

Third Sunday of Lent, C1
23rd of March 2025

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BUNBURY
BUNBURY, W.A.



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL.

WANDJU, NIDJA NOONGAR BOODJA.*

READINGS AT MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

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

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,' Moses 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 fathers,' 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, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

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: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 102(103):1-4,6-8,11

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

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

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

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

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SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH BUNBURY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the traditional owners of the land, the Noongar Wardandi people and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.



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MASS TIMES

Weekdays: 7.00am | **Saturday:** 8.00am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass | **Sunday:** 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

Gelorup Carmelite Monastery: 8.30am Sunday; 9.00am Monday - Saturday

Dalyellup Catholic Community: 10am every Sunday - St. John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel

Filipino Mass: 12.00 noon every 1st Sunday of the month | **Syro-Malabar Mass:** 12.30pm every 4th Sunday of the month

Monthly Healing Mass: 10.30am every 1st Tuesday of the month

St John of God Hospital Chapel Mass: 11am every Thursday

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5.00pm to 5.40pm prior to the 6.00pm Vigil Mass; or by appointment

Baptism, Wedding, Funeral: By arrangement - please phone the Parish Office

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POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION FOR 2025

MARCH: FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



✠ PRAYER INTENTIONS: "OREMUS" ✠

Personal Intentions: Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, Frances Gianfrancesco, Silvio Maiolo, Lesley Amadio, John Kukulka, Margaret Reid, Maria Ricili Villanueva, Renato & Maria Fe Repuyan, Stephanny Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Charlie Sawyer, Angele Haydar, Jackie Reid, Noah Forster, Yvonne Robb & Jake Palandri.

Eternal repose of the soul of: Gloria Widdup and Peter Michael. May their souls rest in peace.

Mass Intention(s): Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Antonio "Tony" Palazzese & Phyllis Moore.

General Intentions: Let us pray for peace in areas where there are armed conflicts, particularly in Gaza, Ukraine, Lebanon and Sudan. Let us pray for the homeless, the lonely, the underprivileged in our community, and those suffering in silence.

(Please let the Parish Office know if you have any family member or relations whom you would like the Parish to pray for. We advise that their consent be sought prior to the publication of their names.)



2025 JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER

As Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.



OUR PARISH MISSION:

Our Mission is to continue growing as a community where people can meet Jesus Christ and grow in his life and mission in the Catholic Faith.

OUR PARISH VISION:

To be a Parish that is open and transparent, nurturing, united and inclusive.

To be a Community that is welcoming, embracing and caring for families, youth, and valuing cultural diversity.

To be a Parish that brings those who do not know Christ into a relationship with Him.



MASS ROSTERS

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred — or sixty — or thirty-fold!



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Note: Please find someone to replace you if you are unable to do your roster. Please notify the Parish Office of the change. Thank you.

THIS WEEKEND Sat 22nd; Sun 23rd Mar	Acolyte	Greeters	First Reader	Second Reader	Ext. Min. of Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy	Altar Servers	Music	Morning Tea
Vigil Mass	Alfred L Terance O	Elizabeth D Shirley D	Brad S					Laudate Choir	
8am	Mick D	Cathy Y Kerry H	Greg D	Reader Required	Daria S Pat D			Pilgrim's Choir	CANCELLED
10am	John I	Irene R Wally C	Nilda C	Liz L	Elaine T Helen B	None	Sophie D R Shelby C Dionne L Eleanor L Declan K	Combined Choir	Welcome Morning Tea for Bishop George
6pm	Joel G		Gobi M				Matthew G Dean S Isaac P M	-	

OCEAN STAR AGED CARE / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers:	Anne & Ryan M	Readers:	Chris L & Ethel N
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NEXT WEEKEND Sat 29th; Sun 30th Mar	Acolyte	Greeters	First Reader	Second Reader	Ext. Min. of Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy	Altar Servers	Music	Morning Tea
Vigil Mass	Alfred L Terance O	Elizabeth D Shirley D	Pat G					Laudate Choir	
8am	Mick D	Jenny S Margaret C	Daria S	Reader Required	Cora C Pat D			-	
10am	Melvin S	Joe DĖs Lynette A	Elaine T	Deric D	Cathy R Norrie P	Catechist Required	Sophie D R Elijah D Abel R Abigail R	Parish Choir	
6pm	Acolyte Required		Nan M				Isaac P M	Youth Choir	

