

All Hallows' Five Dock



Third Sunday of Lent | Year C | Sunday 20th March

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a
spirit of service,
that creates a sense of
God's presence among us.

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A Message from Bishop Danny

Dear Parishioners,
Mid-way through Lent, the readings this Sunday focus on our need to repent.

St Paul writes strongly to the Corinthians when he reminds them that the Jewish people all received many graces as they followed Moses through the desert – Yet, “most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.”

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of two disasters which had cost many lives. Those killed, Jesus said, were not any more guilty than others, yet “unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.” He also taught of the patience of God through the parable of the farmer who gave his fig tree one more year to produce fruit; then, if it continued to disappoint, it could be cut down.

Throughout the different periods of the Church, the great theologians and saints have been sometimes more, and sometimes less, optimistic about how many Christians would make it to Heaven. Some saints believed that only very few would be saved. Jesus Himself said that it is a narrow road that leads to Eternal Life and few take it. Our age tends to be more optimistic.

We will not know how many occupy Heaven. However, we do know that we need to repent. We need to purify our hearts: to love God with all our hearts, minds and beings - and to put everything else in its proper order. We are to deny our selfishness and be filled with the love, goodness and generosity of God. We are people of hope and light. This is all so worthwhile, you have to wonder why we are so slow to repent!

With best wishes -
Bishop Danny



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharistic Exposition &
Adoration - 3pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday:
8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm
Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office.



Supporting our Parish



You can support our Parish financially by accessing the BPoint Secure Payment Service on the Parish website or you can use the QR Code printed here. For contributions to the First Collection, please select *Pastoral Revenue* from the drop down menu. For Planned Giving contributions, please select *Planned Giving* from the drop down menu and include your name and your Planned Giving Number (if known). You can also contribute using the Tap and Go devices in the Gathering Space at the entrance to the church.

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Notices from Bishop Danny

The Farm – Galong

A wonderful work is carried on by a lady called Kate Cleary, and helpers, at Galong, using a former Mercy Convent. Because many in our society have lost their understanding of the sacredness of Marriage, Family and Life and have become utterly tolerant of any kind of behaviour we call sinful – there are many, particularly the most vulnerable, who suffer greatly. I saw this suffering on the streets of inner city Sydney. Kate tries to assist women who come from backgrounds of prostitution, drug and alcohol addiction, domestic violence, sexual abuse and family breakdown. Obviously, those she assists suffer from various mental and physical illnesses. She works with a Catholic understanding that we are spiritual as well as physical and intellectual and so her program is holistic, trying to attend to all the needs of those involved.

Kate has asked for assistance. If anyone is aware of a young woman who has a heart for God's poor and wounded and could offer her time (maybe a gap year) and has the virtues of patience, love and hope, please let me or Fr Richard know.

And if anyone is aware of anyone who might benefit from time at the Farm for some holistic rehabilitation, please let me know. And, please also keep it in mind for future reference.

Project Compassion



Janice, 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



All Hallows Parish Library

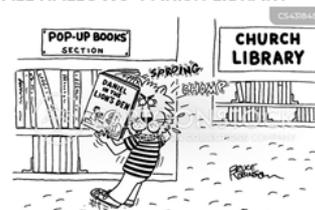
Our Parish Library is now well stocked with many great titles for spiritual reading, thanks to the generosity of our Sr Ruth O'Dwyer who has donated many of her books to the parish. Books are available for borrowing according to the following rules shown below.

Enquiries: Ann Kerley : 0408 720 461 or amkerleystuart@gmail.com

BORROW BOOK – One at a time. Enter details into the Library Book. Please take care of the book whilst you have it borrowed.

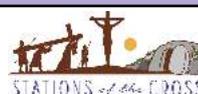
RETURN BOOK - Within 3 weeks. Sign off as returned in the Library Book. Return the book to the shelf.

