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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 3

Entrance Antiphon:

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:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel Acclamation:

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: Luke 13:1-9

Communion Antiphon:

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.

Congratulations To



**Hudson Herrett, Oliver Nolan
Zahlia Jaja and Holly Sinclair**
whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through his Baptism we pray they will love and serve the Lord always.

Please be aware that all relevant Archdiocese Policy, Protocols and guidelines for safeguarding children, are public documents and are available on the Sydney Archdiocese website.

Reflection

The Hebrew slaves in Egypt have forgotten the Lord's goodness to them. But Moses, going about his ordinary business, is attentive enough to notice the Lord drawing near and willing enough to 'go forward to look', when he is called (First Reading).

He is then sent by God to remind the people of Israel that the Lord is compassion and love (Psalm).

St Paul uses this Exodus story as the basis for his homily (Second Reading) to the church community based at Corinth. Corinth is a bustling, cosmopolitan city with a reputation for indulgence and temples aplenty, but Paul isn't intimidated and makes it his headquarters for the mission to the west. However, it does explain the stern tone of his letter.

Jesus, too, gives us a warning in today's Gospel (Luke 13: 1-9). He calls us to repent, telling us that God desires that we bear fruit, promising us every opportunity to work with his grace.

In the coming days, let's listen to the Lord who is faithful in both word and name ('I Am') as the One who acts in our lives.

I enter this time of prayer slowly. As I prepare to ponder this challenging Gospel, I ask for the loving guidance of the Holy Spirit and a deeper confidence in the Lord's compassion and love. I become still.

As I read, I notice what words strike me...where am I being drawn? Perhaps I am like someone trying to make sense of life's tragedies...or trying to figure out who deserves what and why?

Maybe I sense, in the middle of Lent, that I am face-to-face with Jesus the 'discomforter'... how does this make me feel?

I may recall occasions when I have suffered unfairly...? ...or when I have judged others unfairly, perhaps seeing myself as 'better' than them? I ponder.

The Lord desires to feed and nurture me. Where, in my life, do I see God's loving tenderness, as he helps me grow and become more fruitful? Where might I be called to take this same love to others, especially those who seem less deserving? Again I ponder... How does Jesus seem to me now?

I talk to him with great trust from the heart...

As I end my prayer, I ask to be aware of the Lord tending to me, nourishing me, perhaps even pruning me, so that I can bear fruit by going out and doing the same for others. Glory be...

Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham

"We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed, cherished and protected..."



Big Thank you, from Social Justice Group and people of HatoUdo, Timor Leste. With your support we have raised sufficient funds for the local village community to purchase sufficient materials to complete stage 1 of the bakery building.



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

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.

Thanks be to God.

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

R. 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. **R.**

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.**

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.**

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

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

I want to remind you 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: Luke 13:1-9 ::::

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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Feast of the Annunciation , Monday 25th March ::::

The feast of the Annunciation marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is celebrated on 25 March each year. More importantly, since it occurs nine months before the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, the Annunciation marks the actual incarnation of Jesus Christ - the moment that Jesus was conceived and that the Son of God became the son of the Virgin. **A 7am Mass will be celebrated this Monday in honour of this Solemnity.**



Calendar for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed. Lenten Group: 6.30pm at the Chapel. 7am Mass Feast of Annunciation
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 4.00pm at the Chapel. Lenten Group: 6.00pm at the Chapel. Session 1 Reconciliation: 6.30pm at St Aloysius.
Wednesday:	Care and Concern coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. St Aloysius Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall.
Thursday:	No notice.
Friday:	Stations of the Cross: 12.00pm at St Aloysius.
Saturday:	Care and Concern Friendship Dinner: 6.00pm at Thornton Hall.

Please Join Us ::::



Every Friday during Lent at 12 noon, the Year 6 Pope Francis Students from St Aloysius Primary School are leading the Stations of the Cross for the For our Parish Community
Please join them and walk the Way of the Cross during this Lenten time

Mosaic Morning ::::

Please join us in Thornton Hall on April 13th at 10.30am to start getting creative. After our last mosaic class in November last year, we were asked by all who attended to "do it again" As part of our Lenten Journey we will mosaic some beautiful larger crosses. The cost of the class is \$15.00 including all your mosaic material and morning tea. Numbers are limited so please put your name down, the list will be in the back foyer. At this time lets us remind ourselves the power of the cross.....*"Battles are won, not with weapons, but with God. They are won where the way leads to the cross."*

Sacramental Program Dates 2019 ::::

Families with children making the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion are asked to make note of the following important dates.

