

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Year C

22nd & 23rd March 2025

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.

Cf Psalm 24:15-16

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus 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.'

The word the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. 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.)**
2. 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.)**
3. 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.)**
4. 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

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

John 4:13-14

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



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the traditional custodians of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

SAFEGUARDING: Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults at risk.

CHURCH RENOVATION FUNDRAISING

Thank you for your kind support and generous donations. Fund Raising brochures are available in the church foyer.



As 31/01/2025	Sponsored	Pledged	Money
Pews	37	43,500.00	56,511.43
Stations of the	10	40,000.00	39,770.96
Bricks	62	15,750.00	16,059.32
Gold Sponsors	9	90,000.00	87,500.00
General Donation e.g, dinner, sausage sizzle, plants etc		133,800.38	133,800.38
Community Raffle		15,314.00	15,314.00
		338,364.38	348,956.09

Mass Times

Monday 24/03	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday 25/03	6.00 pm.
Wednesday 26/03	8.30 am.
Thursday 27/03	8.30 am.
Friday 28/03	8.30 am.
Saturday 29/03	9.30 am 10.00 am Exposition & Reconciliation 10.45 am Benediction 6.00 pm.
Sunday 30/03	9.00 am. & 10.30 am.

Children's Liturgy—Roster

Kathy & Chandima Mar 22nd 6.00pm
Trent & Approved Volunteer Mar 23rd 9.00am
Andrea & Chandima Sat 12th Apr 6.00pm
Shingai & Christine Sun 13th Apr 10.30am
Ruth & Matt Sun 13th Apr 10.30am



Flower Arrangement Roster
No Flowers during Lent

SPECIAL MINISTERS AND READERS ROSTER

22nd/23rd Mar	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Andrea J	Tresa A Jane P
9.00am	Maria W, Bernadette B Chrismeen F	Nicky W, Caitlin L
10.30am	Jane E, Chiara R, Ian M	Maria D Pam B
5.00pm	No Mass	No Mass
29th/30th Mar	Special Ministers	Readers
6.00pm	Tresa A	John F Jane P
9.00am	Primani F, Bernadette B Jilsa G	Jeanne H Ben W
10.30am	Chrstine P, Ian M Wangui Chantal	Jane E Dot R
5.00pm	No Mass	No Mass

Parish News & Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Margeret Gudgeon, Annette Tanner, Fr Peter Slater, Angelo D'Souza, Lynette Henricus, Janice Dias, Philomena Bowlen and Umberto Tiberi.

Death Anniversaries: Douglas Joseph, Brian Atkins, Joyce Fernando & Ingrid De Zilwa.

"Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

BAPTISM

Parents who would like to have their children Baptised are required to attend baptism preparation. Our next session is at 7.00 pm on Wednesday April 2nd - in the Welcome room. Please enrol through the parish website or contact Andrea at the parish office on 5941 7315.



PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: Preparation classes every Wednesday in the church hall from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

PADDY'S KITCHEN: Serves dinner and dessert as take away every Sunday between 4-4.45pm. Contact Tresa Andrews on 0421 931 888 or email on stpatrickspaddys@gmail.com.

MARTHA AND MARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Rosary at 10.00 am on Tuesdays followed by cuppa in the Hall.

LEGION OF MARY: All are welcome to join every Friday at 10.30 am. Contact Jilsa at 0450 070 262 or Winnie at 0422 179 999.

SERVANT COMMUNITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Every Thursday at 7.00 pm— Praise, Worship and Healing Mass on first Thursday of the month. For details: Jean-Claude at 0410 126 415.

D'VINE KIDS: CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM: Year 3-6 kids from 7- 8.30 pm

THE VINE YOUTH GROUP: The Vine is taking a break while we look at redeveloping our program. Please pray for this process as we endeavour to support the youth of our parish in their faith journey.

HEARTS ON FIRE- YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Ages 18-40. For details contact the parish office on 5941 7315 or email heartsonfire@stpatrickspakenham.com.au

SERAPHS OF ST PAT'S MENS GROUP: Our choir performs on the **first Sunday at 5.00pm and third Saturday at 6.00pm**. Additionally Every Sunday at 6:00 pm, we gather for music, fellowship, talks, and more. For further details, contact Andrew Zacharias on 0468 366 820.

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: Meets for lunch every first Wednesday of the month. Contact Kathy at 0418 679 616.

ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP: Open before and after weekend Masses or by appointment through the parish office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Meets every 2nd Tuesday at 10.00am in the Parish - Help Line is 1300 305 330.

SEWING GROUP: Meets every Thursday at 10.00am Contact Cheryl through Parish office. **resumes Thursday 13th Feb 2025**

MARY'S INTERCESSORY MINISTRY: Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy before the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday morning at 10am interceding for families, our church, priests and the world. Contact Rochelle 0401 017 752

CONTACT DETAILS OF VARIOUS SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Call 1800 Respect / 1800 737 732,

SAFE STEPS: 1800 015 188

NO TO VIOLENCE: MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE: 1 800 766 491 Mon-Fri: 8am-9pm; Sat-Sun: 9am-6pm

MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE: 1800 755 988

WAYS EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION: 9703 0044, **Lifeline** 13 11 14, **BEYOND BLUE** 1300 22 4636

KIDS HELPLINE: 1800 55 1800 or kidshelpline.com.au (Concerned adults can call for advice)

CATHOLIC CARE: Counselling services 1800 522 076, Or visit 1 Rogers Street, Pakenham.