ALL HALLOWS' PARISH LIBRARY



Stations of the Cross - 6pm Fridays

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on Fridays at 6pm. Please join us.



Palm Sunday



As is tradition we ask parishioners to bring in palms or olive branches for our Palm Sunday service on the 10th April. If you could drop these into the church gathering space by 6th April, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Phillip Nolan
Silvana La Selva
Joseph Cacnio
George Malouf
Norman Merlino

Recently Deceased:

Carmine Di Leo
Mark Ciardi
Reg Green
Evelyn Green
Vittorio Geremia
Gabrielle Rowe
Maureen Phillips
Giuseppa Proietto
Giovanni De Romanis
Pantaleone Mammarella

Anniversaries:

Monica Moschella
Giuseppe Giardina
Giuseppe Capizzi
Vincenzo di Dio
Giovanna De Romanis
Pantaleone Mammarella
Giuseppina Montemurro
Robert Charles Stuart
Giuseppa Proietto

For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Parish Notices



Sr Ruth O'Dwyer

Sr Ruth will be leaving our community this week and taking up residence at St Joseph's Aged Care, Hunters Hill. As an elder and valued long-time member of our parish, Sr Ruth's presence will be sorely missed, especially by the residents of the Monsignor John Peoples Units. To acknowledge her contribution to the All Hallows' parish and school and to bid her farewell, a morning tea will be held on a Saturday morning, to be announced soon.



Catholic Women's League

Ladies, you are welcome to join members at the CWL meeting on



Monday 21st March in the Parish Hall commencing with morning tea at 10am.

****BINGO is back**** in the Parish Hall on **Friday 1st April** starting at 11am. Cost \$6 which includes morning tea.



All Welcome!

Altar Servers

Any children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion and would like to be altar servers, please contact Fr Richard or Bishop Danny or ring the parish office. Training will be provided for the children. There will be some practice sessions and then the children can commence.



Safeguarding Measures

Our Safeguarding officer, Ray Pozzato, will be contacting members of the following ministries over the next few weeks to ensure that all of our Safeguarding requirements are being met.

- Catechists
- Children's liturgy ministers
- Eucharistic ministers
- Acolytes
- Sacramental team



Thank you for your cooperation.

Lenten Penance

The annual Lenten Penance information sheet can be found on the notice board.

Fr Mike Schmitz - YouTube



For those who may be interested, Fr Mike Schmitz uploads topical discussions on his YouTube channel. Fr Mike Schmitz is an American Catholic priest and Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, as well as a Catholic speaker, author, and podcaster.

Below is a link to his discussion on "If God is Good, Why Do We Need to Pray". <https://youtu.be/abBZBt-Mjdk>

Baptisms

We welcome



Armani Giorgio Puglia

who is being baptised into our parish
Community of All Hallows' this weekend.

Church "Spring" Clean - 28th March

Call out for volunteers to assist the Catholic Women's League in a "spring" clean of the church. It would be lovely to have the church looking extra clean and tidy for all our Easter Celebrations.

We would be doing those additional jobs that can't be done on a weekly basis by our wonderful volunteer cleaners and Altar Society. There is no need to register your attendance, just show up on the day. Please come and help, even if it's only for an hour.

Where : All Hallows Church

When: 9am -11:30am 28th March



If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal



The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a

matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.



Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine

or call 1800 024 413 toll free.



Children's Corner

God will help us bear fruit

F O U N D J A X G V V R W E
J S T G Y F M B L B A O S U
L E A V E O M C X A U O C W
I C M V C Z A M A S T E R H
Q K Q I R Y N F I G S Q W U
B S X N M Z U C U T F J Z Y
C G N E Y J R P E G K U Z E
I C P Y F S E I Y K W L W A
X L Y A C T L J C T N E K R
P L R R U T X R L I C N V X
X E V D D I G D X U Y E T P
G H N P Z G R O W I N G T V
L B F X V U D D O W N Q X X
Y X S K U X N Q J V T I E A
P U V S C G A R D E N E R K

Try to find these words:

- cut
- dig
- down
- figs
- found
- gardener
- growing
- leave
- manure
- master
- vineyard
- year

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Ex 3:1-8. 13-15 A reading from the book of Exodus <i>This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.</i> 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.'</p>	<p>(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> 	<p>1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.</i> 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.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>Fourth Sunday of Lent 1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</p>	<p>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!</p>

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."

