



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

**Third Sunday of Lent – 23 March 2025**

## Cultivating a Fruitful Heart: Embracing Generosity as Disciples of Christ



In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 13:1-9), Jesus shares the parable of the barren fig tree, illustrating God's patience and the call to repentance. The vineyard owner, finding no fruit on the tree for three years, orders it to be cut down. However, the gardener

pleads for one more year, promising to cultivate and fertilize it, hoping it will bear fruit. This story emphasizes that while God's grace allows time for transformation, it is not indefinite; we are urged to act and produce spiritual fruit in our lives.

Reflecting on this, we are reminded of the familiar story of four individuals: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. A crucial task awaited completion, and while Everybody was certain Somebody would address it, in the end, Nobody did. This tale underscores the importance of personal responsibility in our faith journey.

One tangible way to respond to this call is through our parish's **Planned Giving Program**. By dedicating a portion of our blessings, we actively participate in the mission of our parish, ensuring it remains a vibrant community of faith and service. This act of giving is not merely a financial contribution but a reflection of our commitment to bear fruit in God's vineyard.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us each consider how we can cultivate our spiritual lives and contribute to the growth of our community. May we move beyond the assumption that "Anybody can do it" and embrace the conviction that "I will do it." Through our collective "yes," we ensure that the mission of our parish flourishes, bearing fruit that nourishes all.

Let us be the Somebody who acts, offering our **First fruits** in gratitude and faith, thereby contributing to the vibrant life and mission of our parish community.

*Fr Chima*

**Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday during Lent at



- Freshwater 9:45am
- Manly 7pm.



**ALPHA CONTINUES** next Monday 24 March at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room.



## Experience a Transformative Lenten Evening: Parish Retreat on April 4th, 2025

As we journey through Lent, a season inviting us to deepen our faith and reflect on our relationship with God, we are thrilled to offer a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal. Join us on **Friday, April 4th, 2025**, for an inspiring parish retreat designed to enrich your Lenten experience.

### Event Details:

- **Date & Time:** Friday, April 4th, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- **Location:** Parish Hall, Manly

### Evening Highlights:

- **Inspirational Talk:** We are honoured to host a distinguished speaker who will share profound insights into living out our faith during Lent.
- **Interactive Q&A Session:** Engage in meaningful dialogue, ask questions, and delve deeper into the evening's themes.
- **Fellowship over Supper:** Enjoy a light meal together, fostering community and connection among parishioners.
- **Concluding Prayer:** Reflect and unite in prayer, drawing closer to God as a community.

### How to Express Interest:

To help us prepare adequately, we kindly ask you to indicate your interest in attending:

- **Sign-Up Sheets:** This weekend, you'll find sign-up sheets at each of the church doors. Simply write "Yes" to let us know you're interested.
- **Contact the Parish Office:** If you miss the sign-up sheet, feel free to reach out to the parish office directly to confirm your interest.

Don't miss this enriching opportunity to prepare your heart for Easter. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you.

*Let us come together to renew our spirits and strengthen our faith this Lenten season.*

*Fr Chima*



## Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Hope

*Inspired by the Life and Witness of St. John Vianney*

Heavenly Father, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we thank You for the gift of our parish, Manly Freshwater, chosen as a shrine of hope for priests and vocations. Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, the faithful shepherd of souls, renew in us a deep love for the priesthood and a commitment to fostering holy vocations in our community.

Lord, may this parish be a beacon of hope, where priests find strength and renewal, where Your faithful discover peace and encouragement, and where hearts are inspired to answer Your call with courage and joy.

Teach us, through the example of St. John Vianney, to love prayer deeply, to serve with humility, and to bring Your mercy and hope to those who seek You.

We entrust Manly Freshwater Parish and this Jubilee Year of Hope to Your loving care, confident that You will guide us to renewal and bless us with abundant vocations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Jubilee 2025  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

### Mary Immaculate Church Manly New Mass Times and "Hours of Mercy" A Jubilee Year of Hope Initiative

As part of our commitment to being a **Shrine of Hope for Priests and Vocations** during this Jubilee Year of Hope, our Parish Pastoral Council has introduced new opportunities for prayer and spiritual renewal.

