

Welcome to
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3rd Sunday of Lent

Reflection

Lent is an appropriate time to reflect whether we have procrastinated in making important changes in our lives. The parable of the fruitless fig tree has a note of hope about it. A year of grace is given it; one more chance, with extra care, devoted to it to bear fruit.

So we ask ourselves:

- What area of my life feels fruitless and needs attention?
- What must be "pruned" so I can bear good fruit?

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE

We have all seen the tragedy & heartache unfolding in Ukraine & have felt a need to help. To this end we warmly invite you to a Prayer Service led by the retired Bishop of Geraldton, Bishop Justin Bianchini, to be held next Friday (25 March) in St. Dominic's Church at 6.30pm. A Donation box will be set up in the foyer and the proceeds forwarded to Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas Ukraine. A light supper will be served after the Prayer Service.

Please note that the Stations of the Cross will not take place next Friday.

Safeguarding Officers

St Dominic's - Isabelle Brewer 0459 537 045
 OLG - Dr Rina Cercarelli (PhD) 0413 835

MASS THIS WEEKEND

Sat 19 Mar 6pm St Dom
 Sun 20 Mar 7.30am OLG
 Sun 20 Mar 9am St Dom
 Sun 20 Mar 10am St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tue 22 Mar 7pm St Dom
 Wed 23 Mar 9am Adoration after Mass St Dom
 Thurs 24 Mar 9am OLG
 Fri 25 Mar 9am St Dom
 Fri 25 Mar 10.30am Biralee
 Sat 26 Mar 9am St Dom

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 26 Mar 6pm St Dom
 Sun 27 Mar 7.30am OLG
 Sun 27 Mar 9am St Dom
 Sun 27 Mar 10am St Dom

Monsignor Hawes Hermitage Raffle

Monsignor Hawes is the Priest Architect of the famous Geraldton Cathedral and other Churches and buildings in the Geraldton Diocese. One such "gem" is his Hermitage in Geraldton. Funds are being raised for the conservation of this and other Churches. For this there is a raffle of a *Toyota Hatch Ascent Sport car* (value \$30,000). Tickets are \$100 each. Only 1000 tickets are available from the contacts below. Bishop Justin Bianchini 0421 987 122 in Perth Mrs Gerry Eastman 0417 912 997 in Geraldton

Baptism

We welcome Aiden David Radford, son of Michael and Janine into our parish community. Aiden will be baptized this weekend. May God continue to bless the Radford family.

Liturgy of the Word on Zoom

This Sunday 10am
 A link to the service will be emailed during the week along with a booklet.
 (The 10am Mass will continue for awhile.)

Upcoming Events

Lenten Program: Thursdays in Lent, 10am in St Dominic's parish hall.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent

- 6pm St Dominic's, and 7pm OLG
- 7pm Zoom for those unable to attend church (link to be emailed)

Cancelled this Friday 25 March for Ukraine Prayer Service

Lenten Reconciliation: 6 April 6pm at St

Rosters this weekend	19 Mar 6pm St Dom	20 Mar 7.30am OLG	20 Mar 9am St Dom	20 Mar 10am St Dom
Readers	T Dabbs	J Gates		C Frisina
Acolyte	S Menezes			P Riney

Rosters next weekend	26 Mar 6pm St Dom	27 Mar 7.30am OLG	27 Mar 9am St Dom	27 Mar 10am St Dom
Readers	K Hart	B Webb		R Von Perger
Acolyte	D O'Sullivan			I Baviah

Project Compassion

Donations to Project Compassion support Caritas Australia's community development and emergency relief programs in partnership with marginalized communities around the world.

Easter Choir

As we are preparing to celebrate Easter, we warmly invite everyone interested to join the Parish Choir and sing at the Easter Vigil Mass. 1st practice is Wednesday 23 March, 5.30pm, St Dominic's Church.

Sanitizing/Cleaning Pews

A reminder that the church pews need to be cleaned after Mass. Thank you to those parishioners who stay behind to do this.

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.

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

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

CALL TO REPENT

For the people of Israel, the Exodus was understood to be the series of events that forged them as a people. When Moses is commissioned to go to the people and tell them what God is about to do for them, Moses asks for God's name. In reply, he is given the riddle of God's name in Hebrew that means 'I am who I am, I have been who I have been, I will be who I will be'. Moses and the people are invited to enter into a mystery. On the journey towards the land of promise, they will discover who God is, and who they are as God's people.

Paul uses the example of Israel's time in the desert to lead his wayward converts of Corinth to partake in the celebration of the Eucharist in a fitting manner. Some of them felt that they could eat meat that had already been sacrificed to idols, while others were scandalising their brothers and sisters by being drunk when the poor arrived for the Eucharist. They are forcefully reminded that even the people of Israel in the desert who ate the spiritual food and drink that God provided could be punished. In other words, there is no room for any complacency or arrogance that would justify us disregarding others.

In the Gospel too, Jesus challenges the complacency of his hearers. He makes use of contemporary events in Jerusalem to shock and unsettle. Ultimately, we are reminded of God's forbearance and mercy but are also called to make the most of the present opportunity to repent.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / C

20 MARCH 2022

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.

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

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.