

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

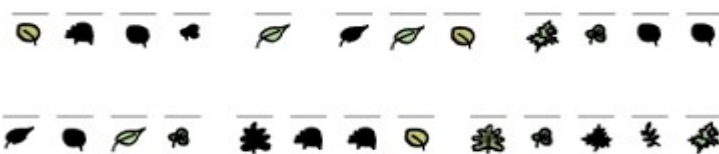
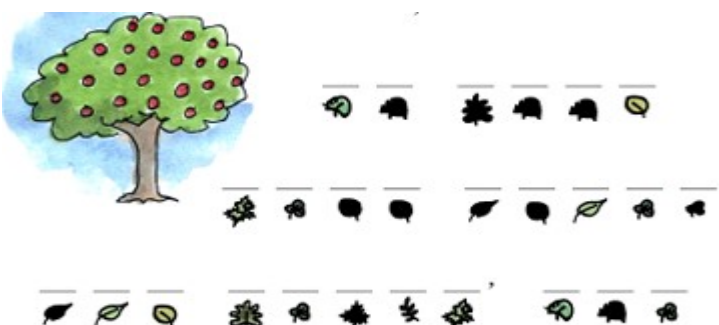
Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord



In today's Gospel reading Jesus told a parable about trees. What did He say? Use the code to find out!

A B D E F G I N O R S T U



BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

The Kids' Bulletin Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday. Lent is a special time when we prepare ourselves for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



If you go to Mass on Ash Wednesday, the priest will make a little cross on your forehead with ashes. The ashes remind us that people were made from the dust of the ground and that some day we will die and go back into the ground.

It is good for us to remember that we will die one day. It helps us realize that God put us here and that we need Him all the time. If we remember how much we need God then we will think of Him more and love Him more.



What is something you can do this Lent to remind yourself every day that you need God?

Answers to Puzzle: Thanks, name, love, night, palm, grow, house, God, fruit, green, rock.

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Parish Bulletin

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 1/2 March 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Sirach 27:4-7

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

'TAKE THE PLANK FROM YOUR OWN EYE FIRST.'

Let us not presume to pass judgement on other peoples' shortcomings without first subjecting our own conduct to honest scrutiny. Perhaps we expect higher standards of moral behavior from others than we require from ourselves. Criticism of the sinner is not infrequently a subtle form of self-condemnation in which pride is joined to lack of charity.

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,

So too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln test the work of the potter, The test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, Similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91:2-3,13-16

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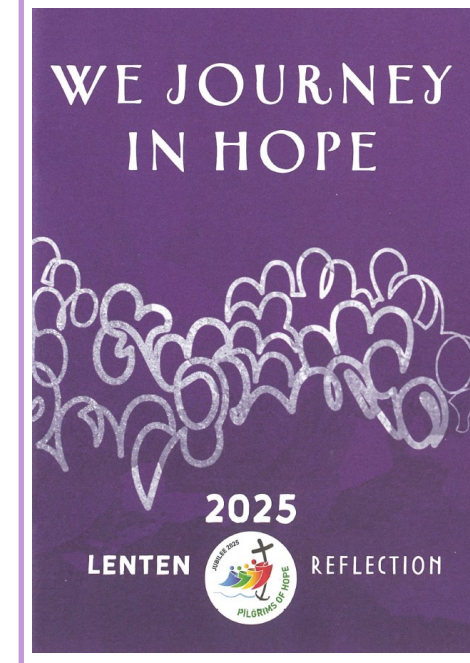
Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. R

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still full sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just, in him, my rock, there is no wrong. R

Lenten Reflection 2025 Booklets are available at each entrance of our church. Please pick up one.



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Mass Times

Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday after Mass

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Chair -Edward Konieczny

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Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

Vinnies Assistance Hotline

1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

ROSTERS— 8/9 Mar 2025 First Sunday of LENT

| Time | Commentator/Readers |
|---------------------------|---|
| 6.30pm Vigil | Josh Page Michelle Page Fil Ciancio |
| 9:30am | Antonetta Bartley Grace Yeow Maureen Fernando |
| Children's Liturgy | Tania Loro Montin Angela Mealey |
| Count team | Frank Mazzarolo Sandy Mazzarolo Terry Pickering Christine Holmes |
| Altar and Flowers | Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers |

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

| SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY | 22/23 FEB 2025 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Open Plate | \$472.05 |
| Planned Giving | \$518.00 |
| PARISH TOTAL | \$1,140.05 |

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund: \$778.30

ASH WEDNESDAY
On Wednesday 5th March 2025
Holy Mass & Service at 9:15am

Morning Tea

Sunday
9th March 2025
after
9:30am Holy Mass
All are welcome!



Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:
Felomino Camiguin
Iran Perisic
Fater Marko Stanic
Giuse Quyet Khuc

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex



For this coming Lent, enriched by the grace of the Jubilee Year, I want to offer several reflections on what it means to "journey together in hope" and discover the summons to conversion that God's mercy addresses to each one of us.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 COOK ISLANDS 'I made you wonderful'



10 AM FRIDAY 7th MARCH
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
21 Edward St Magill

PARISH NOTICES

Stations of the Cross—Every Friday During Lent

During the season of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday after the Holy Mass. This is a time for prayer, reflection, and drawing closer to Christ through His Passion.

