

# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kaurna People

THIRD SUNDAY of LENT (Year C)

23rd March 2025

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**Mass Times:** Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass (except on Public Holidays)

Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am, Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

## COMING UP:

### Parish Lenten Retreat

Saturday 5th April  
9.15am onwards

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays during lent at  
7pm

### Lenten Program

Wednesday  
19th -26th March  
7-8.30pm

### Knit & Natter

Thursday  
27th March  
10am– 12

### Alpha Youth

Sundays  
6.30pm–8.30pm

## Lent: A Time for Self-Renewal



In today's gospel, Jesus is trying to draw his hearers into the middle of things. Rather than looking on, and debating why some evil things happened, he asks them to look at themselves, at their own situation, and be more concerned with what's happening or not happening there. He uses an illustration to show them how many chances they are getting, how patient and tolerant God is with them. He goes on to say that this will not go on indefinitely, and that, sooner or later, they must act responsibly, or else they will be held responsible for what they have done, and for what they have failed to do.

We may feel a little uncomfortable when you hear today's gospel. I sure am! I prefer "Comforter Jesus," "Peace Jesus," "Good Shepherd Jesus," "Jesus loves me Jesus." **UNLESS YOU REPENT, YOU WILL ALL PERISH JUST AS THEY DID!** is not the Jesus I like to think about. Jesus is making us uncomfortable.

It is good to ask today where do I find myself in this scripture? Am I one of the followers who is rushing to tell Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate has killed while they were worshipping? Am I trying to figure out why, looking to Jesus to make some sense of these tragedies? Am I one of those trying to figure out if there is something about me and my loved ones who "deserve" to not be a victim of such tragedies? Maybe I am... but listen again to Jesus' response. **UNLESS YOU REPENT, YOU WILL ALL PERISH JUST AS THEY DID!** He says it twice, so it must be important. Are you feeling uneasy again? I am. That's not the response I want, but maybe, just maybe it's the response I need to hear.

Jesus asks, "Do you think that These Galileans suffered in this way because they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" "Do you think they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you." "But unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." We must all examine our lives. Because the reality is that we are like all these people. Sometimes we will suffer when we have done nothing to deserve it. Sometimes we will stand up for what is right in the face of opposition. And sometimes we will be the oppressors, the ones who hurt others, all the time believing that we are better than them.

Thankfully, Luke moves us from Jesus the demanding one to Jesus the Comforter, the gardener. Today's gospel speaks about a fig tree that did not produce fruit. Producing fruit was the whole reason and purpose of it being planted.

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## Readings

### 3rd SUNDAY of LENT

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15.  
Ps 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11.  
1Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12.  
Lk 13:1-9.

### 4th SUNDAY of LENT

Joshua 5: 9-12  
Ps 33: 2-7  
2 Cor 5: 17-21  
Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

God gives us nothing for ourselves only. As Christians, we are called into the service of others. It is in giving that we receive. There are three groups in every society. There is a small group that cause things to happen. There is a larger group that watch things happening. And then there's the largest group who haven't a clue what's happening! Christianity is more about walking the walk than talking the talk. It is about action, and not just ideas. Christianity is about walking the walk, and not just about talking the talk. Faith is not some sort of mental concept up in our head, like, for example, knowing that Jesus is God. Satan knows that too! Faith has more to do with our feet than with our head, when the message has come through the heart, down to the feet, that inspires some sort of stepping out, leading to Christianity in action. Remember, we are responsible for what we do, and for what we have failed to do.

Many of us remember Retreats when we were in school, or, perhaps occasionally since then. A Retreat is a time when we can get away from the ordinary everyday schedule of our lives, and take time out for reflection, prayer, and teachings on the gospel message. It is important to remember that we can do this any day we wish. We all can find those few quiet moments for reflection. It is out of such times that a response can come to the message we hear. Finding the time is a test of how seriously we take the message of Jesus, and how real he is in our lives. If we are too busy to have these times, then, in truth, we are too busy. Prayer is giving God time and space in our lives. There will be no response from us if we don't take time out to listen to him.