OCEAN STAR AGED CARE / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers:	Pauline H	Readers:	Volunteer
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24 March Monday	Monday of the 3rd Week of Lent	2 Kg 5:1-15: Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4 Lk 4:24-30:
25 March Tuesday	The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD	Is 7:10-14, 8:10: Ps 39:7-11: Heb 10:4-10: Lk 1:26-38:
26 March Wednesday	Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Lent	Deut 4:1, 5-9: Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20: Mt 5:17-19:
27 March Thursday	Thursday of the 3rd Week of Lent	Jer 7:23-28: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9: Lk 11:14-23:
28 March Friday	Friday of the 3rd Week of Lent	Hosea 14:2-10: Ps 80:6, 8-11, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34
29 March Saturday	Saturday of the 3rd Week of Lent	Hosea 5:15-6:6: Ps 50:3-4, 18-21: Lk 18:9-14:
30 March Sunday	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Joshua 5:9-12: Ps 33:2-7: 2 Cor 5:17-21: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32:

MASS COLLECTIONS 16th March 2025 - Week 37 First Collection: \$ 2,142.90 Sacrificial Giving: \$ 2,785.76
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our parish life this coming week



24 March Monday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
25 March Tuesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Rosary, St. Patrick's Cathedral
26 March Wednesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Mass, Dardanup
27 March Thursday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Opening of Jubilee Holy Door, SJOGH 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital Chapel 5pm: RCIA 2026 6pm: RCIA 2025
28 March Friday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.45am: Mass, Opal Bunbury Gardens 6pm: Stations of the Cross, St. Patrick's Cathedral
29 March Saturday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 1pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm Mass, Dardanup
30 March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Mass, Dardanup 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital Bunbury 11:30pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS AROUND THE PARISH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent starting this Friday the 7th March at 6.00pm in the Cathedral.

All are welcome to attend. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 9721 2141, option 2. Thank you and God Bless.

ROSARY: All are invited to come and pray the Rosary every Tuesday at 6pm in the Cathedral.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Friday from 9am to 9pm. All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM: We pray for Cairo Paul Collins-Thompson, Leeuwin Archer Hickey and Billie Anne Schumacher who will all be receiving the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to all the young members of our Parish Community who made their Sacrament of First Reconciliation this weekend on Saturday. Students from St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School and our After School Sacramental Program all came together on Saturday to celebrate God's loving mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A big thank you to Ronelle Lewis, Helen Brown, Liz Lomax, our visiting Priests, Father Nathan, Mons John and Fr Roshan, as well as our Cathedral Priests and all those who helped make this event meaningful for the children of our Parish.

CONGRATULATORY AND WELCOME MORNING TEA FOR BISHOP GEORGE: Please come along to our special morning tea after the Sunday 10am Mass to welcome Bishop George. Many thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council, the Hospitality Committee and parish volunteers for their assistance in making this historic gathering happen.

Please note that the Sunday **8am morning tea** this weekend is **CANCELLED**. Thank you for your kind understanding.

ALARM SYSTEMS/ CATHEDRAL KEYS: The security code for the Cathedral/ Parish Hall alarms will soon be changed. If you have a key to the

Cathedral, please call into the Parish Office to obtain the new code. The new code will apply from 27 April. If you have a Cathedral key, and the reason having that key no longer applies, could you please return it.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL— LENTEN PROGRAM: You are invited to join St. Mary's Lenten Program. Gatherings will be held on Fridays at 1:30pm, commencing Friday the 7th of March. Copies of the Lenten Program are still available for purchase from the Parish Office for \$5. Please contact the school office to register your interest: 9726 7500.

CATHEDRAL CLEANERS: Please consider offering your time to help clean our beautiful Cathedral. Volunteers are certainly needed every Tuesday fortnightly. However, if this cleaning schedule doesn't suit you and you still wish to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office and we will assist in you in the allocation of a cleaning roster that suits your availability. Thank you in anticipation.

MEN OF ST. PATRICK'S: Online Prayer & Discussion Meeting continues to take place **every Thursday evening at 6pm** via ZOOM video conferencing. All parishioners are invited to participate. If you would like to join in, please contact Peter Cicchillitti on 0419 943 161 (call or text) or email peterandlynnny@gmail.com to send you the link.

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE BUNBURY: Pregnancy Assistance supports pregnant and new mums. We offer free, confidential support and assistance including: information, emotional and material support, and assistance to access other services. Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported Pregnancy Assistance by placing donations of small new items into the bassinet in the Cathedral foyer. This makes such a difference to our clients, and we appreciate your ongoing support.— *Janet Mazza, Co-Ordinator, 151 Spencer Street, Bunbury. (Telephone 97924759)*

HAVE YOU JOINED THE PARISH 'FLOCKNOTE'?: Flocknote helps our parish to easily keep in contact with parishioners. For example: the parish news is sent out each Friday to parishioners via a Flocknote email. We can also let you know of the latest parish happenings as they come to hand.

