

Parish News

2019 HOLY FAMILY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Year 4 & 5 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Rehearsal 2

Monday 25 March at 6.00pm

Celebration of Sacrament

Thursday 04 April at 6.00pm

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

Catholics are obliged to receive holy Communion at least once a year, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Weekly Diary : 25th — 30th March 2019

Monday 25th : 08.00 am. Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, followed by Novena.
: 12.30 pm. Stations of the Cross with Year 6 SFX students
: 6.00 pm. Final Rehearsal of 1st Confession Celebration

Tuesday 26th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharist Adoration
: 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Regency Arcare Sanctuary Cove

Wednesday 27th : 09.30 am. Mass followed by Rosary

Thursday 28th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

Friday 29th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

: 05.30 pm. Stations of the Cross with Fr John

Saturday 30th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

Saturday 30th : 5.30 pm. : 4th Sunday of Lent Year C

Sunday 31st : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 4th Sunday of Lent Year C

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of April will be on the 07th at 5.30 pm. : 5th Sunday of Lent C

Mass Duty Roster : March 30th/31st 2019

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino Serra	Monique Labutte Pierrette Serra	Helen Topham, Julie Dakin, Jean Di Benedetto June Molloy, Rachelle Broughton, Monique Labutte	Mia
7.00am Michael Nicholson	John Carter Michael Nicholson	Bernadette Swindley, Rose Hessen, Antona Brown Michael Nicholson, Danielle Carter	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Ronnie Wilson	Peter Fox Rose Lopez	Kathy Fuller, Pam Nelson, Ronnie Wilson Averil Dorego, Joe Dorego, Chona Lopez	Jamili

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 4 (25/03/2019)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
\$1319.05	\$1652.80	\$48.50	\$82.15

**Pope Francis said: "We give one, and God gives us one hundred of all that we have given."
(18 March 2019)**



Holy Family Catholic Parish
Runaway Bay



3rd Sunday of Lent Year C 24th March 2019—Issue No. 322

GOD IS THE GOOD GARDENER

The news and the paper report everyday natural disasters which destroy lives and livelihoods. People of today live in fear and distrust because of acts of terrorism from around the world... We weep and ask: *"Where is God? Is it possible to live in a world like this?"*

These are questions prompted by the events described in today's Gospel. Pilate murdered some Jewish people while they were at worship. A tower at Siloam fell and killed 18 people. Were they receiving justice from God? Were they more sinful than the others? Jesus makes it clear that there is no direct link between suffering and personal sin.

The point Jesus is making is that we are all sinners, and that these disasters which happened suddenly should be a warning that death may come unexpectedly, and so repent while you have time.

The key word in the parable of the fig tree is repentance. There are times when all of us can identify with the barren fig tree because we have failed to bear fruit. Like the Prodigal Son we have squandered our inheritance. We are salt that has lost its saltiness. We have hidden our light under a basket. But God, the Good Gardener, graciously gives us time to look anew at our lives.

Repentance is not about wearing sackcloth and ashes. Repentance means literally a change of mind, a new way of thinking or seeing. As St Paul exhorted: *"Do not model your behaviour on the contemporary world, but let the renewing of your mind transform you."* (Rm 12:2) Therefore, repentance is about a change in consciousness.

Logic and good farming practice suggest that the unproductive tree should be cut down. But the fig tree in the parable is strangely allowed time to produce fruit, because the point of the parable is that God is the good gardener: He trusts the process of growing, trusts us, grasps what others do not, sees the potential, and gives us another chance. There is no time limit with God.

As Louis Evelyn, in the book, *"That Man is You,"* said: *"All the confidence we never dared to have in God, he has in us."* God is the good Gardener who sees what is lacking and is keen to provide. He is aware that many people need time and patience, and he is prepared to give it to them. The holy season of Lent is a time of grace, a time to tend to unproductive fig tree of our own lives. We all need to apply for entrance into this *"fig-tree garden"* where Jesus is labouring for us to be more fruitful.

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.
Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 *Moses, you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; Moses looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that Moses had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." Then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." God said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8+11 R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity, heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. **R.**

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. **R.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 *Our ancestor's experience in the desert under Moses is recorded to instruct us.*

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud; all passed through the sea; all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of our ancestors, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to our ancestors to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

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 *Unless you turn back to God, you will perish as they did.*

Jesus was teaching the crowds; some of those present told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them— do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' The gardener replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 83:4-5 The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

St. Vincent De Paul Society, Holy Family Conference

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. (Matthew 25:35)

Our conference urgently needs new members to assist people in need. We invite you to pray and think about joining the Society to give a 'hand up' to those in need. If you would like to find out more, please phone our President, Peter Fox on 0438149106 or email : pfox6@bigpond.com


PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anna Frichot, Lily Wee

ANNIVERSARIES:

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PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)



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