

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah



Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass on Saturday night 5.30pm (Reconciliation 4.30pm-5.15pm)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm

PARISH TEAM

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LIVING THE GOSPEL Bad Things / Good People

Today's gospel taps in to the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. Surprisingly, this attitude continues and one only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events. Jesus suggests that tragic events are not punishment from God, but the accidental, deliberate or natural event does provide a reminder to turn our lives around and live lives that matter.

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Entrance Antiphon

cf. Ps 24: 15-16

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.

First 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

Ps 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11. R: v. 8

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

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

Matthew 4: 17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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Gospel Reading

Luke 13: 1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Communion Antiphon

cf. Ps 83: 4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest
for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my
King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in
your house, for ever singing your praise.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 8am Solemnity
The ANNUNCIATION of the
LORD

Tuesday 9.15am

Wednesday 9.15am

Thursday 7am

Friday 8am De La Salle College
9.15am (Inc. OLF Yr 6) Grade
Mass

Saturday 8am Optional Memorial of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Divine Office: Psalter Week 3

Parish Office Hours this week:
Tuesday - Friday - 9am - 4pm

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church family this weekend through the waters of Baptism:

Nicholas Roy Barbaro
Rocco Silvestro Canova
Silvano Andres Fernandes
Thomas Siyan Hong

The Baptism Preparation Class is a one on one session with the Priest. Parents and child along with their godparents attend the Naming Ceremony at the 9.30am Mass. Guests are encouraged to attend the Mass. Baptism is at 10.30am on Sundays.

For enquiries, please ring the Parish Office -
(02) 9524 7283

Donation Towards the Cost of the Donkeys for Palm Sunday

Two mini Mediterranean donkeys have been organised for the 13th of April Procession before the Vigil Mass. After Mass, you are invited to join in the sausage sizzle. This is an opportunity to meet other parishioners. Thank you to those who added a little extra donation to the second collection last year towards the cost of the donkeys.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney, we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you.

Please contact the safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on tel. no: (02) 9390 5812.

Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent

All are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross in the Church followed by fellowship. **All welcome.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Please pray for the faithful departed

Recently DECEASED: Dominic Mandile, Marie Maguire, John Michael Vassarotti, Sr Bernadette Franks, RSM, Liliana Pierina Teremi, Mary Lichtenbergers, Rita "Betty" Margaret Johnson, Renato Opilas, Mary Bereau, Neil Coughlan, Ronald Gilchrist, Rita Agius, Dr Albert Montgomery.

Anniversaries of Death: Ernesto Montenegro, Alfonsina, Pietro and Giuseppe Colantuono, Gregoria Ortega, Ralph Pitarelli, Brian Healey, Margaret Andre, Gonzalves Family, Emelia Lopes, Benedetto "Tony" Bongiorno, Montenegro Family, Gwynnyth (Gwen) McDougall, Emilia Lopes, Guillermo Longa, C.M. Mathai, Patricia ("Pat") Neilson, Fred Stapleton.

ALSO: Eileen & John Cammerford, May and Frank Hammon, Ciriaca Baldevia Ortega, Herminigildo Rosales, Valdiria Family, Rhonda Shallala, Charles Montgomery and Jean Montgomery. All the Souls in Purgatory.

May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick

Carlo Tagliapietra, Lauren Hanrahan, and all the patients in the hospitals in our Parish.

Names in the bulletin will be published as follows: Recently Deceased 4 weeks, Anniversaries 2 weeks, Deceased 4 weeks, unless otherwise notified to the Parish Office, Special Intentions 1 week, Sick 2 weeks.

30th - 31st March	A/V Operator	Readers
Saturday 5.30pm	Vigil Choir	Jose Sidoti, Dianka Pons
Sunday 8.00am	Varsha Jojo	M. Skillcorn, C. Carmichael
Sunday 9.30am	Sophie O'Connor	Jasna Cimpfe, Leonie Dowd
Sunday 5.30pm	Edwin Mathew	Greg Thornton, Maria Townsend

Children's Liturgy, 31st March: Nicole Pierce, Rebecca Johnson

Communion Ministry to the Sick, 31st March: Deacon Moises Elias Tapia Carrasco

GOSPEL FOCUS

Repent

Throughout the gospels, Jesus challenged the prevailing 'purity codes' that separated and classified people. The Jewish religious officials of the day were obsessed with the 'letter of the Law' as it applied to purity observance. Jesus told them that a spirit of compassion was much more important than the blind adherence to the Law. He suggests that it is not the lack of observance of purity codes that makes a person 'unclean' or 'sinful'; rather, it is lack of compassion informing their actions towards others. The call to 'repent' is a call to complete conversion of heart – to take on an attitude of compassion.

Welcome and thank you!

We welcome the Year 1 students of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School along with their parents and relatives attending the Sunday 9.30am Grade Mass.

We thank all those who helped in organising the event.

Donation of Palms for Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is just around the corner! If you have Palm Trees in your gardens, can you please donate some to the Parish for use on Palm Sunday. Please email or ring Mila at the Parish Office with your contact details.

Lenten Working Bee Saturday, 13 April

We need your help to clean, decorate and ready our Church for the Easter Triduum when we celebrate what is of utmost importance to the spiritual and pastoral life of the Church. Many parishioners return home to our Parish during this time. **The Working Bee starts at 8am and lunch will be available for volunteers.**

Project Compassion 2019

Project Compassion continues throughout Lent. Please consider taking an envelope pack or donation box from the Church Foyer.

Note: Your Project Compassion box/envelope should be handed in during Holy Week.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, 13 and 14 April.

Catholic Weekly

Copies of the Catholic Weekly are available in the foyer for \$2.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Parables

The parable of the unproductive fig tree at the end of today's passage is not a straightforward story with a clear message. Indeed, this is a hallmark of the style of storytelling that we call 'parable'. A parable is deliberately open to interpretation at different levels. In the first instance, today's parable is a simple farming story. However, the original audience knew (as we know) that there had to be more to the story. Parables use metaphoric and symbolic language that invites the listener or reader to explore deeper and find a meaning that lies beyond the literal.

Parish Diary

5 April - First Friday Holy Hour & Adoration

7pm to 8pm - Chapel

8pm Mass for the Sacred Heart of Jesus

8pm to midnight - Adoration

6 April - First Saturday Adoration

8.30am to 5pm - Adoration

Tuesday to Friday during Lent - Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for 1/2 hour after Mass in the Chapel.

18 April - Holy Thursday

7.30pm - Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

19 April - Good Friday

10am - Stations of the Cross (Reconciliation afterwards)

3pm - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

20 April - Holy Saturday

9.30am - Morning Prayer of the Church

7pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, 23 June

Confirmation - 12pm and 3pm Sessions

Sunday, 8 September

First Holy Communion - 12pm and 3pm Sessions

Tuesday, 19 November

First Reconciliation - 4pm and 6pm Sessions

Info evening - Wednesday, 5th June at 6pm

Enrolment form must be in on or before 28th of May.

God will help us bear fruit



Jesus told his followers the story of a fig tree that would not bear fruit. God wants us to try hard so that we can grow, and 'bear fruit'. In each of the figs draw a picture yourself doing something that will make you a better person and bring you closer to Jesus.



Can you spot the eight differences between these two pictures?