All are welcome to join and journey with the Lord in His suffering, leading us to the joy of the Resurrection. Let us walk this Lenten path together in faith and devotion!

Calling for Extraordinary Ministers of the Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service

We invite parishioners to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the Liturgy of the Word in our parish community. This sacred ministry allows you to assist in the distribution of the Eucharist during Mass, lead the Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service when needed, and bring Communion to the sick and homebound. If you feel called to this ministry, please inform Fr. Roy John, or contact the parish office as early as possible. Training will be provided to all new ministers. Let us serve the Lord with faith and love!

Welcome to Our New Parish Finance Officer

We warmly welcome **Christine Sullivan** as our new Parish Finance Officer. We are grateful for her service and dedication to our parish community.

Christine will be available in the parish office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 AM to 12:20 PM. Please feel free to reach out to her for any financial-related inquiries. Let us keep her in our prayers as she begins this new role!

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

ALL WELCOME! GENESIS PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES

'Loving the Least of These': Please come to the John and Mary Fennessey Rooms at Centacare, 45 Wakefield Street, Adelaide on Wednesday March 19 2025 at 6pm-7.30pm to hear about the work of GENESIS PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES, from executive officer, Ms Juli Sharpe. Please see attached flyer. For more information: Please contact the office of Justice Healing and Inclusion at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Lenten Program – No Greater Love

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion: Beginning on Wednesday March 12, the Hectorville Parish will be offering a program that will help you to experience Christ's Passion and Death as you never have before. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his Agony in the Garden to his Crucifixion on Calvary. Participants will meet for prayer, discussion and an engaging video presentation presented by Dr Edward Sri, which was filmed on location in the Holy Land, so we can see the actual locations where Christ's passion occurred! This five-part Bible study program is for parishioners of all ages. Participation is free, however, participants may purchase the accompanying work book for \$30. Location: Annunciation Church, Hectorville Date: Wednesdays March 12 – April 9, Time: 7- 8pm

St Vincent de Paul Society campaign

We can Build a Fairer Australia. In the coming months, and in the lead up to the Federal election, St Vincent de Paul Society nationally will be releasing some ideas on how to improve the quality of life for all Australians, and how to find the funds to make Australia fairer. If this is of interest to you and you would like to comment or hear more, you are welcome to contact the SA Social Needs Analysis and Advocacy Committee – Jennifer Harvey on 8112 8702 or at svdp@svdpsa.org.au.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE SEASON OF LENT:

A CALL TO RENEWAL

By Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, As we enter the sacred season of Lent with Ash Wednesday, we are reminded of our call to repentance, renewal, and a deeper union with God. The ashes we receive on our foreheads are not just a ritual; they are a powerful symbol of our mortality and need for conversion. The words spoken "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" remind us of the fleeting nature of life and the urgency to live in holiness. Lent is a time of grace, a journey of forty days in which the Church invites us to reflect on our lives, turn away from sin, and embrace the Gospel. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the victory of Christ at Easter.

A Season of Transformation

The essence of Lent is transformation a change of heart that draws us closer to God and neighbour. Our Lenten practices should not be mere formalities but genuine acts of love and self-discipline. This season is an opportunity to examine our lives and ask:

- Am I growing in my relationship with God?
- Do I genuinely love and serve my neighbour?
- What attachments keep me away from God's grace?

Lent is not about punishment but about healing. Just as Jesus spent forty days in the desert in prayer and fasting, we too are called to enter a spiritual desert, stripping away distractions and deepening our faith.

Practical Resolutions for Catholic Communities

As a parish community, our Lenten observance should extend beyond individual practices to communal renewal. Here are some meaningful ways we can journey together:

1. Deepening Our Prayer Life

- Attend daily Mass or make time for personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Organize or participate in communal Stations of the Cross.
- Pray the Rosary as a family or in small groups.

2. Fasting with Purpose

- Fast not just from food but from negativity, gossip, and selfishness.
- Reduce social media usage to make time for Scripture reading and spiritual reflection.
- Offer small sacrifices as acts of love and reparation.

3. Acts of Charity and Almsgiving

- Support the poor and vulnerable through parish outreach programs.
- Visit the sick, elderly, or lonely members of our community.
- Contribute to Lenten charities or help a family in need.

4. Reconciliation and Forgiveness

- Receive the Sacrament of Confession with a sincere heart.
- Reconcile with those from whom we have been estranged.
- Practice patience, kindness, and humility in our daily interactions.

5. Living Lent as a Family

- Set up a prayer space at home for daily Lenten reflections.
- Encourage children to offer simple sacrifices with joy.
- Read and meditate on the Passion narratives together.

Conclusion

Lent is a sacred invitation to return to the Lord with all our hearts. It is a time to embrace simplicity, seek holiness, and prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter. Let us journey together as a parish community, supporting one another in prayer, sacrifice, and love. May this season bring us closer to Christ, renew our faith, and transform our hearts. Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. (Joel 2:12) God bless you all on this Lenten journey.



Sharing the value that no human being should have their dignity or freedom compromised. Every person should have access to the goods and resources of society so that they can have fulfilling lives. Thank you. **For more information please contact:** caritas@adelaide.catholic.org.au or phone 8210 8172.