



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

52 Yarra Street
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ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands, the Wurundjeri-Balluk clan of the Woi wurrung people in the Kulin Nation.

Central to the mission of St John's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe and supportive environment in which to flourish.

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Tues—Fri 9:30am to 2:30pm

MASS TIMES:
Tues to Sat: 9:15am & Sat Vigil
6pm, Sun: **8:30am, 10:30am & 5pm**

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):
Sat 9:45-10:30am & 5:30-6pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment
**FIRST RECONCILIATION,
FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION:**
Parish Secretary (9457 1066)

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every
Wednesdays at 10.30am at parish
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19TH/20TH MARCH 2022,
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we the parishioners of St John's are grateful for all we have received from the men, women and children of our past. Help us to cherish and maintain our parish heritage. Most of all, enable us to be people who welcome the stranger, the needy, the sick and the lonely. Like St John, our patron saint, may we be people who love others, as your Son Jesus, asked us to do. We make this prayer, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

REPENT WHILE THERE IS TIME

On his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks as a prophet, summoning people to conversion. He does this, in today's Gospel, by interpreting two well-known incidents and then telling a parable.

The first incident is an atrocity brought about by human cruelty. Orders from Pilate have brought about the massacre of a number of Galileans who were sacrificing in the Temple.

The second, again involving large-scale loss of life, is due to natural causes: the fall of a tower in Siloam, leading to the death of eighteen persons.

Concerning both incidents, Jesus wards off a false conclusion that religious people are all too prone to draw: namely that the victims of such calamities were receiving divine punishment for a sinfulness from which others were free.

He then tells the parable about the fig tree to make the further point that, far from attempting to judge the sinfulness of others, everyone should interpret such events as a warning to take stock of their own lives lest far greater disaster—eternal ruin—befall them. Without speculating in any way about punishment, he simply points out that instances of sudden, unforeseen death should serve as a warning to all that the time, the space left for conversion, may be short.

As always, the urgency—the prophetic passion—of Jesus stems from his intense sense of what God wants to do for people: God wants to set us free for life and for love. There is time for that now. But the opportunity will not be there indefinitely.

Fr Brendan Byrne sj

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.

19/20 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Domenica Ashworth	John McGrath	Robyn Laurie	Mary Kotefski
27/28 March	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8:30am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 5pm
Reader	Pamela Smith	Michelle LeMaster	Elizabeth Williamson	Leela Cherubim

HOG AT OUR PARISH: from 6-7pm on Wednesday, 23rd March 2022. Hours of Grace (HOG) is a national initiative of Jesus Youth Australia commenced in 2011. It is a chain of perpetual adoration that occurs during the Paschal season, from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost across many Australian cities. These are moments of grace where Jesus invites each one of us who love him through this Heavenly Sacrament into an intimate encounter for a loving embrace. Individuals and groups are encouraged and welcomed to come together for prayer.

GEMS: Games Morning. Tuesday March 22nd in the St Francis Xavier Meeting Room 10.00a.m. to 12.00 New members always welcome and transport is available. Elizabeth 0447195553

HOLY COMMUNION: If anyone would like to have Holy Communion at home because they are housebound or not yet comfortable to return to Mass at the moment please contact Elizabeth, 0447195553 and we can organise a time and day that suits you.

ALPHA: is an exciting refresher Course in the Christian faith. You are Invited to the ALPHA Course at St Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park, 290 Childs Road, Mill Park, starting on Thursday, 5th May, 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm, at St Francis Hall. Alpha runs for ten Thursdays. Explore questions of life and faith and make new friendships at Alpha! Enquiries – Contact Ruth on 9407 6700. Email: Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER: will hold a Book & Plant Sale on Saturday 26 March 9 am – 2 pm. at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds from the Sale will go to assist the many needs of the missions. Enquiries: Phone 9817 3715.

LOOKING AHEAD - March

- 21st Eucharist Preparation Class 4.15p.m. - 5.00p.m.
Francis Xavier Room
- 22nd GEMS 10.00 Francis Xavier Parish Meeting Room
- 23rd Eucharistic Adoration 6.00p.m. - 7.00p.m.
- 25th Father Joel's birthday
- 25th Stations of the Cross 6.00p.m.
- 28th Eucharist Preparation Class 4.15p.m. - 5.00p.m.
Francis Xavier Room



PROJECT COMPASSION: Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive. To help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. Donate through boxes / envelopes / 1800 024 413 / lent.caritas.org.au

THE VICAR GENERAL , VERY REV FR JOE CADDY AM HAS COMMENDED TWO APPEALS TO PARISH COMMUNITIES

FLOOD APPEAL - SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donation can be made either directly to either state through:

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

Or by Calling Queensland (07) 3010 1000

Or New South Wales - (02) 9568 0262.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA - UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centers for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

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

Or contact 1800 024 413

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Tom Populin, Christian Ciavarella.

THE SICK: Judy Catlow, Gertruda Krzysik, Carol Walsh, Sylvia Found, Patricia Wong, Margaret Ryan, Aileen Powell.

ANNIVERSARY: .

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Angelis.

Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by Thursday morning latest. Thank you.

ENTRANCE : GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light.

COMMUNION : WILL YOU LOVE ME?

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Refrain:

Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,
and the sun will be shining on you.

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world.

Can you walk in the footprints of silence
through the wilderness sands in the sun,
from the desert of doubt and temptation,
to the glorious mountain of fire?

RECESSIONAL: PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land by every one.

CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(And, striking their breast, they say:)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
(Then they continue:)
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you,
my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

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(At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

GOSPEL FOCUS – REPENT

Throughout the gospels, Jesus challenged the prevailing 'purity codes' that separated and classified people. The Jewish religious officials of the day were obsessed with the 'letter of the Law' as it applied to purity observance. Jesus told them that a spirit of compassion was much more important than the blind adherence to the Law. He suggests that it is not the lack of observance of purity codes that makes a person 'unclean' or 'sinful'; rather, it is lack of compassion informing their actions towards others. The call to 'repent' is a call to complete conversion of heart – to take on an attitude of compassion.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11.

Response: 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.

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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

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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."' "

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