To join simply go to:
www.stpatricksbunbury.flocknote.com
or our parish website
www.bunburyparish.org

VINNIES BASKET: Thank you to all parishioners who faithfully put nonper-

ishable items in the basket. God bless you all.

RECYCLING BIN: Please use the Recycling bin in the Cathedral cloister in discarding used parish bulletin and lyrics sheets.

GENERAL NEWS

THE 2025 BUSSELTON MAY ROSARY CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY: Sunday May 4th 2025 at Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine, Bove's Farm, Roy Road, Jindong, Busselton. Hymn singing commences at 12.30pm. Concelebrated Mass led by Fr Nathan Barrie commences at 1pm. Rosary Procession and Benediction following Mass. Afternoon tea provided. **ALL WELCOME!**

YOUTHCARE EVERYDAY MATTERS PROGRAM: is a great chance for members of our local churches to make a difference in our state Primary Schools through Christian Values Education. We're seeking volunteers to run a 30-minute session as part of a team during class or lunchtime, focusing on building character, resilience, and respect. **This programme has been approved by the Department of Education.** Please see online to apply youthcare.org.au. If your application is successful you will be invited to a free training session on March 31st from 5pm-9pm.

PROJECT COMPASSION: This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413 Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

KIRUP SPIRITUALITY HUB: Quiet days 3rd Tuesday and 1st Wednesday of each month: 9.30 –2pm. **Living Rosary** part of 1st Wednesday Quiet Day (12.00pm – online and face2face). Please see the updated schedule on the Cathedral Notice Board for more details.

GLOBAL MISSION: NO AGE LIMIT! Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? **IT'S NOT.** Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special online session showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! **Venue:** Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events **Date:** Thursday 27 March 2025 **Time:** 8 am – 9 am **(02) 9560 5333/** palms@palms.org.au





CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME TO OUR NEW BISHOP

THE MOST REV. GEORGE KOLODZIEJ SDS

FIFTH BISHOP OF BUNBURY



Bishop George Kolodziej SDS, born on 17 May 1968 in Dobra, Poland, has been the Superior of the Salvatorians in Australia since 16 October 2018. He was a member of various bodies including the Council of Catholic Religious Australia, the Council of Priests of the Archdiocese of Perth, and various other advisory committees in the Archdiocese of Perth, including Catholic Youth Ministry and Clergy Wellbeing. He was also a member of the advisory committee for Catholic School Parents. In addition to these responsibilities Bishop George Kolodziej also directed the Salvatorian Spirituality Centre in Perth and has served as a chaplain for Catholic Education Western Australia since January 2019.

Bishop George's religious journey with the Salvatorians began when he entered the novitiate on 7 September 1987. He made his perpetual profession in the Society of the Divine Saviour (SDS) on 8 September 1992. He was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, Archbishop of Krakow, on 28 May 1994, in Trzebinia, Poland. Later that year, he was sent to the Australian Region of the Salvatorians, where he undertook pastoral work in the Archdiocese of Perth and the Diocese of Bunbury in Western Australia. On 1 January 1996, he was appointed assistant priest of St. Anthony's Parish in Greenmount and began working as a chaplain

at Chisholm Catholic College in 1997. He was elected Vice Superior of the Salvatorian Region of Australia on 1 December 1999.

In December 2000, Bishop George began ministry in the Diocese of Broken Bay, serving as school chaplain at St Leo's Catholic College (2001-2008), assistant priest at Pymble Parish (2001-2003), East Gosford Parish (2003-2008), and later parish priest of Pittwater Parish (2008-2018). He was active in youth ministry, organizing World Youth Day pilgrimages and serving on the Australian National World Youth Day Committee. He also held leadership roles, including as a member of the Council of Priests and the College of Consultors for the Diocese of Broken Bay. In 2017, he joined the Salvatorian Formation Commission and served as a spiritual father at the Salvatorian Formation House in Melbourne.

Bishop George holds master's degrees in theology and pastoral care/psychotherapy, along with a postgraduate diploma in addiction studies. His clinical work includes a number of years as a psychotherapist at a rehabilitation centre in the Central Coast of NSW, where he provided counselling and support to men recovering from drug and alcohol addiction, combining his pastoral and professional expertise to guide individuals towards healing and recovery.



The Bishop's motto: "Gaudete in Domino Semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"), is inspired by Philippians 4:4.

