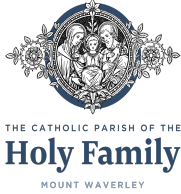


3rd Sunday of Lent – 22nd & 23rd March 2025 Year C



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Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give thee my heart and soul

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.*

1st Reading: **Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**

< This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you .>

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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. |

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

<All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.>

Gospel Acclamation: *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!*

Gospel: **Luke 13:1-9**

<Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.>

Communion 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.*

Recent Deaths: Dolores Torres.

Anniversaries: Ron & Judith Barnett, Alfred Rodrigo.

Prayers for the Sick: Amal Zougab, David Miles, Jim Gallagher, Celeste Chadwick, Rosemary Stipanov, Peter De Nardo, Sue Stuckey, Hanka Hull, Oliver Smith, Jennifer Chiam, Elsie Bekker, Bernadette Gordon, Ian Gaudry, Bob Lambert, Maree Welsh, Catherine Moon, Neil Hewson, Anne Speekman, Margaret Kneebone, Jess Bruce, Mark Suares, Chris, Caroline & Sally, Adrian Wain, Renae & Lyndelle Giarruso, Claire McLaughlen

Mass Intentions: The 5:00pm Mass is offered for Dolores Torres who died recently and the 8:30am Mass is offered for Alfred Rodrigo whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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Parish Office Hours:
Monday to Friday:
9:00am – 2:00pm

Parish Secretaries

Natalie Sillato
Janet Cullinan
Susan Haladjian (Finance)

Principal Holy Family School

Julie David
9807 3300

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am
10:00am

Weekday Masses

(Subject to change for special celebrations)

Monday: NO MASS
Tuesday: 7:00pm
Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9:15am
Friday: 9:15am

Korean Mass

Sunday 1:30pm
Thursday 7:30pm

Indonesian Mass & Adoration

First Friday of each Month
6:30pm

Filipino Mass

Fourth Sunday of each Month.
11:30am

Confession: Tuesday 7:30pm (*during Adoration*) and Friday 9:45am

Baptism Sundays at 11:30am*

* Please email the Parish Office for Preparation and Scheduling of Baptism

Weddings: By appointment with the Parish Priest

Hall Hire – Contact Shirley Ng
Shirley.Ng@cam.org.au

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 7:30pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday After 9:15 Mass (30 mins)

Communion to Sick

Contact the Parish Office – 9807 9494

Community Care Coordinator

Veronica Nicoll 0433 314 697

Holy Family Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

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Dear Parishioners,

This past week has been a whirlwind! On Tuesday, I spent two hours at Holy Family Primary School visiting every classroom for Catholic Education Week. I gave blessings, answered questions, and—let me tell you—our young students know how to keep a priest on his toes!

One child asked, “*Who created God?*” A theological heavyweight for a Tuesday morning! Another wanted to know if I have another job (I suppose they think being a priest is part-time!). And then, a very practical one: “*Who waters your plants?*” (A fair question—sometimes I forget myself!). These adorable yet profound inquiries were delightful, though I must admit, tackling them on an empty stomach was a challenge. By the end of it, I had a newfound appreciation for our teachers, who manage to keep up this level of engagement all day, every day. Hats off to them!

On Wednesday, our Year 4 students from both the school and parish celebrated their First Reconciliation. It was a beautiful experience, and what was even more encouraging was seeing many parents and adults also taking the opportunity to receive the sacrament. A reminder that God’s mercy is for all of us—young and old alike!

This week, I also celebrated two funerals, one at each parish—Jordanville and Mt Waverley. We continue to pray for the souls of the departed and for their families in this time of grief. May they find comfort in God’s promise of eternal life. On Saturday, I will celebrate a Memorial Mass, another moment to pray for and remember our loved ones.

This weekend, we will welcome our catechumens and candidates for the First Scrutiny at 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Family. This is a significant step in their journey to the Catholic faith, and as a parish, we accompany them with our prayers and support.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we hear Jesus speak of repentance, using the parable of the barren fig tree (Luke 13:1-9). At first glance, the fig tree seems doomed—it has borne no fruit for three years. The natural reaction would be to cut it down. But the gardener (who we can see as a figure of Christ) pleads for one more year, promising to care for it, to nurture it, and to give it another chance to bear fruit.

How often do we feel like that fig tree—unproductive, struggling, or spiritually stagnant? The good news is that Jesus, our Divine Gardener, never gives up on us! He patiently nurtures, prunes, and nourishes us with His grace, always giving us the opportunity to grow and flourish. This Lent, we are invited to open our hearts, allow God to work in us, and make real changes in our lives. Maybe that means letting go of old habits, reconciling with someone, or simply deepening our relationship with Christ.

