

# MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and  
St John the Baptist, Freshwater

**Diocese of Broken Bay**

**3rd Sunday of Lent – 24th March 2019**

**Administration Office:**

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**Mary Immaculate Church**  
6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

**St John the Baptist Church**  
cnr Johnson & Oliver St,  
Freshwater NSW 2096

**Weekend Masses:**

**Manly:** Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

**Freshwater:** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm  
Sunday 9am

**Weekday Masses:**

**Manly:** Tuesday – Friday 9:15am  
**Freshwater:** Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

**Liturgy of the Word and  
Holy Communion**

**Manly:** Monday 9:15am  
**Freshwater:** Monday 9:15am

**Baptisms: by appointment only**

**Manly** 4th Sunday of the month  
**Freshwater** 2nd Sunday of month

**Reconciliation:**

**Manly** Sat 10am – 11am  
**Freshwater** Sat 4:30pm



The Gospel this week mentions events incredibly similar to events in our world today. Jesus is talking about an event where Pilate massacred Jews offering sacrifice in the temple and the collapse of the tower at Siloam. Everyone was talking about these **major events**.

The scene presented here is one in which Jesus challenges the traditional view that if something bad happens to you then it must be some form of punishment from God.

Jesus rejects this idea and instead tells his listeners that any experience of hardship should be a reminder to us of the need to repent. He gives us a new image of God as the gardener who wants to give his plants all the help they need to mature and bear fruit.

This gospel also gets to the heart of what Lent is all about. True repentance is not about being obsessed with sin – it is about recognising where God is at work in our lives and responding to him.

Jesus then teaches with a metaphor:

You are like a fig tree.

You may not be bearing much fruit just now,  
but I am a terrific gardener:

I will water you,

and dig around you,

and make sure you are well nourished

and I am confident that you will bear the fruits I  
desire.

And, how does the Lord do that?

He waters us with the waters of baptism

He digs around us by disturbing our complacency

He prunes us, especially during Lent

He nourishes us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

What a gardener!

Let us allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create that heavenly botanical garden of the whole of humanity.

*Fr Sean Goan. Fr Michael Tate 2019*

***WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS***

***Thank You*** for your financial support of our Priests and Parish Community.

***The 1st Collection*** is for the financial support of our priests.

***The 2nd Collection*** is for the maintenance & running costs of our Parish Community.

***Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March: EVANGELISATION  
RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES***

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted,  
feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**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 community.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Vuna Tuifua (Chair); Laurie de Ambrosio; Joanne Druery; Richard Heasman; Michael Larkin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Silvia Zambrano; Freya Zemek

**St Mary's Primary School** 9977 2225  
Principal: Paul McGuire

**St John the Baptist Primary School** 9939 6699  
Principal: Judy Slattery

**St Paul's Catholic College** 9977 5111  
Principal: Chris Browne

**Stella Maris College** 9977 5144  
Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **LENTEN PROGRAMS – SEE BULLETIN NOTICE**
- **SJB Yr 2 Class Mass** Tues 26th Mar @ 9:15am
- **RCIA** Tue 26th March @ 7pm
- **PPC Meeting** Wed 27th March @ 7pm
- **SMM Yrs 6, 5 & K Class Mass** Thurs 28 Mar @ 9:15am

## SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

**FRESHWATER:** following the Sunday 9am Mass.

**MANLY:** following the Sunday 8:30am Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.



## March

## Yr C 2019

Mon 25/3 – Annunciation of the Lord  
Is 7:10-14,8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tue 26/3 – 3rd week of Lent  
Dan 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wed 27/3 – 3rd week of Lent  
Deut 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thurs 28/3 – 3rd week of Lent  
Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Fri 29/3 – 3rd week of Lent  
Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Sat 30/3 – 3rd week of Lent  
Hosea 5:15-6:6; Lk 18:9-14

Sun 31/3 – 4th Sun of Lent  
Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32



There is NO parking in the fenced in area next to the Church from 10:30am – 3:30pm weekdays. The Churchyard parking along Raglan St is only for visitors to the Parish Centre or the Church.

Please be aware that the Churchyard is also used by the School and the safety of the students is our priority.