BISHOP GEORGE'S COAT OF ARMS

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"

AN EXPLANATION OF THE EPISCOPAL COAT OF ARMS OF BISHOP GEORGE KOŁODZIEJ SDS



"GAUDETE IN DOMINO SEMPER"

A bishop's coat of arms is distinguished by a sign of his rank. That sign, placed over the shield, is a particular version of an ecclesiastical hat that was worn in processions as late as 1870. This ecclesiastical hat, known as a Galero, is low-crowned, flat and wide-brimmed.

On a bishop's coat of arms, the Galero is green and has 12 green tassels hanging from it: six on each side. There is also a processional cross above the shield. The cross on a bishop's coat of arms has one bar. The design of the shield itself differs from bishop to bishop.

The crest of Bishop George Kolodziej SDS seeks to reflect the simple life of a religious. With this in mind, the overall design is clean, modern and simple.

The Bishop's Galero, cords and tiered tassels flanking the shield, have each been stylised to reflect simplicity. The tassels were designed with a little 'movement' to be more inviting and to reflect the continuity of the Bishop's episcopal ministry with both the invitational style and relational priestly ministry that he has exercised among the lives of all whom he has encountered over the last thirty years.

The simple gold cross is placed vertically behind the shield. The gold used has a hint of red that depicts the red earth of Australia, especially in Western Australia.

The shield is composed of a design with a blue background bordered by the red gold. The prominent colour blue is a reminder of the Bishop's devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Blue also depicts the sky and the sea, each a prominent feature of the Diocese of Bunbury.

The Bunbury lighthouse is a striking landmark. It stands some 25 metres above the ground and its light is visible from 27 kilometres away. Just as the lighthouse guides ships safely into the harbour, the Diocese of Bunbury will continue to guide and radiate both light and hope.

On the shield are the stars forming the Southern Cross which represent Australia and are also, coincidentally, symbolic of the wounds of Christ.

On the top left of the shield is an open Bible reflecting the Word of God. We must share the joy of the Gospel and live the Word of God. A page of the Bible bears the letters SDS. These postnominals stand for the Society of the Divine Saviour, also known as the Salvatorians, the religious order of Bishop George Kolodziej SDS.

In Polish "Kolodziej" is an occupational surname derived from the occupation of "kołodziej" ("wheelwright"). The wheel thereby evokes ties to family, birthplace, ministry and the personal devotions of Bishop George Kolodziej SDS.

The motto chosen by Bishop George Kolodziej SDS appears on a scroll below the shield. The Bishop's motto: "Gaudete in Domino Semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"), is inspired by Philipians 4:4.

FAITH EDUCATION CORNER

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

CELEBRATING LENT

These celebrations have grown and developed over centuries to include layers of meaning.

The Church's celebrations are like pearls, which start with an irritation in an oyster. The irritation is surrounded with layers of mother of pearl, which eventually becomes the beautiful pearl. Lent develops in the same way, beginning with the **belief that God has forgiven our sins and given us life through the death and rising of Jesus**. That belief became a special feast to celebrate Jesus' dying and rising, with **layers of story, prayer and other Christian practices**.

Fasting had been a regular part of Jewish, and later, Christian practice. **Fasting marked seriousness**. It acknowledged **sin and communal renewal of faith**. The fast was then surrounded by other stories relevant to Jesus' death, such as the story of God freeing the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt, celebrated in the Jewish feast of the Passover. The link to the Passover was also central in the Gospel story of Jesus' death.

The **length of the Lent fast** was also shaped by stories. The people of Israel spent 40 years in the desert before entering the promised land. Jesus spent 40 days fasting and praying in the desert before beginning his public ministry. In time the fast was lengthened from five weeks to 40 days.

Later, in Jerusalem, another layer was added. They celebrated Jesus' last days from his entrance to Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, imprisonment, and crucifixion. These ceremonies were gradually adopted by the rest of the Church.

Adapted from the article 'Lenten Layers'
<https://www.prayer.com.au/lenen-layers/>

QUOTES FROM THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

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Daily Quote from the Early Church Fathers:
The Lord's three visits through the Patriarchs, Prophets, and the Gospel, by Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D.