◆ **New Early Morning Masses** – To accommodate those unable to attend our regular 9:15 am weekday Mass, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, we will offer **7:00 am Mass every Tuesday and Friday**. This provides an opportunity for some working parishioners to begin their day with the Eucharist.

◆ **"Hours of Mercy" – Every First Wednesday** – On the **first Wednesday of each month**, from **6:00 pm to midnight**, we will hold a special time of grace and prayer. The evening will begin with **Mass**, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**. This extended time of prayer allows us to deepen our relationship with God and receive the gift of **Plenary Indulgences**.

◆ **Regular Wednesday Adoration** – On all other Wednesdays, Adoration will continue as usual from **6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**.

The commencement for these new initiatives is from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

More details on what to expect during the **"Hours of Mercy"** are in the bulletin. We encourage you to take advantage of these spiritual opportunities to encounter God's grace in a profound way. *Fr Chima*

## LET US PRAY FOR

23 March 2025

**Recently Deceased:** Evelyn Piendl; Peter Molloy; Carmela Maiolo

**Anniversary:** Ellen Lawler

**Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"** Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Rena Curll; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Peter Hoang Ngoc Thai; John Santos; Garry Kirkman

## Dates to remember...

- **ALPHA continues** Monday 24 March 7pm
- **SMM Class Mass** Thurs 27 March 9:15am
- **Reconciliation & First Communion Parent Info Night** Freshwater: Tues 25 March 7pm
- **Confirmation Classes continue** Sat 29 & Sun 30 Mar
- **Parish Retreat** Fri 4 April 6pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am



**Sacrament of confession/reconciliation** is available in Manly every Saturday from 10am to 11am and Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY



**ON WEDNESDAYS 6pm – 7.30pm**  
**Quiet Prayer, Adoration and reconciliation will be available**  
6pm – 7pm concluding with **Benediction**

## Welcome to Our Parish!

If you are new to the Parish or are not currently registered, we warmly welcome you and ask that you complete a Parish Census form. This will assist us to connect with you and your family and advise you of any of our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate or emailed to the Parish Office - [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)



## CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822



## PARISH MORNING TEAS

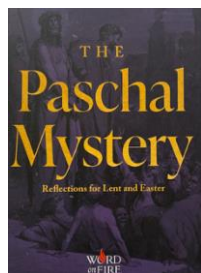
**MANLY:** 3rd Sunday after 10:30am Mass  
**FRESHWATER:** Sunday after 9am Mass.

Join us for morning tea and a chat.  
All welcome and bring a friend

## LENTEN PROGRAMS



The Diocesan Lenten Program is available in the Church for you to do at home.



Fr Sam will be holding 2 Lenten Groups using *The Paschal Mystery* (Word on Fire), a guide through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, exploring themes like repentance, prayer, and the Passion of Christ.

**Thursday 7pm & Saturday 12pm** in the Parish Centre.



### Manly Freshwater Parish –QR Code

**CHECK OUT** Fr Sam's new 90 second Jubilee YouTube video by scanning the QR Code. Other parish information can also be found.

## Introducing Morning Prayer

During this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, we are all invited to a deeper spiritual renewal, embracing prayer as a way to grow in faith and trust in God's providence and love. As part of this journey, Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) will be prayed at 8:45am, Tuesday to Friday, before Mass, at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly. This ancient prayer of the Church unites us in praise and reflection through Scripture and psalms, drawing us into the rhythm of daily prayer with the universal Church. Prayer books will be provided, and all are welcome to join.



## PROJECT COMPASSION

### Unite Against Poverty this Lent



**Lam** is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature.

Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



**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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

**Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Parent's Meeting on Tuesday 25 March at Freshwater 7pm**

**The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** will be held in Term 2.



If your child is in Year 4 and has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and you wish them to take part in this program it is essential, you attend one of these sessions. If you have any queries,

please email [michelle.ellis@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:michelle.ellis@bbcatholic.org.au)

**CONFIRMATION 2025** We currently have 86 children registered for Confirmation, which will take place in May. This weekend the children will commence the Sacramental Program and will be presented to the Parish community. You are invited to take a prayer card for one of the children and to pray for them and their families during this preparation time.



