

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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GOSPEL

Lk 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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / C

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A CHANGE OF HEART

Last week our Lenten focus was on prayer. This Sunday is about conversion and a change of heart. In the first part of today's reading, Jesus reminds his audience that suffering or persecution is not the result of guilt or sin. Terrible events remind us to have a spirit of repentance. "Repentance" is more of an openness of heart and mind to God, the essential and primary quality of a disciple, and less the codified legalistic need to address one's infringement of ethical or moral standards.

The second part of today's Gospel moves in an ecological direction. Repentance implies ecological conversion. The parable of the fig tree and its owner highlights the attitude of its owner to what is grown on his property. He sees the tree as unproductive and therefore unable to provide a cash return. The owner is greedy. Earth's gift, the tree, is seen as a commodity whose lack of fruitfulness means for the landowner that it is to be "cut down" because it is "taking up the ground" (literally in the Greek, "using up Earth").

What appears as ecological sensitivity is rather an economic or materialistic agenda. But the one who cares for the Earth and the tree, its gardener, offers a more viable and environmental friendlier solution. Leave the tree, offer it fertiliser, and it may bear fruit in the future. He pleads for patience for Earth's fruitfulness. This is instructive for contemporary disciples: tender horticultural practice that cares for Earth is preferred to pragmatic, utilitarian destruction.



Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Ex 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.

RESP 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

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.

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES	
6.00 pm	(Saturday Vigil)
8.30 am	(Sunday)
10.00am	(Sunday)

WEEKDAY MASSES	
Monday	No Service
Tuesday	12 noon (Annunciation)
Wednesday	6:30 pm (Rosary 6pm)
Thursday	No Service
Friday	Reconciliation 11.30am Mass 12 noon
Saturday	Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 10 am

WEDDINGS	Contact Parish Office
RECONCILIATION	Before midday Mass on Fridays – 11.30am Before 10am Mass on Saturdays – 9.30am
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	First Saturday of each month during 10am Mass. All are welcome.
ROSARY	Join us for Rosary at 6pm every Wednesday prior to 6.30pm Mass 
BAPTISMS	Second & Third Sundays of each month 11.15am by arrangement through the Parish office & Baptismal Preparation Team.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 29th / 30th March	
Fourth Sunday of Lent	
1st Reading:	Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm:	Ps 33:2-7
2nd Reading:	2 Cor 5:17-21
Gospel:	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

MASSES @ HALLETT COVE	
Wednesday	12:00 noon
Friday	9.30am
Saturday	6pm
Sunday	9.15am

Pope's March Prayer Intention For Pilgrims of Hope

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.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK M(Memorial), (S)Solemnity, F(Feast)

Tue 25th	S	The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD
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PLEASE PRAY FOR: RECENTLY DECEASED

James Pawelski, Alan Rooney, Rose Critchley, Tim Rendell, Gina Zanic, Elaine Maria Scott (Ireland), John Walkley

DECEASED

Noreen Spencer, Ron Casanova, Kathleen Alexander (Ireland), Marie Shevlin, Emilia Fernandes, Clarito Magalso (Philippines), Sr. Carita Higgins RSJ, Lydia Ramirez

ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin Pardon, Gerald Ford, Terry Critchley, Elizabeth & Brian Crowe, Joseph Castro, Barbara Tummel (22nd), Phil Tummel (25th)

SICK

Lee Newton, Jesus Karlo Pacis, Esperanza Bantug, Cesario Nilo, Jr., Danilo Nilo, Robert Nilo, Mary Anne Dulay-on, Pat Mezzino, Andy Tamassy, Mary Traynor (Ireland), Colleen McInerney, Joan Mcleod, Jenny Potter, Peter Hill, David Smith, John Hall, Graham Spurling, Lui Scardigno, Peter Williams, Jacqui Verrall, Elaine Wills, Teresa Price, Betty Wakefield, Frances Pugsley, Jim Barrett, Bob Alexander, Russell Virgo, Murray Jetsen, Tanya Barrett, Barbara Piggott, David Smith, Bill Borchard, Margaret Piasecki, Chloe Bronagh Martin, Tom Brier, Jr, Mike Pulley, Angia Blanch, Jerzy Jasniach, Ryder Brown-Press, Robert Morrell, Bro. Vincent Connors, Pauline Norton, Jill Head, Charlie Hamblen, Daniel Hughes, Metha Storer, Glenn Mead, Raymond Giblett, Jean Harris, Fr Peter Milburn, Andrea Hunter, Sarah Stephens, Brian Perry, Gene McKiernan (Ireland), Jane Lucas, Helen Hehir, Sr Marietta, Mark Blackwell (England), Mary Reynolds, John Wallace, Aoibhinn Delaney

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will not be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We would like to acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the lands and waters of the Adelaide region, on which we meet. We pay respect to elders both past and present. We acknowledge and respect the Kaurna peoples' cultural, spiritual, physical, and emotional connection with their land, waters, and community.