So, if you’ve been feeling a bit like a barren fig tree lately—don’t worry. God hasn’t given up on you, and neither have we!

Wishing you all a blessed and fruitful week ahead,

Fr. Justel

WORKING BEE



There will be a working bee on **Saturday 29th March starting at 10:00am**. New volunteers very welcome. See you there!

Parish News and Diocese Announcements

MINISTRY ROSTER for 29th & 30th March - Year C

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcome	Powerpoint	Morning Tea
5:00pm	Terry Payne Kevin Davis	Noelle Sullivan Glenn Simon	Jan Delaney	Christine Kemp	
8:30am	Bernadette Micallef Marcellus Fernando	John Fazzino Carmela Marino	Norbert Easton		
10:00am	Rita Ponnudurai Sylvia Budiman	Joe Bonnici Kim Nguyen	Graeme Sheehan	Jamie Sher	Sue Brennan

Mass Times - 3rd Week of Lent - Year C

Monday 24 th March	NO Mass
Tuesday 25 th March	7:00pm Mass 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession
Wednesday 26 th March	9:00am - Liturgy of the Hours 9:15am Mass - followed by the Rosary 7:00pm Benediction & Lenten Prayer Service
Thursday 27 th March	9:00am - Liturgy of the Hours 9:15am Mass - followed by the Rosary
Friday 28 th March	9:00am - Liturgy of the Hours 9:15am Mass followed by the Rosary 9:45am Confession 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 29 th March	5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 30 th March	8:30am Mass
4 th Sunday of Lent	10:00am Mass

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Parishioners who give to the Parish with Thanksgiving Envelopes, please check that a number is written on your envelopes. If there is **no number on your envelopes**, please contact the Parish Office on 03 9807 9494 to advise.

MINISTRY MONTH

Our Ministry campaign sign-up is up and running for June 2025-May 2026 with clipboards for ministries in the foyer. Please join a ministry that suits you, or add a new one!

Ministries:

- Eucharistic Ministers
- Reader of the Word
- Welcome
- Altar Servers
- PowerPoint - 5pm & 10am
- Morning Tea
- Church Cleaning
- Communion to the Sick

Think about it 🤔 *Pray about it* 🙏

Act on it and sign up! 🙌

**United Prayers for Mercy for Australia and the world
Prayers with eight first-class relics. Saturday, 29 March
2-5pm.**

United Prayers to intercede for peace in the world and the needs and protection of our nation, Australia, will be held by Australia Unites in Prayer at **2:00pm on Saturday 29th March, at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Keysborough.** Enquiries: **0412 035 685.**

Divine Mercy Shrine's address:
337 Greens Rd, Keysborough, VIC.

Flyers in foyer

RCIA CANDIDATES

This weekend at the **10:00am Mass**, we welcome **Portia Jamu, Allison Schorah, Carmen Su & Danielle Tanoa** as they celebrate a special moment in their journey as catechumens and candidates as they participate in **The First Scrutiny**. These rites are a time of prayer, reflection, and spiritual strengthening as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

HOLY FAMILY CT RECYCLE SCHEME 10C Container Donations.

Dear Parishioners, the amount paid to Holy Family since the collection started is **\$737.50**. **Thank you** and please keep donating your drink containers by placing them in the yellow bins outside the Church.

LENTEN PRAY & PAINT

Come Back to Me

The Good Shepherd



Holy Family Parish Library
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3:00 - 4:30 pm

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"Give thanks for everything."
-1 Thessalonians 5:18

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
PRAYER
during Lent

LITURGY of the HOURS
9:00am Wed- Fri

BENEDICTION & LENTEN
PRAYER SERVICE
7:00pm Wed
(commencing 12th March)

ROSARY
After Weekday Masses

STATIONS of the CROSS
7:00pm Fri
(commencing 7th March)

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
FASTING

*Take a moment
and just breathe....*

THE SILENT PARISH
MEDITATE AND WORK IN
SILENCE WITH YOUR
FELLOW PARISHIONERS.
AN ALTERNATE
FORM OF FASTING.

Program:

Sat 15th March - 10.00am
Parish Gardens

Sat 29th March - 10.00am
Parish Gardens

Sat 12th April - 10.00am
Parish Gardens

Caritas AUSTRALIA | **PROJECT COMPASSION**

Third Sunday of Lent
22nd and 23rd of March 2025



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent



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Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we **Unite Against Poverty this Lent.**

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