



WOY WOY PENINSULA PARISH St John the Baptist Catholic Church

"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



20th March 2022 3rd Sunday of Lent—C

LENTEN PROGRAMME

Way of the Cross & Mass:

Wednesdays & Fridays:

**6.30pm followed by
the Eucharist at
7.00pm**



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MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at 8.15a.m. followed by the Eucharist at 8:30am.

Saturday: Morning prayer at 8.45a.m. followed by the Eucharist, adoration and confession. Evening at 5pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:15am & 5pm

First Friday: Confession 3.30pm

Healing Mass 4pm

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Thursdays 7—8pm

Please contact the Parish Office, if you require information about any Sacraments

Reflections for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, current events that included the violent deaths suffered by certain Galileans at the hands of Pilate and victims of the falling of the tower of Siloam were used as a teaching moment for Jesus. His point was that we never know when death may come knocking on our door, so we must be prepared! How do we prepare?

Repent! The Bible teaches us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), and "the wages of sin is death" (that is, eternal death in hell) (Romans 6:23). But that

second verse goes on to say, "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." God offers us forgiveness of our sins through Jesus. But in order to receive that gift, we must repent of our sins before the Lord. And we should not put off repenting because it might be too late. In Jesus' parable of the fig tree, the lesson is about the lack of repentance of the Israelites, who are represented by the fig tree. They had been given time to repent of their sinful ways and bear good fruit through accepting Jesus as the Messiah. But the majority of them (not all) remained in their hard-hearted rebellion against God, rejecting the message of Jesus. Their time was running short, but God was patient and generous by giving more time. Still, the lesson is that we never know when our time is up, so we should repent now and turn to the Lord so we can bear good fruit in our lives. Lent is the perfect time to take the opportunity to turn to God in repentance.

<https://stjoesmarion.org/news/readings-reflections-for-the-3rd-sunday-of-lent-1>

Themes for the Mass Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent for Year C are a call to repent and return to the Lord. The first reading tells of how Moses encountered God in the burning bush. The psalm sings of God's kindness and mercy. In the second reading Paul tells us to learn from the past.

And in the gospel Jesus warns people to change their ways. He also tells the parable of the fig tree. God gives us many opportunities to grow, but we must not resist his efforts to help us mature in faith.

- What needs to change in our lives
- Why do people suffer?
- Who is God?
- Sacrament of Reconciliation

<https://young-catholics.com/3511/3rd-sunday-of-lent-year-c/>



**We warmly welcome those
being Baptised this weekend:**

Ace Durrough

Evelyn Durrough

Emma Fernandes

Tristan Hammond

Josh Quilkey

Tom Quilkey

Joseph Quilkey

Sage Wakelin



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We The Woy Woy Catholic Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103 (104): 1-4, 6-8, 11.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reading II: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

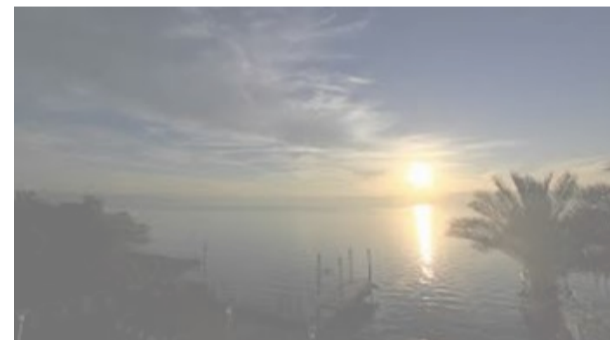
Verse Before the Gospel: Mt 4:17

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

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them— do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"



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Remembrance: Peter Whiteman, Bugeja family

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Lisa Ryan, Hanaa El Khatib, Sheila Houghton, Marie Head, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Moretti, Linda Italiano, Eneio Wolfgram, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Jones, Kiliti Na'ati, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Pat Savage, John Mitchell, Donna Vella, Ken Joyce, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Rose Aloisio, Tina Cohen, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Anne Singleton, Janice Green, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Maria Arundell, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Clare Gleeson, Margaret Gibson, Dawn Torrens, Jackie Asic, Margaret Hope, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Charles Lawson, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Vince Weigold, Lola DeSouza



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March:

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

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