The gospel is an invitation, with R.S.V.P. written all over it. Not to respond is, in itself, a response. By becoming Christians and being part of the worshipping community there is a response on our part, and it is good that we have made a start. We need to make progress and growth. Lent is an ideal time "to dig around and manure" the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits. The "fruits" God expects from us during Lent are repentance, renewal of life, and the resulting virtues of love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, selflessness, and humble service. Let us start producing these fruits by becoming more sensitive to the feelings of others and by accepting everyone with love and respect.

*Janet Sambudramalake*

## Parish Retreat for the Lenten Season



The Parish Pastoral Council is happy to let you know that this year we are having a parish retreat and reconciliation day on Saturday 5th April 2025. **2025 being the Jubilee**

**year it is very important that we have some special spiritual celebrations in the parish throughout the year.** The season of Lent is a special time and so it is good for all of us to gather together for a one day retreat. **Fr Roderick O'Brien** has kindly consented to be the animator for the day.

There will be opportunities for confessions. **(Please note that we will not conduct another second rite reconciliation during lent.** So if you cannot make the whole day retreat please make sure that you find some time to attend the reconciliation service.) Please mark your diaries well in advance for making yourself free for the day. The day will be organised as follows:

- 09.15 am: Holy Mass
- 10.15 am: Coffee break
- 10.45 am: Back in the Church (Music)
- 11.00 am: Talk by Fr Roderick
- 11.45 am: Silence, Personal Reflection and Group Sharing
- 12.30 pm: Lunch Break
- 01.15 pm: Back in the Church (Music)
- 01.30 pm: Preparation for Reconciliation
- 02.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Individual Confessions

**Benediction when the confessions are over**  
**Coffee, tea and biscuits in the Hall**

We invite you to be part of the whole day. However, if you can't make it to the whole day you are welcome to choose and participate in part of the programs for which you are able to be present.

Please use the sign up form at the back of the church to make it easy for catering purposes

## Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

### Recently Deceased:

Michael Tambakis, Holly Leiper, Carlos Vaschetto, Gerald Victory, Annette Smith, David Bampton, Shirley Rowberry, Terence Byrne, Fr Chris Murphy MSC, Padma Mathavan (Father of Fr Krish Mathavan), Betty Hill, Denis Chaplin, Graham Bruce, Tania Cavuoto, Fr Terry Bowman MSC.

### Anniversaries

Corinna Pereira, Josephine Seck, Norah Carey.

### Sick Parishioners

Gerald Sutton, Sani Strehovski, John Boeyen, Peter Stevens, Sean Kennedy, Wendy Boeyen, Graham Blacket, Brian Fitzgerald, Margaret O'Connor, Peter Tierney, Sonia Bennie, Amelia D'Aloia, Terry Cashin, Rene Young, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) @ 9.30am Mass



Our CLOW team offers the youngest members of our Parish an opportunity to connect with the Gospel during each Sunday morning mass, in the Church Hall.

Anyone wanting to join the CLOW team is invited to contact Barb Conlon.

## Baptisms in our Parish



We welcome into our Parish Community Alyssa, Thomas and Domenico who are being baptised this weekend.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my light and my salvation**

## Stewardship Reflection

### Third Sunday of Lent



"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - LUKE 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts, God has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

## Social Justice Action Group Restocking the Vinnies Bunker



Over the next 4 weeks, can you please bring the following items to church and place in the containers? This will help the

Vinnies to restock the Bunker and those in need in our community.

Please bring:

- Peas and Carrots 420 gram
- Tins of fruits 825 grams
- Tuna Cans 425 grams
- Long grain rice 1 kilo
- Jam 375 gram
- Vegemite 220 gram
- Coffee 100 or 200 grams

Thank you for your Support

## Lenten Program Year of Jubilee 2025 All Debts Cancelled



Wednesday 19th March & 26th March  
7- 8.30 pm in Parish Hall. Cost by donation  
Enquiries:- Cheryle Douglas 0423 480 440

## Alpha Youth



Alpha Youth is for High School aged students from years 7-12 and is held in the Church Hall, on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Alpha Youth creates a space for young people to have meaningful conversations about life, faith, identity & purpose. Every Alpha Youth session includes time to connect, over food and games. It is all about creating spaces for open and honest discussion. Nothing is off limits and you can say whatever you think. Seriously!

Parents will need to complete a google form (QR code on poster and invite card) to show interest in your child attending and also complete a Registration Form at the Launch event.

