



# Sacred Heart Parish

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## Third Sunday of Lent Year C – 23 March 2025

### Parish Priest:

Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

### Assistant Priest:

Fr John Pham

### Parish office hours:

**Tuesday-Friday**  
9.00am to 4.30pm

### Parish Secretary:

Quyen Le Phan

### Accounts:

Mary Pankiw (Fridays)

### Weekday Mass Times:

#### English:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:  
7.00am  
Wed: 6.30pm  
Sat: 9.00am

#### Vietnamese:

Tues & Thurs: 6.30pm  
Wed: 7.00am

### Weekend Masses

#### English:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10.00am;  
6.00pm

#### Vietnamese:

#### Saturday Vigil:

(Chaplain): 7.30pm

#### Sunday:

7.00am; 7.30pm  
(Chaplain): 4.00pm

### Exposition:

Saturdays: 8.00am

### Reconciliation:

Wed: 6.00pm  
Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am  
5.30pm - 5.50pm

### Convent/Pastoral Care

Sisters of Our Lady  
of the Southern Cross  
Phone: 9723 3704

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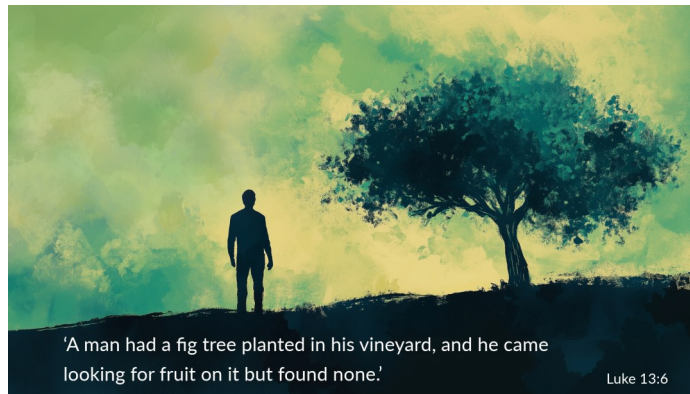
### SHC Primary School

Principal: Julie Straub  
Phone: 9724 1560

### Baptism & Wedding

By appointment  
(6 months in  
advance for weddings)

## What Does It Take to Change?



Have you ever wondered what it takes for a person to truly change? We all know stories of people who turned their lives around - some for better, some for worse. But what really sparks transformation? Is it a major life event, a crisis, or simply the passage of time?

In this week's Gospel (Luke 13:1-9), Jesus challenges us with a strong message: *"Unless you repent, you will all perish as they did."* The people of his time were quick to judge others, believing that suffering was a direct punishment from God. But Jesus turned their thinking upside down. Instead of blaming others, he urged them to reflect on their own lives and recognise their need for repentance.

A powerful example of this message is the life of John Newton, the man who wrote the famous hymn *Amazing Grace*. Newton was a slave trader, profiting from the suffering of others. But after surviving a violent storm at sea, he began to reflect on his life. Slowly, through prayer and study of Scripture, he realised the gravity of his sins. He repented and eventually became a pastor, dedicating his life to preaching the Gospel and fighting against slavery. His transformation shows the power of God's grace. Like the fig tree, he was given another chance, and he used it to bear good fruit.

Here, Jesus also gives us the parable of the barren fig tree. The owner of the vineyard is ready to cut it down, but the gardener pleads for more time, offering to care for it in hopes that it will bear fruit. This is an image of God's mercy. He gives us time and opportunities to change, but we cannot remain complacent. The fig tree must eventually produce fruit, just as we must respond to God's grace with actions that reflect a transformed heart.

So, what does this mean for us? First, it reminds us to examine our lives. Are there areas where we have grown spiritually stagnant, like the barren fig tree? Have we ignored God's call to conversion? Second, it invites us to extend mercy to others, just as God is patient with us. Sometimes, we are quick to judge and condemn, forgetting that everyone is on their own journey of conversion.

Lent is a season of repentance and a time to take Jesus' words seriously. We do not know how much time we have, but we do know that God is always ready to help us change. Like John Newton, we must open our hearts to Him. Like the fig tree, we must strive to bear fruit. *And today is the day to start bearing fruit.*

*Fr John Pham*

## Pope's March prayer intention



### 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. *Pope Francis*

## LENT & R.C.I.A



### The Rite of Election - St Mary's Cathedral, 09 /03/2025

Our 16 catechumens are now called "the Elect". Since the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent, they have moved on to this special period of Purification and Enlightenment. Throughout Lent, special rituals / prayers are offered at the Sunday Eucharist for the Elect and candidates. They are called "Scrutinies", held on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday – The first one is on today, **at 8.30am Mass, 23 Mar.** These prayers are for strengthening in grace and virtue and for purification from all past evil and from any bonds which hinder them from experiencing the love of God. Throughout this period, the Elect and candidates are invited to join the whole Church in a deeper practice of searching their own conscience, doing penance and works of charity. This is a more intense spiritual preparation for their celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Please prayerfully journey along the Elect in our parish and the whole Archdiocese (total 349 converts (280 Elects and 69 baptised candidates for 2025 Easter).



