in the opportunities for goodness that life offers us. The punch line is that whatever time we have - no matter how much we have - it is comparatively short and then it will be a case of "by our fruits, we will be known".'

Excerpts from a commentary by Fr Noel Tobin, Geraldton, WA

PROJECT COMPASSION



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic

which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture. With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities. **For All Future Generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



THE IMPORTANCE OF SINGING

According to The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 'The faithful who gather together to await the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing psalms, hymns, and inspired songs (Col 3:16)'. Song is the sign of the heart's joy (Acts 2:46). Thus St Augustine says rightly: 'To sing belongs to lovers.' There is also the ancient proverb: 'The one who sings well prays twice.'"

From the Catholic Enquiry Centre

LITURGY VOLUNTEERS - The new Liturgy Roster for the next 6 months will be prepared shortly. As volunteer numbers have decreased over the last year we are urgently in need of volunteers for the new roster. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the foyer if you can volunteer.

HOLY WATER: The fonts located above the Collection boxes on the rear wall of the Church which were not used during the COVID-19 restrictions are now back in use. In addition the large glass container next to the Offertory Gifts table contains holy water which is intended for use in the home. If you wish to have some please bring a suitable container and fill using the tap on the container.

PLANT STALL - Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a plant stall on Thursday 31 March 2022, 8am to 4pm, Jamison Centre. A huge range of succulents, perennials, indoor plants and more will be available. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. For further information: Jan 0437790980

CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY will be the featured charity at Canberra Theatre Centre's Music at Midday Concert at 12 pm, Tuesday 12 April 2022. The Band of the Royal Military College Duntroon will play their take on modern hits as well as some old favourites. Entrance by gold coin donation. All proceeds go towards the purchase of medical equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Patrons are advised to book their free tickets from the Canberra Theatre Centre Box Office, phone 62762700. All welcome!

CHRISM MASS - Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 11 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

What makes this a great Lenten Story?

The gardener gives for the tree to change. He cultivates the ground and fertilisers it to help it take in the nutrients.

Planted in God, we're meant to bring forth fruits.

'What is Lent, but a season that rolls around year after year, giving us the chance to change?'

PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Mimma Gia, Rosa Maria Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Bob Hackett, Joe Schimizzi, Awny El-Ghitany, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Peter Catlin, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Bernard Druett, Denis Lawrence, Patricia Zorzi, June Pollard, Gwen Gleeson, Sue King, Anthony Parsonage, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Fr Kieran sends good wishes to parishioners

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Ken Evans, Carol Hallam, Anna Di Prinzio,

Ken O'Brien, Brian Leader, Billy Gibson, Joan Waldren

IN LOVING MEMORY

Noel Leo Dawes

BAPTISM

Adelina Miniutti

will be baptised this weekend.

May his life be filled with God's peace,
and his heart with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



HOLY ROUNABOUT YOUTH GROUP Sundays 3.30 - 5.00pm weekly Sunday afternoon youth group for 11-17 years at Holy Cross Church Hackett.

PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. You are welcome to join in.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - www.wccm.org

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday.

All parishioners are invited. - Meet in the church Office

ROSTER 26/ 27 March 2022

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran
Reader - K. Markcrow

Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - E. Smith

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - R. Tanzer
Reader - C. Barbaro, P. McDonald

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - L. Kim,
Reader - Caitlin & Catherine Paton