



# Morphett Vale Catholic Parish Bulletin

**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C**

**23RD MARCH 2025**

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## **MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH:**

**Corner Bains and Main South Roads, Morphett Vale**

**ANNIE'S OP SHOP:** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tuesdays and Fridays  
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## **REGULAR PARISH MASSES**

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 9:00am  
Saturday 6:00pm Vigil  
Sunday 8:00am  
Sunday 9:30am  
Sunday 11:00am - Polish

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday 9:15am  
Wednesday 10:00am - Polish & 6:00pm  
Thursday 9:15am  
Friday 9:15am

## **Feast Day this week:**

Tuesday 25th: The Annunciation of the Lord

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## **REGULAR PARISH DEVOTIONS AND EVENTS**

**RECONCILIATION:** After Saturday 9:00am Mass or contact Fr. Christopher  
**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Contact Parish Office or Fr. Christopher  
**ROSARY:** Monday - 7:30pm and after weekday Masses  
**ADORATION:** Every Friday following 9:15am Mass until 11am  
**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:** First Sunday at 3:00pm  
**SACRED HEART OF JESUS:** First Friday Mass at 9:15am  
**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:** First Saturday Mass at 9:00am  
**BAPTISM:** Enquiry forms available from the Parish website  
**MARRIAGE:** Six months notice - enquiries to the Parish Office  
**FUNERALS:** Contact Fr Christopher or **text** Parish Mobile  
**CENACLE:** Wednesday 1pm - 3pm in the Parish Hall - *All Welcome*  
**PLAYGROUP:** Thursday 10:00 am - in the Parish Hall

**READINGS - YEAR C**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**23rd March 2025**

**4th Sunday of Lent**  
**30th March 2025**

**First Reading**

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

Joshua 5:9-12

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**Gospel**

Luke 13:1-9

Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

**PSALM RESPONSE:**

The Lord is kind and merciful.

**GOSPEL ACCL:**

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:** 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 around it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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**MORNING TEAS AFTER 9:30AM MASS:** A HUGE thank you to Lisa for offering to coordinate the morning tea after the 9:30am Masses - we really appreciate it. If you would like to help her, please see her at the morning tea today and she will add you to her list of willing volunteers.

**WORKING BEE THANK YOU:** to everyone who attended the working bee around the Cemetery and Parish grounds this weekend, and, of course, to those ever-faithful people who prepared morning tea for the workers



**PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY:** Unfortunately for us, the person who organises the palms will not be available this year. If this is something you can help us with, please contact the Parish Office on Tuesday or Friday between 10:am & 2:00pm, thank you.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** for all who are mentioned in our Mass Intention Schedule below, and God's blessings on Fr. Marian Szablewski as he celebrates 60 years as a priest,.  
*Names cannot be published in the Bulletin without prior permission of the person or their family. Names of those who are unwell will be published for **2 weeks**, but can be re-listed at the request of the person or their family. Names should be given to the Parish Office by Tuesday afternoon. Emergencies can, of course, be accommodated.*

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL AND MASS INTENTIONS:** We hope you understand, but names **will not** be read out during the Mass - only referred to as 'listed in our Bulletin'. This is to ensure that no-one can be offended by the mis-pronunciation of names. Envelopes for specific Mass Intentions are available in the foyer of the Church. They can be filled in (please print clearly) and either handed to Father after Mass or placed in the Offering bowl.

**Mass Intentions for this COMING Week - 24th - 30th March**

|          |                              |          |  |
|----------|------------------------------|----------|--|
| Mon 24   |                              |          | For the parish: Living & Dead  |
| Tues 25  | The Annunciation of the Lord | 9:15 AM  | All Souls  |
| Wed 26   |                              | 10:00 AM | Repose of the souls of Pelagia & Marian Nowak                                      |
|          |                              | 6:00 PM  | For the repose of the souls of Catherine's Family                                  |
| Thurs 27 |                              | 9:15 AM  | God's blessings & good health for Moniqua Lomax                                    |
| Fri 28   |                              | 9:15 AM  | Repose of the souls of family and friends of the Kieplikowscy & Jankowscy Families |
| Sat 29   |                              | 9:00 AM  | God's blessings and good health for Gosia & Tomek                                  |
|          |                              | 6:00 PM  | God's blessings and wellbeing for Moses  |
| Sun 30   | Fourth Sunday of Lent        | 8:00 AM  | All Souls  |
|          |                              | 9:30 AM  | Repose of the souls of members of Ferrier & Andren's family                        |
|          |                              | 11:00 AM | Repose of the souls of the family and friends of Szymon Dutka                      |

