



splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

"There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart."

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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REMOVE THE PLANK

Who thought that the Gospels and Jesus' words are humourless? Today's Gospel reflects on one of the key issues that touches all of us and does it in an exaggerated and humorous way. It is about judging others. In my criticism of others and judging them, according to Jesus, I ignore the bigger issue: my inability to self-reflect and see the larger personal weaknesses in my own condemning character. Jesus compares the 'splinter' in the other's eye to the huge 'plank' in one's own.

The eye, in Luke's world, was the gateway to the soul and the primary organ of decision making. For a disciple to be critical of others and not recognise the plank in their own eye is to be blocked from authentic soulful and considered living. This plank must be removed by careful and sustained spiritual surgery through closeness to Jesus. This is the ongoing quest for disciples journeying with Jesus.

In the second half of today's Gospel the image turns to the production of sound fruit. This is more about authentic discipleship than about agricultural production. It is again about the heart. Jesus' words encourage Luke's Gospel's audience, and us, to draw on the heart and live from its reservoir of goodness. As with the earlier humorous parable about seeing, we are invited to see deeply and act with integrity so that our hearts can grow in goodness. Authentic conduct will follow. This is the intent behind the Gospel's final piece of wisdom, that 'words flow out of what fills the heart'.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Sir 27: 4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to make music to your name, O Most High, / to proclaim your love in the morning / and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree / and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing sap when they are old, / still full sap, still green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 54-58

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

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is



sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the

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ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY THREE PARISHES TOGETHER



Baptism -Request forms can be located on Parish website/at Parish Office,

Fr Mark and Fr Kose will be available to celebrate Baptism during mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month
CatholicMarriagePrep
<https://cgcatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/engaged>

St Patrick's Cooma Mass
 Mass Sunday's at 10am
 Cooma Reconciliation available as requested following Mass
Adoration - Fridays 5.30-6.30pm

St Patrick's Weekday
 Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am
 Except Third Friday of Month for **Nursing Home Masses -3rd Friday**
 9.30am Yallabee Lodge
 11am Hudson House Respect

Adaminaby -2nd Sunday month
 Next date =9th March at 9am

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 Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
 *5pm Sat Vigil Mass
 1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla
 LITURGY 2nd Sunday 5.00pm
 Mass 4th Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale-
 3.30pm Sat 2nd & 4th Sundays
 Liturgy of the Word 10am Sunday's
 1st 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month

Jindabyne
 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat
 5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

Roster	2 nd Mar	9 th Mar
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Church Care	9 th Shane Bilish & family	16 th Sue Mcphie L Baker & B Moser
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Next weekend Readings

First Sunday of Lent / C

1st Reading Deut 26: 4-10
 2nd Reading Romans 10: 8-13
 Gospel Luke 4: 1-13



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Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,

"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death":

Norman Clark husband of Trina and father to Adrian, Rhianna and Ben, Funeral Monday 3rd @ 11am;
 Fr Kevin Flynn, Doug Payne, Walter Neumeyer, Debby Merrill, John Alexander, Joan Taylor, Lola Povey

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of" our departed family and friends: Percy Gardiner, Mark Jaajaa



Project Compassion Sunday 1st and 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those



most in need. *this Lent* Please donate today.
 You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at:** caritas.org.au/project-compassion **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413
 Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty*. **PLEASE TAKE A DONATION BOX available today.**

INVITATION The Rite of Election and Enrolment 2025 RCIA Sunday, March 9, 2025 1st Sunday of Lent

Catechumen and Candidates are encouraged to attend and will be formally welcomed by the Archbishop at the 11am Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka
 All Catechumens and Candidates, along with their families, sponsors and RCIA team members, are invited to attend. Following the Rite, our Catechumens and Candidates will be formally welcomed by the Archbishop at the 11am Mass.

For enrolment & rsvp details Please see Fr Mark / Fr Kose

You are warmly welcome to celebrate Fr. Hilton Robert's 90th Birthday in Kaleen on Saturday 8 March, 2:00-4:30pm.
To confirm your attendance and for more information please call Debby on 0402062415.



Joke:

One Sunday morning a priest saw a little boy staring intently at the large plaque on the church wall. The plaque was covered with names, and flags hung on either side of it.

"Father, asked the boy, "what's this?"

He replied, "It's a memorial to all the men and women who died in service."

They stood together in silence for a moment. Finally, the boy asked with genuine concern: "Was it at the eight or the ten-thirty Mass?"