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

The readings for this midway point in Lent speak to us of the all-pervading presence of the divine. God's name, revealed in the first reading from the book of Exodus, is totally identified with divine being. God's existence is revealed in all that is. St Mary Mackillop expressed this in her insightful words, 'wherever you are God is'. The psalmist describes the nature of such divine being as 'compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.' The parable of the barren fig tree reminds us that God is patient in waiting for us to bear fruit from the divine giftedness planted within us. It is a parable which calls us to realise that God's grace is faithfully nurtured in us by tilling the soil of our lives. We are called to respond to this divine care and generosity by going forth and bearing fruit through our love and generosity to all we encounter.

From God's Word, Daily Reflections, 2025

### Parish Safeguarding Commitment

Our Parishes are committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking and action. This approach is to follow Jesus' command in Matthew 18:1-3. Enquiries or concerns please contact: Fr Anthony Riosa SSS—[anthony.riosacg.org.au](mailto:anthony.riosacg.org.au) - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) [ipsscg.org.au](mailto:ipsscg.org.au)

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### Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, as Traditional Owners of the land where we gather today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

**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.

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**First Reading - 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,' 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.'

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**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,11**

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

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.

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

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,

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

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.

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

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.

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

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**Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12**

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.

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**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!

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**Gospel - 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."

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**Communion Antiphon - Cf Psalm 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

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## INNER NORTH

### Baptisms

Congratulations to Sophia Gye who will be Baptised at Blackfriars Holy Rosary and Sophia Zambrano-Alvarez, and Winifred Whiteley-Black who will be Baptised at St Joseph's this weekend. May their lives be filled with God's peace and their hearts with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



### Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

The Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica was opened by Pope Francis on 24 December 2024, marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year. The occasion marks a time of grace, mercy and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage, and sacramental repentance. Everyone is encouraged to get involved as we celebrate Pope Francis' theme - Pilgrims of Hope. If you would like to learn more about the Jubilee year please visit <https://cgatholic.org.au/map-jubilee/>

**The Caritas Project Compassion Appeal** - Is now available in the Parish Qkr app under "Special Appeals" Your donations help Caritas Australia in their work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. There are also envelopes and donation boxes in the foyer if you prefer this way of helping.

## CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

**A Big Thank You** to all who helped and or participated in the St Patrick's day celebration. Also thank you for supporting and purchasing raffle tickets for the 90th year of celebrations. And the winners are...

**1st Prize** - Lindy

**2nd Prize** - Ros

**3rd Prize** Najib

**4th Prize** Carmel

**5th Prize** Pamela

### Congratulations!

**Acolytes and Alter Servers Institution Mass** - On the 4th Sunday of Lent: 9:30am on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at St Brigid's. Their certificates will be presented after the Homily with a Blessing Rite.

**Eucharistic Encounter Catechesis** - Each Tuesday evening at 5pm prior to our RCIA meetings. All are very welcome.

**PowerPoint Operator Wanted** We need your help on PowerPoint operation in the mass. If you could spare some time during the mass monthly or occasionally to help out ppt operation, please contact ppt operator after mass or Parish Office. Training will be provided.

**Stations of the Cross**- During Lent the Community of the Risen Lord will be reflecting on the Way of the Cross every Friday at 7.00pm at St Brigid's Church, Dickson. Holy Mass follows at 7.30pm,

### Holy Week Singing - 17-20 April

Would you like to praise God through your voice in the Holy Week? Please come and sign up to join the choir for the Holy Week singing, or contact Ling at [lingwiyau@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:lingwiyau@yahoo.com.hk) for details. Practice dates will be advised. Hope to see you there.

## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord:

Joy Pollard, Uqasha Imran Amjad, Kitty Mullaney, Colin Duggan, Joseph 'Joe' Quigley, Barry Collis, Kevin Tee, Fr Kevin Flynn

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Felipe Miragaya, Anne Balfour O'Brien, Dominica Cortese, Helen Olsen, Tecla Perera, Clude Anthony, Isabel Barnes, Rev Francis Carroll, Felix Dennis Anderson, Kate Dwyer, James Bergin, Domingo Apolinar, Silvio Rossi

### THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Maria Pham, Madelon Harvey, Errol Whitson, Patricia Brown, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeown, Colleen & Robin Lees, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore.

*Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You are welcome to email the parish office if you would like to renew your prayer request.*

## BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

**Recitation of the Rosary** - please note that recitation of the Rosary will take place at the earlier time of **9-20 am on Palm Sunday only the 13th April**. New leaders and responders encouraged. Roster for April now in the church foyer.

### Taizé – Prayer, Silence, Meditative Song

**Sunday, 6pm.** Holy Cross Anglican / St Margaret's Uniting. 6 April, 4 May, 1 June.

## ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

**On all Fridays of the Lenten Season.** The Stations of the Cross will take place immediately after the 9.15am Mass and again at 6pm lead by the Syriac Catholic Community

### St Joseph's Lectors (Readers)

Reading training for Lectors will be held on the Saturday's of Lent after the 8:30am Mass by Donna. Current lectors may wish to familiarise themselves with our new microphone

## ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

### Claim the Date: Sunday 6 April 11.30-1.30

The St. Thomas More Parish Pastoral Council has convened our **2025 Parish Assembly for Sunday 6 April 2025 from 11.30am until 1.30pm**. Following our 10am Mass that day there will be a Parish Brunch in lieu of Morning Tea in the Holy Faith Hall.

All Parishioners are invited to attend as we consider the future priorities of our St. Thomas More Parish Community. Full details of the Assembly will be released after our combined PPC/PFC meeting on Wednesday 12 March 2025

### St Thomas More Forum - 26 March 7.30-9pm

**Venue** Holy Faith Hall, 30 White Crescent, Campbell

**Cost** \$20 and \$10 (Student/Concession) - Refer to flyer for more information.

Hi!

This is Luce, she is a mascot for the Jubilee Year 2025! Pilgrims of Hope! Luce ("light" in Italian) was announced at a press conference on the 28th October 2024, by Archbishop Rino



Fisichella in line with the jubilee celebrations. Her yellow coat, muddy, green boots, and walking stick are symbols of pilgrimage.

**Correct email address for 50th Reunion - Class of 1975-18th October 2025** Email: [CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com](mailto:CGHS.Dara1975@gmail.com) or Facebook: Daramalan College Alumni group; Merici College Alumni group; or Dara - Braddon 1975 group. Spread the word to your classmates

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 BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013341 Ref: Name & Giving Number.

**St Joseph's:** A/C Name: St Joseph's Parish  
 BSB: 062 786 A/C: 00012798 Ref: Name & Giving Number.

**St Thomas More:** A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish BSB: 062786 A/C: 00014869 Ref: Name & Giving Number.

**MASS, SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES - week ending 30 March**

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell
<b>Mass</b>					
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am 5.00pm	9.30am 5.00pm <i>Vietnamese Mass - 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday of the month</i>	8.30am	8.00am	10.00am
Tuesday to Friday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am <i>*Stations of the Cross every Friday after morning Mass*</i>	12.30pm	11.45 <i>1st &amp; 3rd Friday of the Month</i>
Saturday	5.00pm (vigil)	9.00am 6.00pm (vigil)	8.30am 6.00pm (vigil)		
<b>Reconciliation</b>					
Friday			8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	11.30 - 12.30pm	11.00-11.30 <i>1st &amp; 3rd Friday of the Month</i>
Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm		
<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>					
Tuesday			8.15 - 9.10am		
Wednesday		8.00am - 8.00pm			
Thursday					
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm				11.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday		9.30 - 10.00am			
<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>					
Sunday		After 9.30am Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month			11.15am - <i>1st Sunday of the month</i>
Saturday			Within 8.30am Mass - 1st Saturday of the month		
<b>Rosary Prayers</b>					
<b>Tuesday to Thursday *During Lent*</b>		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass	12.10pm	
Saturday		8.30am	8.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		