WHAT'S ON IN BRIGHTON PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 25th March

- Parish Library Group 9.30am – 12 noon
- Sewing and Knitting Group 9.30am – 12 noon
- Men's Fellowship 10.30am

Wednesday 26th March

- Rosary 6pm prior to Mass 6.30pm

Thursday 27th March

- Fr. Peter Bible Study Group 10:30am

Friday 28th March

- Parish Library Group 9.30am – 12 noon
- Men's Fellowship 10.30am
- Stations of the Cross after the 12 noon Mass



Celebrating 100 Years of Faith, Community, and Service

Gratitude Note

The PPC and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one who contributed to making our Parish's Centenary a resounding success!

Your efforts, dedication, and enthusiasm were evident in every part of the celebrations, from the planning to the joyful execution. Your committed participation in the event is truly inspirational. We all feel blessed to be part of such a vibrant and friendly family.

The feedback from the attendees has been overwhelmingly positive, with many commending the lively liturgy, songs, and warmth. The hospitality and sense of community that permeated the entire celebration did not go unnoticed.

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the following individuals and groups for their outstanding contributions: the organizing committee, chaired by David McCabe; the liturgy team, led by Sr. Marie Raph and Jenny O'Brien; the hospitality group, led by Margaret Senyszyn and Emmy Smyk; the flower team, led by Mila Erkelens and Mónica Gallagher; the Mass servers, led by David Gallagher; and our choir. We also extend our gratitude to the parish office staff, Fr. Prathap, Andrea, Nirmanthi, Jonas, and Annemarie. You all went above and beyond in your participation.

With deepest appreciation,
Fr. Michael M. Kyumu
Parish Priest

Mass of Thanksgiving for Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised in Rome on April 27, 2025. A Mass of Thanksgiving for the canonisation of Saint Carlo Acutis will be celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 7 Marian Road, Payneham on Wednesday, April 30 at 7pm followed by veneration of his first class relic. For further information contact office@paynehamcatholic.org.au



Celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion 2025

Enrolments are open for the Sacramental Programme 2025. If you have a child in year 5 and above who is baptized and received the sacrament of Reconciliation, you are welcome to enroll him/ her to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Enrolment forms are available in the church foyer.



Parish Centenary Prayer

Loving God, as we celebrate the centenary of our Parish, we call to mind all the blessings of the past, giving thanks for all those, who over the years, have nurtured the spirit of this community. May we be tangible 'Pilgrims of Hope' for each other, and for all those in our midst who are experiencing hardships of any kind. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Hope, and St Joseph, patron of our Parish of Brighton, may we bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts, that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic, so that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

2nd Week of Lent: Bread of Labour

• **Reflection:** Ponder the labour involved in producing bread, from sowing seeds to baking. **Consider:** How does our work connect us to the earth and to others? How can you find meaning and purpose in your daily labour? **Action:** Try baking bread from scratch. Reflect on the process and the effort involved.

• **Activity:** Engage in a service project or outreach activity, such as volunteering at a food pantry or organizing a food drive. Reflect on how acts of service help us live out our faith and be a source of nourishment for others. • **Prayer:** Pray for those who labour to provide food for the world.

Admin Update

We would like to inform our community that our Assistant Parish Priest, Fr. Prathap Katta, has been assigned to Mount Gambier, and a new Assistant Parish Priest, Fr. Joash Okeyo, has been appointed to serve in our parish. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Prathap for his dedicated service and the profound impact he has had on each of us. His presence has truly touched the hearts of our community, and we are grateful for the guidance and care he has provided. As Fr. Prathap embarks on this new chapter in his journey, we ask for your prayers and support for him, both now and in the future.



Caring for Creation during Lent

St Francis of Assisi tells us to 'Start by doing what is necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.' This Saturday we celebrate World Water Day. Did you know that a tap dripping every second adds up to nearly twenty litres of water going down the drain every day? Not only is this a costly waste of water but a cost to your hip pocket as well!



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS Brighton, Marion, Hallett Cove, Glenelg

Crazy Whist Night

Raising Funds for Catherine House & Vinnies
Date: Wednesday, 7th May 2025
Time: 7:00 PM for 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Location: Brighton Catholic Parish Activity Centre, Strathmore Terrace, Brighton
Cost: \$10 Adults | \$5 Students or Donation
BYO: Supper & Drinks. Tea, coffee & prizes provided. **Bookings essential** – Contact:

- Pat Hodgson 0412 259 321 (Brighton)
- Peter Temby 0434 334 755 (St Anns Parish)
- Bob Byrth 0458 006 935 (Hallett Cove)
- Peter Kay 0417 718 903 (Glenelg)

RSVP by 30th April 2025

Join us for a fun and social night, supporting these great causes!

Invitation to "Blood Matters" Presentation

The Knights of the Southern Cross (SA) Inc. – Brighton, Marion, Hallett Cove, and Glenelg Branch, invite you to an informative presentation on "Blood Matters" – Current and Future Treatment Modalities for Blood Dyscrasias. This presentation will be delivered by **Prof. Brendon Kearney AO**, a leading expert in the field, and promises to provide valuable insights into the advancements in blood disorder treatments.

Date: Wednesday, 2nd April 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Activity Centre, St. Joseph's Church, Brighton

Everyone is welcome to attend this informative and educational event.