**PLEASE NOTE PARKING IS ONLY PERMITTED IN THE MARKED BAYS – NO STACK PARKING!!!!**

## LET US PRAY FOR

24th March 2019

**Recently Deceased:** Ester Copetti;  
Siobhan Costello Stack

**Anniversary:** Giuseppe Attanasio; Patricia Leslie

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** Sofia Musso (child); Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane, Jonathan Keil, Robina Dwyer, Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Anita Lo Casio; Stephen Taylor; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Norman Cummins; Lauren Hannahan

**Mass Intention Publications:** All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.

**Visiting sick at home** - If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because they are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in 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.



St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.

Please TURN OFF your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages



**The St Vincent de Paul Clothing** bags available for you in the Piety Store and you can return your clean clothing donations either to the Piety Store or the Church Foyer. There will also be SVDP Clothing Appeals from time to time.

## Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.  
Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.  
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.  
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.  
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
bread for the journey from age to age.  
Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

## WELCOME!

Please say Hello and introduce yourself to the person sitting next to you.

You never know, you might have something in common!





## During Lent...

**Tuesday evenings** at Manly at 7.15 for 7.30pm – “Rejoice and Be Glad” – small group discussion program looking at Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate.

**Discerning the Way of Jesus** – Lectio Divina Program prepared by the Diocese of Broken Bay will be held on...

- **Wednesday mornings** at Manly at 10am
- **Thursday evenings** at Manly at 7pm
- **Thursday Mornings** at Freshwater at 9.45am

Booklets will be available for those who wish to run a group or for personal use at home.

Please register at the Parish Office on 9977 5822 [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Stations of the Cross** – Fridays at 7pm at Manly

**The Light is On for You** – Reconciliation will be held on Friday evenings from 7pm to 8pm at Manly

## PROJECT COMPASSION

This year’s Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.



Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses

caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with a brighter future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

 **Caritas AUSTRALIA** Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2019.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)



## ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Rosters need to be prepared over the coming weeks for the Holy Week - Easter ceremonies, we would be very grateful if Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Greeters & Projectionists could advise the Parish Office – 9977 5822, of their availability for these services.

**Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held at St Mary’s Church, Manly on Tuesday 9th April at 7pm**



## Easter Vigil Assistance

There is good news and the not so good.

The good news is that we have wonderful reasons to celebrate at the Ester Vigil including welcoming 7 new members to the Church.

The not so good news is that our usual post Easter Vigil Party is in need of more willing hands to make it happen.

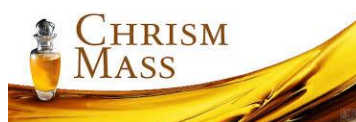
All the food and drinks will be supplied but we need willing minds, hearts and hands to extend our welcoming hospitality.

Please contact the Parish office NOW on 9977 5822 if you can assist.



## Altar Server Training Session

Will be held next Sunday 31 March at 5pm in the Church at Manly. Boys and Girls from 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to register to come along to the Training. Please ask your mum or dad to contact the Parish office on 9977 5822



## You are invited to the Chrism Mass!

Come and join together with our clergy and people across Broken Bay for the blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils for our parishes.

Mass begins at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 April 2019.

Soup and bread will be served in the courtyard from 6.00pm with tea and coffee afterwards.

If you would like to join the choir to lead the congregation in prayerful song please send an email to [cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au) and on the subject line type “Choir RSVP”.Rehearsal on the day in the Cathedral from 6.00pm for 7.30pm Mass start.



## CRAZY WHIST CARD DAY

Come and join the Crazy Whist players for a fun-filled morning at 10am next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. A light lunch is served, and everyone is welcome. A small donation is appreciated. **ALL WELCOME!!!**





**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. We meet each Monday at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Enq: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088 "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: vs 10)



**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 along your knitting or other craft if you wish. Visitors to the area are more than welcome.



**Lectio Divina** Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am. All Welcome



**Children's Liturgy** is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass



**The Parish Playgroup** is held on Monday morning in the Parish Hall at Manly from 8.30am to 10.30am.



**Fitness Sessions Manly** Saturday Mornings at 9am & Wednesday Mornings at 8am Strength, Tone and Balance Training for over 50's both female and male. The trainer is Paul Pervan who is a fully qualified Cert 4 Fitness Professional. Specialist in training Older Adults, fully insured with First Aid Certificate. Come along and Try!



