

Sunday 20th March 2022

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Year C

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.

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Let us pray

Baptism:

Margot Delomel, Lola Brown,

Oscar Brown

Recently Deceased:

Fr Kevin Mogg

Anniversary:

Andrew Vallianatos, John Rudden,,

Angela Fazio, Robert Foster,

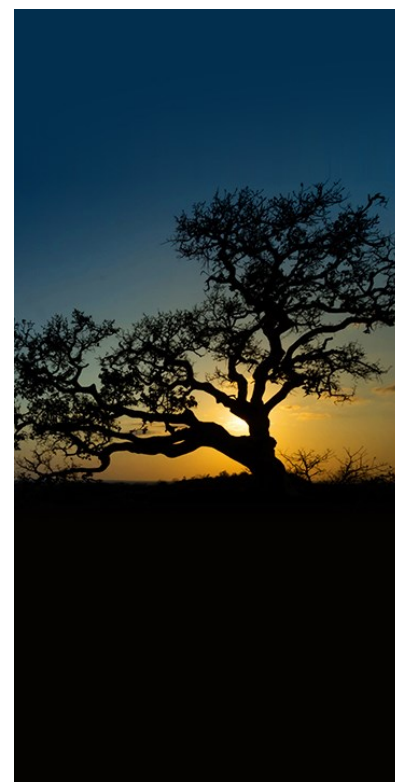
Fr Cyril Blake, Rita Bradamante



Living the gospel

Bad Things/Good People

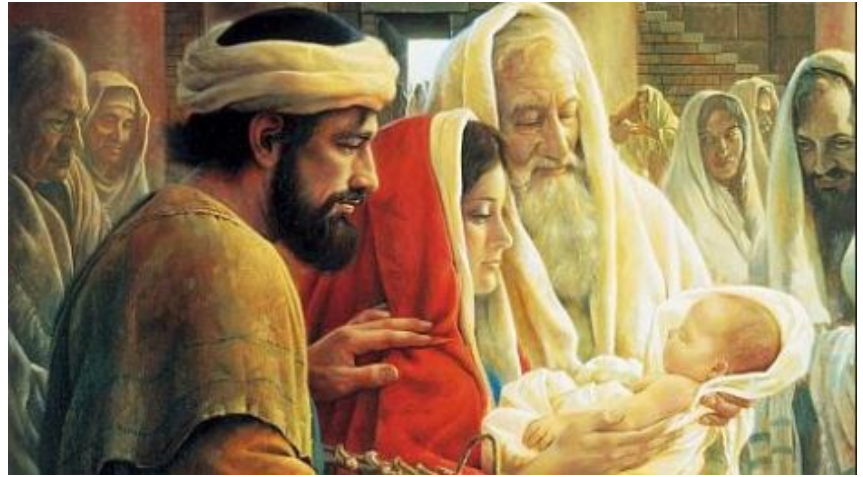
Today's gospel taps in to the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. Surprisingly, this attitude continues and one only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events. Jesus suggests that tragic events are not punishment from God, but the accidental, deliberate or natural event does provide a reminder to turn our lives around and live lives that matter.



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MARCH:
Month of the St Joseph

- 20th St John Nepomucene
- 21st St Giustiniano of Vercelli
- 22nd St Lea of Rome
- 23rd St Turibius of Mogrovejo
- 24th Blessed Diego Joseph of Ca'diz
- 25th The Annuciation of the Lord
- 25th St Lucia Filippini



Rosters for Next Week

27th March	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
4th Sun of LENT - Year C			
Lector	Julie McInerney	Leo Cuerden	Richard Wakeham
Eucharist Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer

2022 ST FINBAR'S LENTEN PROGRAM



COME ALONG AND LISTEN.

Thursday evening, 7:30-8:30 pm followed by tea/coffee.

Location: Marian Room, no bookings required.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Friday evenings

6.30pm inside the church



**Virtual Lent Series
with Australian biblical scholars**

This Lent, Garratt Publishing is once again hosting a series of talks by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week. Guest speakers include:

- Prof Mary Coloe PBVM
- Dr Mary Reaburn NDS
- Dr Chris Monaghan CP
- Dr Janina Hiebel

These sessions are free and will be conducted via Zoom. This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your Lenten journey. Presentations will be recorded and made available after the session.

Tuesdays in March , 2022

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Register:

<https://garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/2022-virtual-lent-series/>

Flood Appeal—SVdP

For those wishing to donate to support the long-term recovery work of the effects on the people living in the flood regions of Qld & NSW, follow this link:



www.vinnies.org.au-Flood-appeal-St-Vincent-de-Paul-Society-Good-Works

CARITAS AUSTRALIA-UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

This appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>

Healing Mass, Tuesday, 12th April 11 am,

St Finbar's Church

followed by lunch in the Marian Room



Piano lessons for Beginners—Julie Rogers

Qualified Instructor. Holds a WWC, Competitive rates.

Mobile: 0457 534 816 Location: Bentleigh

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.