Session One: March 26th 6.30pm

Session Two: April 2nd 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 9th April

First Eucharist 2019

Session One 4th June 6.30pm

Session Two: 11th June 6.30pm

Retreat Day 19th June 9.00am to 3.15pm

Sacrament of First Eucharist Sunday 23rd June / Feast of Corpus Christi

This Tuesday is our First session for Reconciliation begins for our little ones. Nearly 70 children have registered for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Please keep these children in our prayers.

So What is the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is :

"The invitation to the door of forgiveness, freedom of sin and of guilt and with that; comes Peace"

We pray for the people of New Zealand, especially in Christchurch ::::

This week we join religious communities around the world in prayer for those affected by the terrible events in Christchurch. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference issued the following message of solidarity over the weekend: We hold you in prayer as we hear the terrible news of violence against Muslims at mosques in Christchurch. We are profoundly aware of the positive relationships we have with Islamic people in this land, and we are particularly horrified that this has happened at a place and time of prayer. We are deeply saddened that people have been killed and injured, and our hearts go out to them, their families and wider community. We wish you to be aware of our solidarity with you in the face of such violence. Peace, Salaam.

Alongside the terrible stories of pain and loss, we also hold in our minds the stories of courage and love - including the large numbers of people from all faiths and none who turned out at mosques across New Zealand and Australia to express their solidarity with Muslim communities. Their response reminds us that there is more that brings us together than separates us as human beings. As Pope Francis said during his visit to Abu Dhabi in February, 'God is at the origin of the one human family'. 'We cannot honour the Creator without cherishing the sacredness of every person and of every human life: each person is equally precious in the eyes of God, who does not look upon the human family with a preferential gaze that excludes, but with a benevolent gaze that includes...In the name of God the Creator, therefore, every form of violence must be condemned without hesitation.'

Michael McVeigh, Editor – Australian Catholics

Social Justice Group ::::

Members of our Social Justice Group attended the Housing Affordability Assembly last Thursday evening at the Sydney Town Hall. Over 1900 people and 10 politicians attended to draw attention and listen to the need for improved policies to assist housing affordability, supply of social housing, combat the increasing number of homeless people on our city and country streets and move affordable energy. The Assembly was organised by a range of religious and community groups, including St Vinnies (all those in blue t/shirts), Justice and Peace Office of Sydney Archdiocese, Everybody's Home, and many other community groups. There was a strong call and some positive commitments to action on these important social issues.

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 30th and 31st March

Masses Cronulla	Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00pm	8.00 am Sunday	10.00 am Sunday	6.00 pm Sunday	Bundeena Sunday 9.00am	Nursing Home
Acolyte						-
Communion Ministers	G. Durante B. Salmon I. O'Neill	M. Hennessy C. Maher C. Coady R. Winton	B. Slamon K. Vitenov K. Croxson R. McCabe	C. Sammut M. Boyd L. Overton T. Merlino		
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Prayer of the Faithful	G. Durante	M. Hennessy	S. Schembri	T. Boyd	M. Turner	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Marie / John	
Cleaning (Saturday)	M. Donnellan L. Beaudoire					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 5 J. & M. Bainbridge, J. Lynch		Next Week Group 6 M. & S. Barlow, G. Newcombe, J. Small, M. Remedios, B. de Souza			

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Mass and other Liturgical Schedules

Sunday:

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla Vigil Mass: Saturday 5.00pm. Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
 Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Sunday Mass 1st Sunday of the month

Weekdays: This week:

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla: Monday: **(No Mass)**
Mass Tuesday to Friday: 7.00am **and** 9.30am
Mass Saturday: 8.00am

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) St Aloysius Church, Cronulla: Sat 4.00pm (or on request)
 Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Before Sunday Mass.

Baptisms: By appointment. **Morning Prayer:** Before Weekday 7.00am Masses. **Rosary:** After the weekday Mass.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: To be advised.
Anointing of the Sick in Mass: To be advised.

Anointing of the sick as required in the home or church. Please contact the Parish Centre.



We pray for Sr Bernadette Franks (RSM), Mary Constance, Dominic Mandile, Fr Graham Kings and Beryl Huntingdon who died recently. We pray for Joyce Northmore and Patricia Markham whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Michael Cilia & Lucy Caruana / Cilia, Mick McMahon, Grace & Giuseppe Casaceli, Brian Small, Harold Newcombe, Joseph Anthony Casaceli, Helen Forbes, Mary Mullins and her sisters Monica and Julia, Jean & Jim Quinn, Paul & Jean Givney, Allan & Laurel Howarth and Megan Howarth.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE

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'It is in giving that we receive'

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