## St Mary's School Family Mass & BBQ this Sunday @ 6pm

We welcome our school community this weekend. Everyone is invited to come along to the sausage sizzle following the Mass.

### St Mary's School News...

**Caritas Guest Speaker** This Friday we had the pleasure of hosting a guest speaker from Caritas. Super Dube is from Zimbabwe and he spoke to the students in Years 4-6 about how Caritas is supporting communities to have access to clean water in Zimbabwe. This was most appropriate as our Diocese of Broken Bay moves towards sustainability, and particularly to our students who live in a beautiful area surrounded by water. It was a wonderful experience for our students as they were able to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to walk hand in hand with those in need, particularly from developing countries.

*Monique Johnston (REC)*

### Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

#### Personal Reflection for the week from our Discerning the Way of Jesus – Lenten Program

Take a walk, sit quietly for a few moments this week and "Listen to Him"



**POPE FRANCIS** I express my sorrow and closeness to the dear people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi, affected by Cyclone Idai. I entrust the many victims and their families to the mercy of God. [#PrayForAfrica](#) [#cycloneldai](#)



#### St Mary's Church, Manly

- 18th April Mass of the Last Supper @ 7pm
- 19th April Good Friday
  - Stations of the Cross @ 10am
  - The Lord's Passion @ 3pm
- 20th April Easter Vigil @ 6pm
- 21st April Easter Sunday
  - 8:30am, 10:30am & 6pm

#### St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater

- 18th April Mass of the Last Supper @ 6pm
- 19th April Good Friday
  - Stations of the Cross @ 10am
  - The Lord's Passion @ 3pm
- 20th April Easter Vigil @ 5:30pm
- 21st April Easter Sunday @ 9am

**Freshwater Easter Vigil will be held at 5:30pm – NOT 5pm**

### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Christian Meditation: Mon 6pm – 6:45pm in the Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Wed 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Holy Hour: Freshwater Tues after morning Mass
- Lectio Divina: Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- Piety Store: Open 15mins before & after Mass
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am  
Freshwater: Sat 4:30pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Manly: Mon – Fri at 9.45am  
Freshwater: Tues – Fri before 9.15am Mass

### PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass at Manly and Freshwater  
1st Friday of each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist Morning: last Tues of each month at 10:00am
- Eco-operate: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences  
2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

# FINANCIAL MATTERS



In order to adequately plan parish revenues and expenses, the parish operates a Planned Giving Programme. You are invited to share in the life of our parish community by participating in the Planned Giving Programme and making a regular financial contribution through credit card deductions or weekly envelopes.

If you would like to become a member of this Programme please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or complete your details below.

**We thank you for your generosity and commitment to our parish.**

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### ***TAP TO DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH***

If you would like to make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs** you can do so by a direct deposit into the Parish Account using the following ...

**Account Name:** Manly Freshwater Parish  
**Bank Name:** Commonwealth Bank **Account#** 13958001  
**BSB #** 062 784 (Please include the following reference – BM/your surname)

If you would like to use one of our tap units at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark. **We thank you for your generosity & commitment to our parish**



Every Christian has a vocation, a special invitation from God to become holy and whole, to walk a unique, earthly path that leads ultimately to heaven. Samuel Group participants are

encouraged to bring their unique questions, desires, strengths and weaknesses to God, and to learn to respond to His loving voice.

This discernment event is for young adults, who meet together once a month in order to pray, ask questions and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God.

We invite you to set aside a few hours on Wednesday evening March 27 in order to learn more about God and yourself and investigate your vocation, a special call from God, to leave a mark in this world.