## Project Compassion



Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available at the back of the church.

A PASTORAL LETTER FOR LENT 2025

## PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

A Lenten Journey in Light of the Synod and Jubilee Year

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
As we embark upon the sacred season of Lent in this Jubilee Year of 2025, our hearts are drawn to the call of the Lord to renew our faith, deepen our communion, and walk as pilgrims of hope. This holy season invites us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, guiding us towards a transformation that echoes the spirit of the Synod on Synodality (2023-2024). The synodal journey has been a time of listening, discernment, and unity in the Holy Spirit, preparing us to embrace the Jubilee theme: Pilgrims of Hope. Lent, a season of conversion and grace, is the path upon which we are invited to journey more deeply into the mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. As the Church continues its synodal process, we are reminded that we are a people walking together, discerning the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and responding to the call of mission in our time. We also renew our commitment to Christ, deepening our awareness of His love and mercy, and accompanying one another toward Easter's radiant joy.

To read the full letter please use the QR Code:



Or use the link below:

<https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-people/archbishop-patrick-o-regan-dd/messages>

## Funeral Notice



The funeral of Michael Tambakis will be held on Monday 24th March at 10.30am, officiated by Fr Matthew Newman.

Please keep Michael and his family in your prayers.

## The Southern Cross

The latest edition of the Southern Cross is available at the back of the Church. Cost \$2.00

## Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent commencing from Friday 7th March at 7pm until Friday 11th April 2025.

The Stations of the Cross is a very beautiful way for us to prepare our hearts by reflecting on Jesus's journey to Calvary for the coming of Easter. We hope you could all take some time to join us every Friday or even on any one of the Fridays in Lent. Look forward to seeing you there!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



## Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers



The Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers is on 5-6 April 2025. Resources, including a prayer card for this Jubilee will be sent out to Parishes and Communities in the days leading up to the event.



## Keys to the Parish Facilities

As part of insurance requirements we are updating our key register. All those who have keys to any of the Parish facilities (Church, Office, bunker etc) please return it to the office to be registered. Those who do not require keys due to a change in circumstances, please return them permanently.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

### Try Marriage Encounter - For a Change!



Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, carpooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house mortgage, house duties and garden? Give each other the gift of time.... share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other. The next live-in weekend is scheduled for 2-4 May 2025 at the Lyndoch Motel, or book onto the live-out weekend 31 Oct-2 Nov – venue tbc. Call Jo & Jon on 049 3747 478 or email [sabookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:sabookings@wwme.org.au). Alternatively, visit [WWME.org.au](http://WWME.org.au) and apply online today.

## Henley and Grange RSL Anzac Day Service for 2025

This year the service will be held at:

**Place:** Soldier's Memorial at the Henley Town Hall

**Address:** Corner of North Street and Seaview Road Henley Beach

**Date :** Friday 25th April 2025

**Time :** The Dawn Service will commence at 6.30 am.

To commemorate 110 years since the Gallipoli landing, surf life saving cadets will be doing a beach landing and joining the march with our veterans and the Catafalque Party.

## Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you know anyone who is housebound and would like to receive this Sacrament during the season of Lent, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you.



## Giving App



Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals.

Or go to [adelaide.goodgiving.com.au](http://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au) to set up direct giving from your computer.

Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

The QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.

## Henley Beach Parish HOLY WEEK

### Mass Times

**Second Rite of Reconciliation:** Will ONLY be available at the Parish Retreat Day on Saturday 5th April or individual confessions on Saturday mornings during LENT at 8:30am.

### PALM SUNDAY:

**Saturday 12th April:**

- 9:15am and 6:00pm

**Sunday 13th April:**

- 9:30am and 5:30pm

**HOLY THURSDAY: 17th April: 7pm**

Please remember to bring with you:

- Non-perishables for Vinnies
- Flowers to dress the altar
- Bells for the Gloria

**GOOD FRIDAY: 18th April**

- 10:30am - Stations of the Cross
- 3:00pm - Passion of the Lord

**HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL: 19th April**

- 7:00pm Please note there is No morning mass on Holy Saturday.

**EASTER SUNDAY: 20th April •**

- 8:00am
- 9:30am

Please note there is No evening mass on Easter Sunday



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