Please pray for me as I prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation



## Places of Pilgrimages Jubilee of Hope 2025

The three diocesan "Jubilee Shrines of Hope" which will form significant places of pilgrimage, worship, prayer, and hope for God's people in Broken Bay during the Jubilee Year

- The **Parish of Gosford** with the **Relic of Saint John Paul II** a **Shrine of Hope** for our families.
- The **Parish of Chatswood** with the **Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis** a **Shrine of Hope** for our young people.
- The **Parish of Manly Freshwater** with the **Relic of Saint John Vianney** will **Shrine of Hope** for our Priests and Vocations.



**Children's Liturgy is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the 10:30am Mass.**

**Children's Activity pages** available at the entrance of the Churches.

**Children's Mass books** are now available at the entrances of the Church for use during the Masses. Please return after the Mass.

Mass booklets can be purchased from the Piety Store for \$10.00



## PIETY STORE

There are St John Vianney candles, prayer books and holy water bottles available in the Piety Store along with books on St Joseph for the month of March, a variety of crosses, rosary beads, CD's, DVD's and much more.

**Movie of the month** - The miracles of Padre Pio

Renowned as the greatest wonder-working saint in modern history. This documentary explores; Padre Pio's stigmata, levitations, prophecies, bilocations and the remarkable intercessory miracles and favours attributed to him. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

**CD of the month** - The sacrament of penance - Fr William Casey

An excellent description of the sacrament of reconciliation. "Sin clings to us, have it removed and feel so much better!" take advantage of this sacrament. Only \$5 at the piety store.



## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BEING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR READER AT MASS?

As we start a new year, we are looking to hold training for new Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. If you are interested in this very important and fulfilling ministry, please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to register.

## URGENT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED FOR FRESHWATER ALTAR SOCIETY

We are looking for urgent assistance with the Freshwater Altar Society. If you can assist on a monthly roster, please contact the parish office 9977 5822.



**The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of March - For families in crisis.** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

## PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

**Parish facebook:** facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

**Parish website:** bbccatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

**Livestreaming on Facebook** Sunday 8:30am Mass  
manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes **SAFEGUARDING** which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our MANLY community.

## PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Christian Meditation: Tues 12:15pm Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Prayer Group in Spanish – 2nd & 4th Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church
- Youth Group (Yrs 7 – Yr 12): 1st & 3rd Sunday 7pm – 9pm

## PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul Conferences:  
Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm  
Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



## Is God calling you to make a difference in Vocations Ministry?

Serra Vocations Mass and Dinner meeting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble commencing with Mass at 6.30 pm

Our Mass celebrant and speaker following the dinner will be Fr Marek Woldan Assistant Priest at Manly Freshwater Parish. He will be speaking to us about his vocation journey from Poland to Australia

Everyone is welcome, so please come and see.

*Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.*

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on 0478 083 116 or email annaytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry\_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.



**Lectio Divina** Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and Wednesday mornings at 10am.



**The Craft Group** meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring your knitting or other craft if you wish.

ALPHA IS A SAFE SPACE WHERE YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE, FAITH AND MEANING



**THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU AT THE TABLE**

WATCH KNOW MORE BOOK

SCAN ME SCAN ME SCAN ME

**ALPHA STARTS AT 7PM ON 10 MARCH 2025**  
Parish Meeting Room, St Mary's Manly, 6 Raglan St  
Registration essential - electronic and paper options are available

**ALPHA** is a series of 11 interactive sessions that explore meaning of life and faith. You do not need to commit to attending them all. Just come for the first and see if it's for you.

It has a simple structure:

**CONNECT** – Connecting with others is important; friends gathered around the kitchen table or meeting for coffee.

It's no different at Alpha. All sessions start with a time to connect, relax and build friendships over a meal.

**WATCH** – The 30ish-minutes videos are designed to inspire conversation. They explore important issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions like: Who is Jesus? How can we have faith? Why do I pray? How does God guide us?

**DISCUSS** – At the heart of any Alpha is the chance to share thoughts and ideas in small groups. There's no obligation to speak but there's nothing you can't share!

It's a chance to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest and friendly environment.

Booking is essential for catering purposes. You can book via QR cod or paper registration – available at the entrance of the church.