Date: March 27, May 29, July 24, September 18, November 20

Time 5:30 – 7:30

Where: Holy Name Parish, 35 Billyard Ave Wahroonga- The Priory



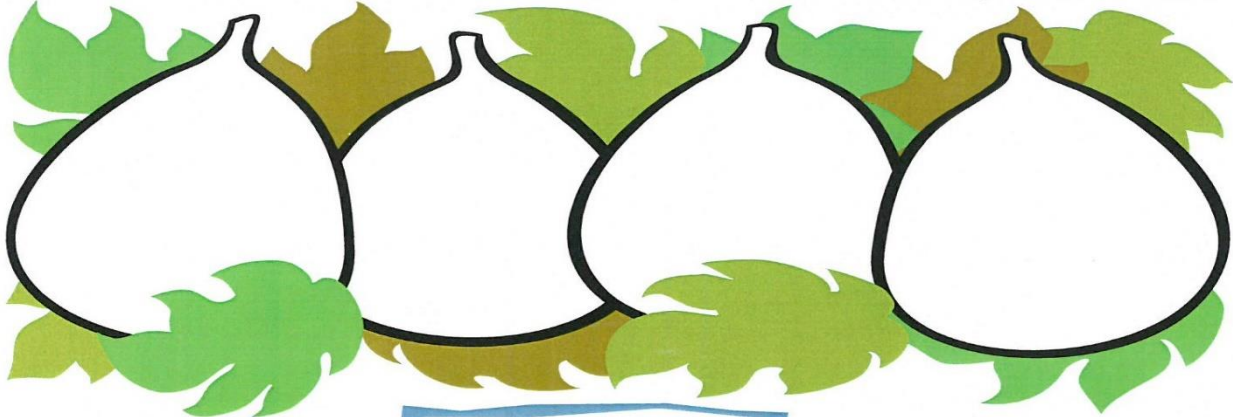
# Manly and Freshwater Roster 30th – 31st March 2019

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Louise Wareham	Ken Thompson	Lynne Parkes Ron Gravolin	Ivica Covic	Mick O'Farrell	Joanne Druery
Servers				Ivana Covic Michael, Kieran, Gabriel Wan		
Readers	John Stapleton	Patty Thomas Paul Walsh	Katalina Taefotu Rita Bruzzese	Paul Novak Ed Copeman	Amanda Whitfield	Toni Walsh
Ministers of Communion	John & Merle Zemek	Trish McGregor	Anne Keating Kim McGrath Shaun & Liana Hearn	Pam Rawson	Angela Vumbaca	Toni Walsh Pam Brown
Music	CD's	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Josh Willard	CD's	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Avis Fontaine	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Bill Tango	Bill Kelly	Lyn Hillard
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	David Hala	Assistance Required		
Piety Shop	John & Merle Zemek	Jan Dorsen		Lynette Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society	Tiere Morgan				Maria Harkness	
Morning Tea		Sophie Ford Rose Redding				TBA
Children's Lit		Fiona S				

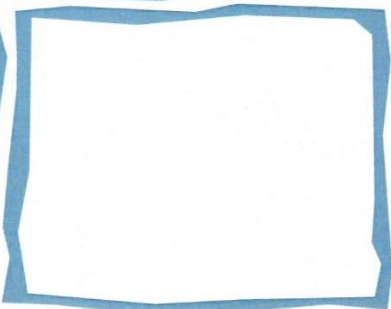
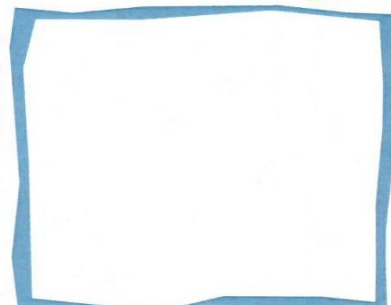
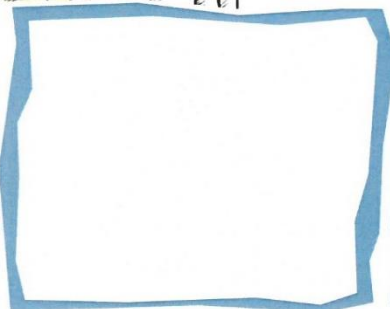


3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C

Jesus told his followers the story of a fig tree that would not bear fruit. The gardener said he would try hard for one more year to help it grow. God wants us to try hard so that we too can grow, and 'bear fruit'. What are four things you can do during Lent that help you be a better Christian and bring you closer to Jesus?



Jesus told parables to help his followers understand his teachings more clearly. Can you draw pictures from three different parables?



Can you spot the eight differences between these two pictures?



# Third Sunday of Lent – YEAR C

**NOTE: Readings for the Manly Family Mass will be taken from the Children's Lectionary**

## 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 tis 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**

## Responsorial Psalm

*cf John 4:42, 15*

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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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