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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C: SUNDAY 20TH MARCH 2022

"Leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it; if it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down." LK13: 8-9



The gospel reading contains the parable of the fig tree. Jesus uses a parable to make a point – the fig tree symbolises the people and their lack of fruitfulness. The gardener 'intercedes' for the fig tree, recalling the role of Jesus in relation to sinners. The gardener makes his appeal, but we are not told the reply. We may presume that the fig tree was granted a reprieve, but for how many years? How long do I wait before responding to the call of God, the call of conscience?

We pray for openness to learn from the words of Christ. We pray for generosity in living out the gospel. ?

PARISH EVANGELISATION PRAYER

God our Father/ We thank you for the many ways in which we have been blessed/ and we ask your help in all our needs./ Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us/ as we entrust our Parish Family to your guidance and protection/ to walk together in Communion, Participation and Mission of the Holy Mother Church./ Help us to experience the joy of the Gospel/ as we reach out to our brothers and sisters/ with whom we share the gift of faith./ May we work with all people of good will/ so that the world may experience your Kingdom of truth, justice, peace and love./ Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



St Boniface-pray for us, Our Lady Help of Christians- pray for

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*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.*

NO GLORIA

LITURGY OF THE WORD



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. *R. Thanks be to God*

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

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord

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*

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*

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

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 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. *R. Thanks be to God you.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

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. **R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. AMEN**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and your may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: *When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

PARISH EVANGELISATION PROGRAMME: Thank you very much for your support for the Evangelisation Programme which was introduced to the Parish by Fr shaju last weekend.

This Weekend, Spirituality Group will make presentation of their plan for our spiritual formation. The next weekend, Intellectual Formation Group will make their presentation.



LENT FAST DAY: Is on Friday 1st April. Parish encourages all of us to keep the day as day of fasting remembering the poor in our prayers. We shall collect the money we will be saving of our fast and give to the poor.

PASSION PLAY TICKETS: As we are eagerly waiting for Passion Play by Our young people, we offer our prayers and support to them. If you wish to have tickets, please collect them from young people who are at the front of the Church. Cost £1/person or donation. Dates: Palm Sunday 10th April at 7.30pm & Good Friday 15 April at 7.30pm. Food and refreshments are available on Sunday 10th and Soup & bread on Good Friday, 15th April.

ST BONIFACE SOCIAL GROUP: Will organise the food and soup for the Passion Play on 10th & 15th of April.

HOLY HOUR IN LENT: In Lent there will be Holy Hour every Friday from 5.15pm to 6.15pm starting from Friday 4th March.

MORNING PRAYER IN LENT: At 9.05am Monday to Saturday

ROSARY IN LENT: Monday– Saturday after morning Mass & on Sunday 20 minutes before Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please come and pray STATION OF THE CROSS on every Friday in Lent 10am & 7pm in the Church. Spirituality Group is organising Friday 10am Station of the Cross and Friday 7pm by Some of the Parish Evangelisation groups. 18th March– Prayer Groups & Charity Groups, 25th March– FHC, Confirmation and Sunday liturgy Catechists, 1st April – Spirituality Group and 8th April– Intellectual Formation group & Marriage & Family Life.



LENT RETREAT: Parish will have a lent retreat on 11th, 12th & 13th April 6pm –8pm.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING: Next Training for small groups of six people is on this Sunday 20th March 2pm & 2.45pm.

CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT MASS: We shall keep our young people as they are getting ready for their enrollment Mass this Sunday at 12:00



A DAY WITH JESUS

Next one is on SATURDAY 9th April starting at 9.15am with MORNING PRAYER, adoration, devotions, talk, confessions, and a SPECIAL MASS at 11am followed by anointing of

the sick and prayer over people. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection. If you know anyone who is ill in your family or friends please bring them with you.

APPEAL FOR HELP FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY WAR IN UKRAINE:

We continue to pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. Thanks you for your generosity. We raised £2500.85 and sent it.

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals.

MASS AT HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: Resumed at St George's, there are daily masses Monday to Friday at 12noon and Sunday 1:30pm.

HALL BOOKINGS: Please call 0208 672 2345 opt 1, Mobile 07456 514037 Hall queries only. Follow us online @stbonifacehall

RECENTLY DIED: *Conrad Boyer funeral is on 23rd March at 12pm, Barrie Ellis -Daley funeral is on 12th April at 12:30pm and Elizabeth McNamara Wednesday 6th April at 11:30am and Guy Saide. May they rest in peace!*

FOR YOUR DIARY

PASSION PLAY: *Sunday 10th April & Good Friday 15th April at 7.30pm in the Hall.*

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS & YOUTH DAY: *Saturday 23rd April 5pm.*

PASSION PLAY REHEARSALS: *Sundays 11am-1pm.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: *Next Session-Saturday 26th March at 10:15am in the Church.*