See you there – Monday 24 March 2025 at 7pm in Parish Meeting Room at Manly

**JOIN OUR  
NORTHERN BEACHES**



**YOUNG ADULTS**

*COMMUNITY*

Every 2nd Saturday at pub/restaurant  
Every 4th Saturday at Manly Parish  
message: (6 Raglan St)  
Fr Marek at 0422532173  
or Cam at 0432895304

**AT THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE**

Take te challenge and join us for the



**WALKING  
PILGRIMAGE FOR  
YOUNG ADUTS  
TO CHATSWOOD**

**26.04.2025**  
**9 am to 4 pm**

*Bl Carlo Acutis*

**Are You a Young Adult?  
Ready for a Walking Challenge?  
Looking to Connect with Other Young People?  
Do You Have a Special Intention Worth the Effort?**

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, join us for a **walking pilgrimage** to the **Jubilee Shrine for Young People in Chatswood!**

 **Date:** 26th April 2025

 **Start Time:** 9:00 AM

 **Arrival at Chatswood:** Around 1:15 PM

Come walk with us, connect with others, and make this journey one of purpose and reflection!

For more info contact Fr Marek via:

[marek.woldan@bbccatholic.org.au](mailto:marek.woldan@bbccatholic.org.au)



## YOUTH GROUP

**1st and 3rd Sunday** of the Month following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm).

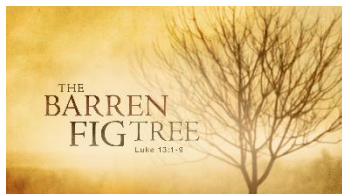
We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group. Join us for free food and drinks, table tennis, basketball, party games, talks and new friends! Feel free to check out our instagram or send us an email!

Email: [manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com)

Instagram: [manlyfreshwater\\_catholicyouth](https://www.instagram.com/manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth)







## Gospel Reflection

The belief prevailed in Jesus' time that disasters and catastrophes were signs of God's anger against sinful individuals or people – those massacred in the temple by Pilate's soldiers during what the Romans perceived as a "revolt" and the workers who were killed when the tower they were building collapsed must have been horrible sinners. Nonsense, Jesus says in today's Gospel. In this present age, neither good fortune nor calamity are indicators of one's favor or disfavor with God. In the age to come, God will judge the hearts of every soul, regardless of their situation in life.

The parable of the fig tree is a parable of crisis and compassion: the fig tree draws strength and sustenance from the soil but produces nothing in return. Its only value is as firewood. A similar fate awaits those who squander their lives in greedy, selfish pursuits. God is the ever-patient gardener who gives every "fig tree" all the time, care and attention it needs to harvest.

The parable of the fig tree has been called the "Gospel of the second chance." The vinedresser pleads for the tree, asking that it be given another year to bear fruit. We always live in the hope and mercy of God who keeps giving us "second chances" to rise from the ashes of sin to rebuild and reform our lives.

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Thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the tap machines at the Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash, there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.

**PILOT PROGRAM** –The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this. The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

- 25% to Supporting our Priests including the sick & retired in our Diocese.
- 75% to Parish operations and maintenance of building.

## SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS

**FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...**

1. **Planned Giving:** through a monthly **direct debit** or **credit card**. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
2. **Collection plates during Mass**
3. **Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or **EFTPOS Terminals**.
4. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.
5. **Direct into Parish Bank Accounts**



### Parish Giving (2nd collection)

Funds the running of the Parish

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

### Clergy Giving (1st collection)

Supports our Priests

Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

## HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?

If you donate to the Parish using your credit card please let us know if you have a new card or the card has expired by contacting the Parish Office 9977 5822 or email

[manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

## DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT

Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.

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9 am- 10:30 am

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## Grace and Truth Event

You are invited to join the

Dominican Friars and Sisters on Wednesday, 30 April for an evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship. Open to men and women of all ages. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Sister Elena Marie and Father James Baxter. The event will run from 5-9PM, starting in the crypt of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Fee: \$20. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).

## Third Sunday of Lent – Year C

### First Reading

*Exodus 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. **All: 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*

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 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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### 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

*Luke 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.

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



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