

GOSPEL: Luke 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020 & 2021

La Salle Enrolments

Enrolments are now been accepted for Year 7 2020 & Year 7 2021 at LaSalle Bankstown. Anyone wanting more information or a tour of the College can contact Mrs Saliba on 9793 5600.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone 9390 5812.

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Line Collet 0410 568 103;
Youth : Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993 ;
St Vincent de Paul: Diago Rodrigues 0439643859; **Bankstown Josephite Associates:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;
Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),
Sunday: 8am,
10am (Children's Liturgy),
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am
Wednesday - 8.00am
Thursday - 8.00am
Friday - 8.00am
Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

Wednesday - Uniting 10.00am

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm
Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time.
Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Preparation classes are
held in the Presbytery on the
1st Sunday of each month
after 10AM Mass .

Project Compassion CARITAS AUSTRALIA



Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a disability.

With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water system. With

more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future . Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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

Comm Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

This weeks readings - Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

Next Weekend: 4th Sun Lent - Year C.

Readings: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

3rd Sunday of Lent - Yr C - 24 March 2019

Lectors training program - change of date.

The 2 hour interactive training program Called '**Speaking Awesome Words**' with Centre for Liturgy of Australian Catholic University, will be held at Berala Parish Jubilee Hall, 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala. **The training will now be held on Wednesday 1st May, 7.00 - 9.00pm.** Please write your name and contact details on the list in the Sacristy or email the office if you wish to attend.

Family Picnic

A picnic is being held on Sunday 7th April straight after the 10am Mass in the grotto area. A great opportunity to come together to talk to each other and meet new parishioners and families in a relaxed environment. BYO picnic lunch, drinks, chairs and blankets. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening at 7.30pm during Lent. All welcome.

Youth Passion Re-enactment 2019

REHEARSAL DATES are as follows; Sunday 31 March; Wednesday 3 April; Wednesday 10 April; Sunday 14 April and Wednesday 17 April at 7.00pm.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Tho Van Phan; Laurensia Henny Wijaya; Anne Lois Devine

Anniversary: Joseph Cao Huong; Patricia Madafiglio; Rita Tsai

Deceased: Matthew Chu Van Tuynh; Phero Phan The Cuong; Phaolo Phan Van Loc; Maria Nguyen Thi Tuu;

Sick: Max Goodwin, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Rukmani Krishnan; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Portia Mariano; Brian Dimmock; Maria Bui Thi Don.

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 31/3/19 Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group.

St Vincent de Paul: 31/3/19 Thom Pham **7/4/19** J Obeid

Church Cleaners: 29/3/19: Samoan Divine Mercy Group **Children's Liturgy:** 31st March - Belinda

Weekend Choirs: 31/3 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **10am** - St Felix Choir **6pm** - St Mary Mackillop Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	24 MARCH	8am	10am	6pm
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Henrietta Owusu	Anthony Eltarraf	
R	Gloria Booby	Joseph Dang	Emmanuela Viner	Elias Eltarraf	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Cindy Hoang	Thao Nguyen	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Melanie Campisi	Ala Pesamino	Loreto Eduardo	
31 MARCH					
C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Anthony Rowe	Charbel Eltarraf	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O'Hea	Elias Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Judy Jones	Robyn Molloy	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc	
M	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltszheim	Ala Pesamino	Phu Nguyen	

Reflection

Patience & Hope

We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces the colourful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. Perhaps we've even thought about the patience and hope that are required to plant flower bulbs in October. We don't have to be gardeners, however, to know about patience and hopefulness. As parents, we practice these virtues each day with our children. We may become frustrated and even angered by their wilfulness and lack of cooperation. Yet we continue to offer our attention and guidance in hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. As parents, we know God's kindness when we find evidence for our hope for our children. Does God find such glimmers of hope as he works with us?

Gather your family and show a spring flower in bloom. Recall that in the fall this flower was a dry bulb (if a flower bulb is available, show this as well). Talk about the hopefulness and patience shown by those who plant flower bulbs in the fall in the hope that they will bloom in the spring. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 13:1-9. Compare the parable of the barren fig tree to your discussion about spring flowers. Consider the patience and hopefulness that God has with us as he works with us, calling us to return to him when we sin. Offer prayers of thanks and praise to God for his patience and hopefulness towards us. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 103.

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Lenten Retreat

Join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and the Sisterhood Catholic Women's Movement for a Lenten Retreat Day. This retreat will be hosted in Sydney and in Melbourne on 30 March. The day will focus on the theme, "Nature, Grace and Glory: *Imago Dei* Revealed in Us." The retreat will begin at 10AM with talks, discussion opportunities, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, morning tea and lunch, and more. An optional Vigil Mass at the St Peter Chanel, Berala will follow. For more information or to register: To register in Sydney: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBEQA> For more information, email sydney@op-tn.org Location: *St. Peter Chanel Parish Hall, 60 Kingsland Road, Berala.* Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/273338730230446/>

"Come and see"

The Sister Disciples of the Divine Master are having a day of prayer and reflection for young women on the 6th April, from 10am - 4pm, at their convent in Strathfield.

We warmly invite young women aged between 18yrs and 30yrs who are interested in learning more about consecrated religious life, to "Come and See" The day will commence with the Eucharistic Celebration. There will be a video presentation and other activities including group sharing.

We look forward to welcoming you and spending this special day with you. Our convent is at 55 Broughton Road, Strathfield. Ph: 9764 2860 Email: nswvoc@pddm.org.au. Web: www.pddm.org.au

Y-Factor 2019

The annual archdiocesan youth camp for students in Year 7 to 12 will be held from April 13 -16 at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre. This event is hosted by Sydney Catholic Youth. For further information contact info@sydneycatholicyouth.org or 9307 8152.

Missing Crucifix

During the Indigenous Bible promotion with Richard Allcock a few weeks ago, a wooden Crucifix with Aboriginal artwork belonging to Richard was at the back of the Church. The Crucifix has been missing since then. If anyone knows of its whereabouts kindly return it to the presbytery.

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Sebastian David Balog

Skylar Ngoc An Biddle

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.