### Solemnity

### The Annunciation of the Lord Tuesday 25 March

Mass as usual

## Station of the Cross during Lent

Please join us next Friday evening for Station of the Cross at 6.00pm followed by Holy Hour from 6.30pm - 7.15pm. Likewise, the session in Vietnamese will follow from 7.30pm.

### Way of the Cross

Parents, parishioners and friends are warmly invited to pray the Way of the Cross.

**Date:** Wednesday 26 March

**Time:** 10.00am for a 10.30am Start

**Venue:** St Joseph's Conference Center

**Address:** 30 Tyson Rd Bringelly.

For more details and register please see the notice boards and flyers (at the church doors).

### Pilgrimage to St Brigid's Church, Coogee -

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

The Parish Council Committee invites parishioners to a pilgrimage with Fr. John at St. Brigid's Church, a designated pilgrimage site.

The cost for bus travel is \$20 per person (with parish subsidy). Please bring your own lunch. The bus will depart at 11.00am and return at the parish at 3.00pm.

The full program will be released next week.



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## Welcome to God's Family

This weekend, we welcome and pray for our babies and their families as they receive the sacrament of baptism:

**(Mary) Gemma Kha Nguyen, Charlize Fion Sin, Celine Vu.**



## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Benedict Thuan Bui, Maria Tran Thi Nhuong (VN), Peter, Maria, Joseph Duong Toan (VN), Anna (VN) (2), Phero Nathan Huy Nguyen,

**R.I.P. & Anniversaries:** Fr Patrick McAuliffe, Ronald Robinson, Ivan Puskas, Maria (11), Joseph (11), Peter (6), Paul (2), Anthony (2), Lucia (2), Vincent (2), James (2), Francis Xavier (1), Maria Madalena (2), Anna (3), Joakim (1), souls of ancestors, grandparents & family members (3), for all souls (7), Joseph Bui, Pereira, Fransisco Pinheiro, Maria Chu Thi Gam, Joseph Nguyen Duc Hiep, Anna Nguyen Thi Kim Mai, Anna Nguyen Thi Hoa, Peter Tran Thang Long, Peter Nguyen Quang Be, Matthew Nguyen Hue, Anna Tran Thi Xuyen, Maria Nguyen Thi Sot, Peter Kiev, Gioanbaotixita (2), Phanxico Borgia, Cecilia, Martino, Phanxico Maria, Giuse Tran Ngoc Hung, Giuse Le Minh Khiem, Phero Le Van Lai, Phero Le Van Thuy, Phero Nguyen Van Khanh, Gioan Nguyen Van Nhan, Gioankim, Catarina, Anna Tran Thi Xuyen.

## Other Intentions:

For the sick (1), for the conversion of hearts (3), thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (4), peace and wellbeing for family & friends (11), for safe travel (1), for healing & recovery (5), for stable work (2), for personal intention (4), thanksgiving to St Joseph.

## Third Sunday of Lent Year C

**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' 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. R. v.8**

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**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 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: Matthew 4:17**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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.'"

## Chúa Nhật III Mùa Chay - Năm C

**Bài đọc 1: Xh 3, 1-8a. 13-15**

*Trích sách Xuất Hành.*

Trong những ngày ấy, Môsê chăn chiên cho ông nhac là Giêtrô, tư tế xứ Mađian. Ông lừa đoàn chiên qua sa mạc, đến núi Horeb là núi của Thiên Chúa. Thiên Chúa hiện ra với ông trong ngọn lửa cháy từ giữa bụi gai. Ông nhìn thấy bụi gai bốc lửa, nhưng không bị thiêu rụi. Môsê nói: "Ta hãy lại xem cảnh tượng kỳ lạ này, vì sao bụi gai không bị thiêu rụi".

Thiên Chúa thấy ông lại xem, từ giữa bụi gai Người gọi ông: "Môsê! Môsê!" Ông thưa: "Dạ con đây!" Chúa nói: "Ngươi đừng đến gần đây. Hãy cởi dép ở chân ra, vì chỗ ngươi đang đứng là nơi thánh". Chúa lại nói: "Ta là Thiên Chúa của Tổ phụ ngươi. Thiên Chúa của Abraham, Thiên Chúa của Isaac, Thiên Chúa của Giacóp". Môsê che mặt, vì không dám nhìn Thiên Chúa. Chúa nói: "Ta đã thấy dân Ta phải khổ cực ở Ai-cập. Ta đã nghe tiếng chúng kêu than kẻ đốc công áp bức. Ta biết nỗi đau khổ của chúng, nên Ta xuống cứu chúng thoát khỏi tay người Ai-cập và đưa ra khỏi đất ấy đến miền đất tốt tươi rộng lớn, đất tràn trề sữa và mật".

