

Third Sunday of Lent- C

Sunday 23 March 2025



Readings
for this
week:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9



Readings
for next
Sunday

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3.11-32



Liturgical Jottings

Sunday Readings

For the 3rd – 5th Sundays of Lent Parish congregations may opt for Cycle A readings, especially with RCIA candidates who are preparing for Baptism, or for Cycle C readings which focus on Reconciliation: Jesus call to conversion and parables on the forgiveness of sins.

Lenten Prayers 3

Protect from Any Temptation
O Christ, Son of God, for our sake you fasted forty days and allowed yourself to be tempted. Protect us so that we may not be led astray by any temptation. Since man does not live by bread alone, nourish our souls with the heavenly food of your Word; through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.

Source: modified from the Mozarabic Rite Collects

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Looking at the Readings

The first reading from Exodus contains the encounter with Moses and God in the burning bush. This chapter has been described as the Gospel within the Old Testament because it is a revelation of God, God of our ancestors in faith and the God for all generations to come. God reveals his sacred name to Moses. By giving this sacred name God reveals his nature and person to Moses and to the people. God is the true and living God. This passage continues the Lenten readings on our salvation history, in fact, presents the most definitive moment in salvation history.

The significance of the burning bush is captured by St Paul who “reminds” his brothers and sisters of Moses’ mission and purpose to bring us from slavery of sin through the saving waters of baptism.

This Sunday commences a three part series of Gospels on the call to repentance and the saving forgiveness of God through the ministry of Jesus.

Lenten Quotes from the Saints

“Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself, but love fasting.” *St Benedict of Nursia*

Text for Today

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. *Psalm 102(103):11*

The Annunciation of the Lord

The solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is a feast of the Jesus Christ’s incarnation. Mary accepted the call to be the mother of the Lord. This day, nine months before Christmas, is considered the beginning of our salvation as Easter; the day of the Resurrection, is considered the day of our salvation. In the Julian Calendar, 25 March was New Year’s Day. A bit confusing. George Washington was born in Virginia on 11 February 1731. In 1752 Britain and all her colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved his birthday to 22 February 1732. This day is now called “Presidents Day” and New Year Day was moved to 1 January. Europe accepted the Gregorian Calendar in 1582.

On the Lighter Side

Though England was a bit tardy accepting the Gregorian Calendar, it celebrates 25 March as “Lady Day” with some festivity. The English also call it Quarter Day (four per year), the Spring Equinox, though astronomically it is earlier, and the first day of a new school term.





Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list

Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Brian Morley (Fr Michael's brother)
For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Laurie Noonan, Guiseppe (Joe) Casuscelli
Our sick and their carers	Judith Steele

NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

Sunday 30th March 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller
 Reader: Sheila Gregg
 Gospel Procession: Barbara Miller
 Gifts: S & S De Lai
 Special Minister: Ross Kelly
 Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: S De Lai & L Worm

Saturday 5th April 5:00pm

Commentator: Anne Hutchison
 Reader: Mary Vraca
 Gospel Procession: Deb Turvey
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton
 Screen Operator: Carol Coulston
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 6th April 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Marie Nihill
 Reader: Debbie Worm
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra
 Gifts: L Mercuri & A Basile
 Special Minister: Evert Worm
 Screen Operator: Steve De Lai
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: E Worm & L Worm

Thanks to all of our volunteers, we appreciate the support you give to your parish.

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 26th March

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 26th March 9:15am
 Friday 28th March 9:15am (Stations of the Cross)

Weekend Mass

Sunday 30th March 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 2nd April 9:15am
 Friday 4th April 9:15am (Stations of the Cross)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5th April 5:00pm (*note new time*)
 Sunday 6th April 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 9th April 9:15am
 Friday 11th April 9:15am (Stations of the Cross)

Weekend Mass

Sunday 13th April 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)
Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

LENT 2025

Each Friday during Lent there will be the Stations of the Cross following Mass at 9:15am.

Lenten Communal Reconciliation

Stations of the Cross at 5:30 followed by Reconciliation on 4th April 2025 at 5:30pm
 Individual confessions will be available on 5th April from 4:00pm (Mass will begin at 5 pm).

Plate Collection and Envelope

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$772.75



Thank You

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.



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Cuppa & Chat



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Luke 13:9

Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles.

Maria Weatherill and Fr Joe will present an overview of the Acts of the Apostles at St Brendan's Pastoral Centre (behind St Brendan's Catholic Church)

7.30pm—8.30pm, Tuesdays March 25, April 1 and April 8

Aims

- To introduce us to the story of the early Church in Acts of the Apostles.
- To better understand the life and struggles of the early Church.
- To understand how Peter and Paul shaped the early Church through their personal missions.

Everyone is most welcome.p

St Vincent de Paul: The Mooroopna Conference is happy to offer a service to people from Tatura at the Mooroopna Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Please ring for an appointment on 0437 915 732 or 8199 4232 between 9.00am and 10.30am.

Happy birthday to Fr Uday

We would like to wish Fr Uday a very happy birthday for Monday.
May God bless you and keep you safe.



3rd Sunday of Lent

The 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C brings us readings that emphasize God's call to free us, the importance of staying faithful, and the need to bear fruit in our lives. These reflections help us understand how God works in our lives, the dangers of idolatry, and the patience God shows as we strive to live out our faith.

Reflecting on the readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C, we see God's desire to free us from our struggles, His warning against turning away, and His call to live fruitful lives. By understanding and applying these lessons, we can grow in our faith and strengthen our relationship with God.

We are called to use the time we are given wisely. By responding to God's call and bearing fruit, we show our faith through our actions.

Whoever thinks he
is standing secure
should take care
not to fall.

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1 CORINTHIANS 10:12

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Dear Lord, thank You for Your constant presence and guidance. Help us to trust in Your promise of freedom, stay faithful to You, and bear good fruit in our lives. Grant us the strength to follow Your path.
Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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