Gospel Focus – Repent

- Greg Sunter

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.

Questions for Adolescents

Q. What is the connection between the parable of the fig tree and the preceding conversation?

Q. What values underlie a belief that bad things only happen to bad people?

Q. How have 'good' people you know coped with bad things happening in their lives?

Q. How would you answer someone who asked, 'Why does God let bad things happen to good people?'

Parish News & Events

INTRODUCING OUR NEWLY ELECT CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATE:

Kitty, Karen, Kushanee, Jack, Abhinav, Damien, Sonia, Trinity, Caroline and Leslie (not pictured). The rite of election took place at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale, on Sunday 16th March, where we got to meet Bishop Greg and partake in the ceremony. It was a blessed day with the sponsors and many from our parish present to support our new elect. Please keep our Catechumens and candidate in your prayers as they continue their journey to becoming Catholic at the Easter Vigil.

ROSTERS FOR READING & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: New rosters have been uploaded to our website (Until August 2025) You will find them under the tab "MINISTRIES". A hard copy is available in the foyer. **Please use the contact numbers on the back to make any changes if you are unable to attend.** An active Working With Children Check (WWCC), is required for ministry, so please renew your card and ensure you are linked to our parish. Contact our office if you require assistance.

ST PATRICK'S LUNCHEON GROUP: we had a great lunch last month. April's lunch will be at Castello's Cardinia Hotel on 2nd April at 12.30 pm. It will be great to see some new faces joining us. You can message Kathy 0418 679 616 or if you feel inclined you can come on the day.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: A combined choir will be singing at Holy Thursday, and the Easter Vigil services. Practices from 7.30pm, Wednesday 26th, March, 2nd & 9th of April. All are welcome, including new singers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent, with fellowship to follow.

LENTEN REFLECTION: Every Tuesday at 5pm, until **April 15**, for about 45 mins. All are welcome to attend, resources provided. Hope to see you there. **HOLY WATER:** The reason behind the current lack of Holy Water, is two-fold. The first is that we have begun our Lenten journey and have entered the desert wilderness, with Jesus. Having no Holy Water is a good reminder of the penitential nature of this season. The second is that the sump, through which the water reticulates, had become somewhat murky, so Lent is an ideal time to clean and refresh the system. New water will be blessed at the Easter Vigil on April 19.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Since Bishop Greg has permitted parishes to reinstate the reception of Holy Communion under *both* species, from Holy Thursday, we now require more people to assist as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Without more volunteers we won't be able to reintroduce this beautiful practice. Please consider adding your name to the list in the foyer. All you require is a WWCC card and a heart willing to serve God and neighbour through this important ministry.

HOLY WEEK - TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS & GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY: Dear **Youth & Parents**, It is that time of year again, one of the most important times of the liturgical year. Lent, Holy Week & Easter - and we have lots of events for our youth to get involved in, two of which are: *The Tenebrae Service of Shadows* - 7pm, Wednesday 16th April. We require readers for this service. *Good Friday Passion of Christ Play* - 10am on Friday, 18th April. We require actors and readers for the play. If you would like to get involved, please either add your name and contact number to the signup sheets in the church foyer, or contact Maria Or Auxi on 0433 640 828 OR 0405 844 557. Rehearsals for the play will now occur on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there. God Bless.

PADDY'S KITCHEN: Is seeking both Pasta Donations and interested volunteer cooks or chefs. For more info, please reach out to Tresa Andrews on 0421 931 888.



INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL CHRISM MASS: On Tuesday, 15th April. This ancient and symbolically rich liturgy manifests the unity of the priests of the Diocese with Bishop Greg as they renew their priestly promises. During the liturgy, Bishop Greg will bless the three Holy Oils (Catechumens, Sick and Holy Chrism) which will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the Diocese this year. The Chrism Mass is a great way to come to a deeper appreciation of the sacramental life of the Church. 11.00am, April 15, St Mary's Cathedral, 47 Foster St, Sale, 3850

COME AND SEE: Are you experiencing a call from God to the priesthood? If you would like to meet with others who are discerning a vocation to priestly ministry and hear stories from priests about their life and call to ministry, come and join us on Sunday 30th March from 3.00-4.30pm at St Michael's Parish 33-35 Kay Street Traralgon.

PLEASE PRAY: For a favorable outcome as we conduct interviews this Wednesday, for a new Deputy Principal at St Clares Primary School.

CARITAS: 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.



Fr Jeff's Diary-Mar 24-28

Mon: Away

Tue: Office

Wed: Office

Thu: Warragul

Fri: Warragul