Môsê thưa với Thiên Chúa rằng: "Này con sẽ đến với con cái Israel và bảo họ: Thiên Chúa của tổ phụ anh em đã sai tôi đến với anh em. Nếu họ hỏi con: "Tên Người là gì?", con sẽ nói sao với họ?" Thiên Chúa nói với Môsê: "Ta là Đấng Tự Hữu". Chúa nói: "Ngươi sẽ bảo con cái Israel thế này: "Đấng Tự Hữu sai tôi đến với anh em".

Thiên Chúa lại nói với Môsê: "Ngươi sẽ bảo con cái Israel thế này: "Thiên Chúa của tổ phụ anh em, Thiên Chúa của Abraham, Thiên Chúa của Isaac, Thiên Chúa của Giacóp sai tôi đến với anh em". Đó là danh Ta cho đến muôn đời, đó là danh Ta phải ghi nhớ qua mọi thế hệ".

**Đáp Ca: Tv 102, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8 và 11**

**Đáp: Chúa là Đấng từ bi và hay thương xót (c. 8a).**

**Bài đọc II: 1 Cr 10, 1-6. 10-12**

*Trích thư thứ nhất của Thánh Phaolô Tông đồ gửi tín hữu Côrintô.*

Anh em thân mến, tôi không muốn để anh em không hay biết điều này, là tất cả cha ông chúng ta đã được ở dưới áng mây, đi ngang qua biển và tất cả nhờ Môsê mà được thanh tẩy, dưới áng mây và trong lòng biển; tất cả đã ăn cùng một thức ăn thiêng liêng, và uống cùng một thức uống thiêng liêng. Thật vậy, tất cả đã uống nước phát xuất từ tảng đá thiêng liêng đi theo họ: tảng đá ấy chính là Chúa Kitô. Tuy nhiên, không phải phần đông trong họ đã sống đẹp lòng Chúa, vì họ đã bị gục ngã trong hoang địa.

Bao nhiêu sự kiện đó nêu gương cho chúng ta, để chúng ta đừng chiều theo những dục vọng xấu xa như những người đó đã chiều theo. Anh em đừng lầm bầm kêu trách như một số người trong bọn họ đã làm, và đã vong mạng bởi tay một sứ thần huỷ diệt. Những việc đó đã xảy đến cho họ để làm gương, và đã được ghi chép để răn bảo chúng ta là những người đang sống trong thời đại cuối cùng. Thế nên, ai tưởng mình đang đứng vững, hãy ý tứ kéo ngã.

**Câu Xướng Trước Phúc Âm: 2 Cr 6, 2**

**Này là lúc thuận tiện, này là ngày cứu độ.**

**Phúc Âm: Lc 13, 1-9**

*Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Thánh Luca.*

Khi ấy, có những kẻ thuật lại cho Chúa Giêsu về việc quan Philatô giết mấy người Galilê, làm cho máu họ hoà lẫn với máu các vật họ tế sinh. Ngài lên tiếng bảo: "Các ngươi tưởng rằng mấy người xứ Galilê bị ngược đãi như vậy là những người tội lỗi hơn tất cả những người khác ở xứ Galilê ư? Ta bảo các ngươi: không phải thế. Nhưng nếu các ngươi không ăn năn hối cải, thì tất cả các ngươi cũng sẽ bị huỷ diệt như vậy. Cũng như mười tám người bị tháp Silôe đổ xuống đè chết, các ngươi tưởng họ tội lỗi hơn những người khác ở Giêrusalem ư? Ta bảo các ngươi: không phải thế. Nếu các ngươi không ăn năn hối cải, thì tất cả các ngươi cũng sẽ bị huỷ diệt như vậy".

Ngài nói với họ dụ ngôn này: "Có người trồng một cây vả trong vườn nho mình. Ông đến tìm quả ở cây đó mà không thấy, ông liền bảo người làm vườn rằng: "Kìa, ba năm nay ta đến tìm quả cây vả này mà không thấy có. Anh hãy chặt nó đi, còn để nó choán đất làm gì!" Nhưng anh ta đáp rằng: "Thưa ông, xin để cho nó một năm nay nữa, tôi sẽ đào đất chung quanh và bón phân; may ra nó có quả chăng, bằng không năm tới ông sẽ chặt nó đi".