

St Andrew's Church

Third Sunday in Lent

Pew sheet for 20th March 2022

10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube

Baptism of Oluchi Elizabeth Ojeah

Celebrant and Preacher; Fr John

If you are in church, please remember to turn off your mobile phone during the service. Please take this sheet home with you at the end of the service. There are prayers which you may like to use at home at the end of the newsletter.

Hymn numbers for the Mass 702 334 215 166 275

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading

Isaiah 55;1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

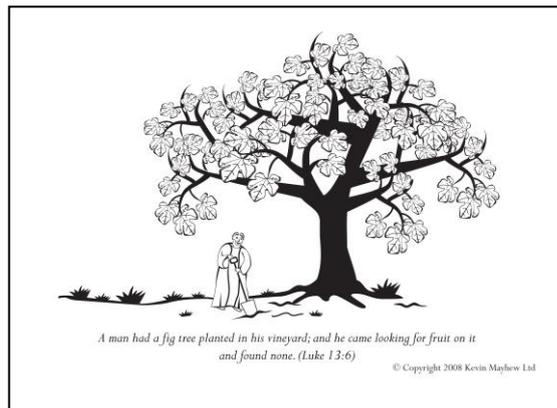
Gospel

Luke 13 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were

killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that 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."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"



Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Jacqueline Cole, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Deb Jones, Gloria Boothe, Mr and Mrs Gordon, Claudia Binns, Heather Birch, Hayden Lewis, Beryl Clayton, Gloria James, Linda, Andrina Bateman.

Anniversary of death: Kyrah Cian Brade, Margaret Ebbitt, Israel Martin, Syd Melbourne.

Notices

- If there is someone you would like us to pray for, please put the name on the list at the back of church. This list will be incorporated with the list gathered from WhatsApp each week. There is a new list every week.
- Wednesday – Evening Prayer on Zoom at 7pm, Thursday coffee morning 10am-12 noon in the Good Shepherd Hall, Saturday gardening 11-1pm.
- Annual Parish Meeting after Mass – in church and on Zoom.

Prayer

At this time of conflict in Ukraine, please pray

We pray for the Church: that in this time of crisis, she may speak words of truth and justice, act with compassion and be a sign of Christ's love for all those who are suffering. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for world leaders, that guided by integrity and wisdom, they may work together so that peace may flourish. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those caught up in violence, remembering especially the people of Ukraine; that in this time of fear and conflict, they may know God's presence and peace. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those suffering from hunger as a result of conflict and injustice, in countries such as Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and Ethiopia. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our parish and our local community: that in this time of Lent, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.