

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (continued)

RESPONSE: The Lord is kind and merciful.

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.

Response.

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.

Response.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 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, brothers, 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.

Thanks be to God.

(NO ALLELUIA IN LENT)

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Joshua 5: 9-12; 2 Cor 5: 17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

Days of Penance!

1. Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), &(c).
2. Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) Prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making that Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) Self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) Helping other – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)
19th / 20th March 2022**

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
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.

Thanks be to God

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.

Response.

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 & compassion.

Response.

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19 / 20 MARCH 2022 – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	J KWONG
Reader	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	A PLEADIN	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GROUP 3: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER & AMARA LOIACONO	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 4: R WHITE G WHITE C DIAS		
Altar Flowers	ANNE-MARIE NAGANATHAN- no flowers during Lent	MARCH ATAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

26 / 27 MARCH 2022 – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	A STANTON	G MOODLEY
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	V PERERA	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: WONG FAMILY & NIARA PAREKALAM	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 5: P HO F HO A STANTON		
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER- no flowers during Lent	MARCH ATAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Ted Cotter and Fr David Nies (*former parish priest here at Denistone*).



Holy Week Ceremonies and Easter Masses



PALM SUNDAY - 9th / 10th April

Saturday Vigil: 6pm, Sunday 8am and 10am.

WEEKDAY MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday to Wednesday - 9am Mass followed by Reconciliations from 9.30am.

HOLY THURSDAY – 14th April

Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7.30pm with prayers and adoration till 9.30pm.

GOOD FRIDAY – 15th April

Stations of the Cross at 10am.

The Passion of Our Lord at 3pm.

EASTER MASSES – 16th / 17th April

Easter Vigil at 6.30pm – followed by Supper in the School Hall

Sunday Masses at 8am and 10am.

Project Compassion – Don't forget your almsgiving this weekend!

Project Compassion boxes OR a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia



are available from the front foyer. This Lenten season help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.



With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djalpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation:

We continue to welcome the children from the local schools who are preparing for their First Reconciliation. We also welcome their parents and families.



The **SECOND** session of the programme is this **Wednesday the 23rd March at 7pm** in the Church.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation:

Friday 1st April from 4pm to 7pm in the Church.

Stations of the Cross.

Stations will continue on **Friday the 25th March** and will run throughout Lent every Friday evening at 7.30pm.



Lenten programme.

Our sessions continue on **THURSDAY the 24th March at 7.30pm** in the Church and will run throughout Lent. You are welcome to come!

Quotes that can help you in Lent.

Let us remember that the three essential things Catholics are asked to focus on during Lent are extra prayer time, fasting or penance and almsgiving.

Pope Francis said: **"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."**

Saint Augustine about fasting wrote: **"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, kindles the true light of chastity."**

From Lamentations 3: 22-23 **"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."**

Saint Rosa of Lima said: **"Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases."**

Supper after the Easter Vigil

Our community will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with a lovely supper at the school hall after the Vigil.



To make this a success we need **VOLUNTEERS** to help organise the supper with setting up tables, heating up food and the clean-up. **Please write your name on the appropriate clipboard at the front of the church if you can help out.**

Also if you and your family are coming to share in this supper please bring some appropriate food to share with people. It would be helpful if you could write your name and what you will bring on the night – savoury or sweet dishes.

Palms branches are needed.

This year we request you bring your own sprig of palm or olive twig when you attend Mass for Palm Sunday on the 9th or 10th April.



Anointing of the Sick next week

Fr Roberto will anoint the sick and elderly parishioners after each Mass **NEXT weekend of the 26th and 27th March**. Please remember that this sacrament is not for everybody. Stay back after the Mass to receive this sacrament.



Working bee.

Our next working bee will be held on Saturday the 9th April at 9.30am. So bring your feather dusters and enthusiasm as we prepare the church for Easter.