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent

6:30pm - St Mary's Church in Polish  
7.00pm - Mary Help of Christians Church



Join us as we walk  
with Our Lord  
on His way to Calvary;  
and make reparation  
to Him  
for all He has suffered  
for each one of us!

On the Friday of the Passion of the Lord,  
Stations of the Cross will be held in  
Mary Help of Christians Church at 10:00am  
and in St Marys Church at 10:00am in Polish

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Donation boxes and envelopes (one envelope for the entire period of Lent rather than each week) are available in the foyer of the Church. Donation boxes and envelopes can be returned to the church during the Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies. Thank you.

**LEAVING COLLECTION:** There will be a leaving collection NEXT weekend. The funds are used to purchase candles and flowers for our Church. Thank you for your continuing and generous support.

**Passion (Palm) Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies:** Just a warning!!! In the next couple of weeks we will be searching for people to volunteer as readers, commentators, etc at the various ceremonies.

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES**

**THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
6:00 PM**

Adoration in Mary Help of Christians Church until 10.00pm

**FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

10:00 AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS - MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

10:00 AM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN POLISH - ST MARYS CHURCH

3:00 PM - LITURGY OF THE PASSION WITH HOLY COMMUNION

5:00 PM - LITURGY OF THE PASSION WITH HOLY COMMUNION IN POLISH

**HOLY SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**FROM 9:00 AM - THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**11:00 AM AND 12 NOON - BLESSING OF THE FOOD**

**THE EASTER VIGIL MASS - 7.00PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**MASS AT 8.00AM AND 9.30AM**

**MASS AT 11.00AM - POLISH**

### **OFFICE NEWS:**

Please be patient with us as we transition to new systems in the office. We are, at present, able to receive incoming phone calls and emails. We are not able to make outgoing phone calls. This may change at a moment's notice, and we apologise for any inconvenience is may cause.

**Sunday Smile:** Were you aware that Moses had the first tablet that was connected to the cloud?



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# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 23rd, 2025



*What's wrong with this fig tree?  
See what the two men want to do with it by  
reading what they say in a mirror.*

# The Burning Bush Word-Find

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

See if you can find  
all the words  
in CAPITALS  
in this story.



The left over letters  
tell what the  
Israelites in Egypt  
wanted:

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MOSES was looking after the sheep of his father-in-law, JETHRO, on Mount HOREB. Suddenly he noticed a BUSH that was BLAZING like FIRE, but it wasn't burning up! He came FORWARD to look closer, but GOD spoke from the FLAME, saying "Come no nearer. TAKE your SHOES OFF, for this is HOLY GROUND. I am the God of your fathers-of ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB." Moses was AFRAID to LOOK at God, and covered his FACE. The LORD said, "I HAVE seen the MISERABLE state of my people in EGYPT and heard their cry to be FREE. I will DELIVER them from their SUFFERING and bring them to a new LAND."



## What Kind of Fig Tree are You?



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any. He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit- and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God- he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.



Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!

Answer to Word-Find: Free land

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## The Annunciation March 25



WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR GOD TO COME TO EARTH AS A MAN, HE CHOSE MARY TO BE HIS MOTHER. BUT HE DIDN'T JUST TELL HER THAT SHE WOULD BECOME HIS MOTHER; HE GAVE HER A CHOICE. BECAUSE MARY CHOSE TO SAY "YES" TO GOD, JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD AND DIED TO LET US INTO HEAVEN!

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