Reflection by Michael Tate

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything they did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder. Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation. To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised. Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor: You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now, but I am a terrific gardener: I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished so that you will bear the fruits I desire. Our Lord does that by: watering us with the waters of baptism; pruning us, especially during Lent; nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion. We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.

LOOK

Sunday 20 March 2022
 Luke 13:1-9
 3rd Sunday of Lent

In the GOSPEL TODAY

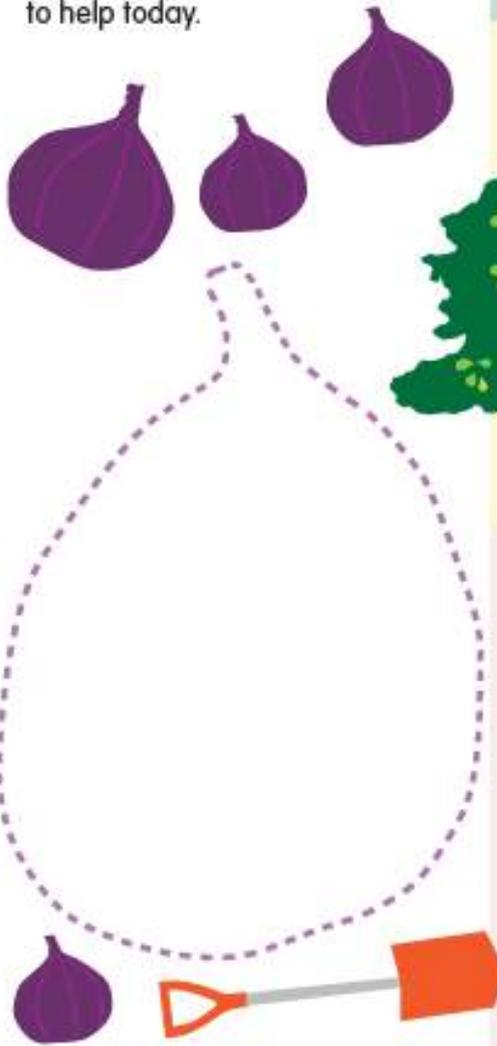
My good fruit

What good fruit will you grow today? Draw a picture of you inside this fig doing something to help today.

The owner of the vineyard wants trees with lots of good fruit - but the fig tree is not growing fruit. After three whole years he is tired of waiting and wants to cut the fig tree down. The wise, kind gardener, however, wants to wait. With more time, love and care, the fig tree may still grow good fruit.

Time to grow!

Spot the difference between the two trees.



Growing fruit

What sort of person would you like to be when you are older? Make a word by choosing one triangle in each square to colour in. Maybe these words describe what you want to be like?

K Z	E I	R N	D Q
G J	O P	W O	D X

Can you think of your own ideas too?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you are like the wise, kind gardener. Thank you for being patient with me and always giving me another chance. Help me to grow good fruit for you today. Amen.

Word search

Gardeners need special equipment to do their work. Find these:

- RAKE
- TROWEL
- SPADE
- FORK
- HOE
- POTS

A	S	R	W	R	T	W	A
V	N	J	G	A	F	H	D
R	D	S	X	K	R	O	F
S	P	A	D	E	C	E	D
M	O	M	D	L	K	J	H
N	T	R	O	W	E	L	L
Q	S	D	F	K	O	N	M

Answers: One tree has lots of fruit, KIND GOOD.