YOUNG PEOPLES CONFIRMATION: *Next Session-Saturday 26th March. At 11:15am in the Parish Hall.*

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTISE: *Saturdays at 4pm. Youth Choir will sing at 9am Mass on every other Sundays.*

SUNDAY CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN: *At 10:30am Mass.*

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES: *Thursdays at 7.15pm in the Café.*

CONFESSIONS: *Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am & 5.45pm-6.15pm*

50PLUS CLUB: *Mondays from 12:30-2.30pm in the Café. All are welcome.*

PADRE PIO GROUP: *1st and 4th Monday of month after evening Mass.*

ROSARY GROUP: *Wednesdays after evening Mass.*

LEGION OF MARY: *Thursdays every week after evening Mass.*

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: *Tuesdays after 6.30pm mass*

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: *Fridays 4-6pm.*

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: *9.30am on Mon-Sat and Sun at 12:00.*

TO BAPTISE A BABY: Please discuss with a priest during Parish Open House which is every Friday 4pm – 6pm in the Parish Office.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: Is on Monday 28th March at 7.15pm in the Presbytery.

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House on FRIDAYS. No appointment needed.

HOSPITAL VISITS: If you or a family member are admitted to St George's Hospital and would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Mark Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: John McGrath, Carmel Sammonds, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Anastasia Ogbonna, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly, Paric Burke, Eli Lee Roberts, Daniel Bird, Shireen Doyle, Mark Sharkey, Tess Hill, Sheena Tighe, Carmel Sammons, Margaret Wood, Peter Hardy, Barbara Kelly, Mella Washington, Colleen Bowen, Lorraine, Herman Mendonca, Mario Iyacootee, Benito Fiorelli & Ann Schembri

Anniversaries: Marie Jhugroo, Joseph Oliver, James Ranjit, Patricia Cotter, Maureen Mulivihill, Catherine Meredith, Kathleen Kennedy, Michael Glakin, Edwin Almeida, Margaret Fitzgerald, Ivy Grimshaw, Elizabeth Robinson, Philip Coffey, Raphael Elwin, Luis Alvarez, Ropas Blanco, Anna Rodrigues, Winston Devonish, Kathleen O'Regan, Cleveland Daley and Lucy Lartey. **May they rest in peace – Amen**

	19th & 20th March	26th & 27th March
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Mathew D'Souza Lucinda D'Souza	Chezka Mary Altea Chezter Marc Altea
09.00	Esther Robin Ann Xavier	Robin Thomas Ann Mary Kuriakose
10.30	Anita Bennett Gary Bennett	Adela Vianello Sandra Brekalo
12.00	Keoni McGowan Charmaine Fernandes	Doris Cubero Stephen Callus
13:15	Sharon Fernandes Caroline Rapu	Ian Johnston Chisom Aghaji
18:30	Philomena Moffat Emie Roberts	Padraig Cronin Susan Daniel
Cleaning Rota:	Wk3: 21st March @ 10am	Wk4: 28th March @ 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2042.07)
 Bag collection £1,210.07 Card collection: 324.00 & S/O: £508.00



<p><u>Sunday 20th March ©</u> THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>09:00 10:30 12:00 13:15 18:30</p>	<p>Bridget McGivern, Robin Family-Thanksgiving Claudia Peppin RIP Confirmation Enrolment Mass Christian Li RIP/ Roseleen Grealy Aliyamma Mangalathil</p>
<p>Monday 21st March Feria</p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>Pro Populo, John McGrath Get-well Lionel Potter RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 22nd March Feria</p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>Celine Cesar RIP Cecil Agyeiwaa Thanksgiving</p>
<p>Wednesday 23rd March Feria</p>	<p>09:30 12:00 18:30</p>	<p>Theresa Lawrence Funeral: Conrad Boyer Rose McDonagh Special Ints</p>
<p>Thursday 24th March Feria</p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>Shakila Albert Ints November Deceased, Guy Saide, RIP</p>
<p>Friday 25th March The Annunciation of the Lord</p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>Christina Francis Ints Ajulu Uzodike</p>
<p>Saturday 26th March Feria</p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>Juana Cortez RIP Mathew Pinto RIP</p>
<p><u>Sunday 27th March ©</u> FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY</p>	<p>09:00 10:30 12:00 13.15 18.30</p>	<p>Minnie Warren RIP Robin Family– Thanksgiving Emily McGuinness Jerome, Christy & Agnes Lobo Shakila Albert Ints Jacob Fernandes RIP</p>
<p><u>Monday 21st March</u> Padre Pio Group Cry Chapel 7pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday 22nd March</u> Charismatic Prayer Group- Cry Chapel 6.30pm</p> <p><u>Wednesday 23rd March</u> Rosary Prayer Group Cry Chapel 7pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 24th March</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 25th March</u> Parish Open House 4-6pm</p>	
<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm</p>	<p>Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>