"The Lord also has something very fitting to say about a fruitless tree, 'Look, it is now three years that I have been coming to it. Finding no fruit on it, I will cut it down, to stop it blocking up my field.' The gardener intercedes... This tree is the human race. The Lord visited this tree in the time of the patriarchs, as if for the first year. He visited it in the time of the law and the prophets, as if for the second year. Here we are now; with the gospel the third year has dawned. Now it is as though it should have been cut down, but the merciful one intercedes with the merciful one. He wanted to show how merciful he was, and so he stood up to himself with a plea for mercy. 'Let us leave it,' he says, 'this year too. Let us dig a ditch around it.' Manure is a sign of humility. 'Let us apply a load of manure; perhaps it may bear fruit.' Since it does bear fruit in one part, and in another part does not bear fruit, its Lord will come and divide it. What does that mean, 'divide it'? There are good people and bad people now in one company, as though constituting one body." (excerpt from Sermon 254.3)

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about any Safeguarding queries or concerns that you may have.

HEARING AID LOOP

The Cathedral has an active hearing aid loop. You may need to contact your hearing aid supplier to have your hearing aid adjusted to hear through the sound system in the Cathedral. The hearing aid loop operates within the first 8/9 pews and has very good range across the Cathedral. Please sit in these pews to get the best reception.



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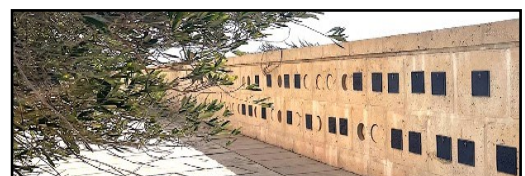
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them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

☐ 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

Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke

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.'

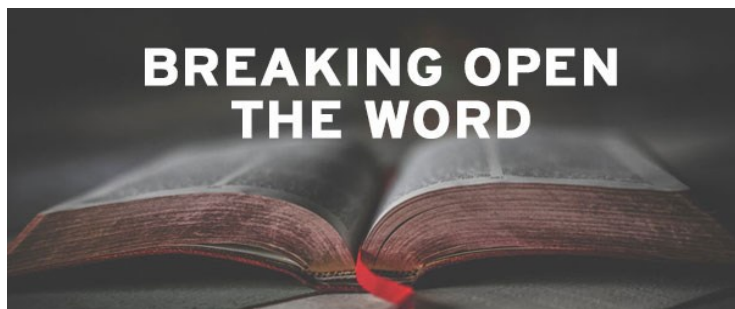
He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it 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

Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

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.



"The Divine Gardener"

"For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?" He said to him in reply,

'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'" Luke 13:7-9

Imagine for a moment that you were the owner of the orchard in which this fig tree was planted. After the gardener asked you to wait for one more year and promised to fertilize the unfruitful fig tree and cultivate the ground around it, you agreed. Then imagine coming to inspect that same fig tree the next year. Imagine three scenarios. First, what would you do if, once again, there were no figs present? Second, what if there were only a few figs? Third, what if the tree suddenly produced an abundance of good fruit?

It seems clear that in the first scenario, if for the fourth year in a row not a single fig was produced, it would be time to cut down the tree. This depicts the justice of God sent forth on those who obstinately resist His grace. In the second scenario, the decision might be more difficult. If the tree produced only a few figs for the first time, then perhaps that would provide enough hope for the future of that tree to ask the gardener to continue caring for it. This depicts those who are in a state of grace but are still lazy in their service of the will of God. In the third scenario, however, the reaction of the owner of the orchard would be clear. There would be much excitement and gratitude that the gardener's good work paid off.

Jesus is the Gardener, and we are the fig tree. This parable should lead us to look at our lives and examine whether or not we bear good fruit for the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus comes to you to cultivate the soil of your heart, fertilizing it with His holy Word, watering it with His Sacraments and doing all He can to give you the opportunity to produce the fruit of charity in your life. How successful are these actions of our Lord in your life?

Too often, when we see only a little good fruit being borne from our lives, we are satisfied. And though any good fruit is good, we are wasting our lives if we do not do all we can to become as abundantly fruitful as possible. Imagine the joy in the Hearts of our Lord and the Father in Heaven if they were to look upon you and see good fruit being produced beyond expectation. Why wouldn't this be your goal in life? Our Lord is patient, but He is also just. Do not try His patience, and do not succumb to His justice.

Reflect, today, upon the image of you being this fig tree and our Lord as the divine Gardener. Commit yourself to His actions of tilling and fertilizing. You do so by strengthening your commitment to reading and understanding the Word of God, by participating more fully in the Sacraments, by being more focused upon your daily prayer, by examining your conscience more fully, and by sincerely confessing your sins. Do all you can to cooperate with the action of our divine Gardener and you will be amazed at the good fruit that begins to pour forth from your life.

My divine Gardener, You have committed Yourself to the humble work of tilling the soil of my heart and fertilizing it with Your abundant mercy. I choose, this day, to respond to Your grace and pray that my cooperation with You will produce an abundance of good fruit in my life for Your glory and the building up of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.