

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Odete Tavares, Juan Ortiz and those of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Repose of the Souls: Doris Camilleri, Rosemary Dunsford, Robyn Dunsford and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church
Cleaning

Saturday 29th March — Indian / Sri Lankan Community

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people.

St Dominic's Community holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. A cultural of safety within the Church ensures that children can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community. **We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.**

Thanksgiving Envelopes:

Dear Parishioners please collect your envelopes from the church as we can not post them any more.
If you can distribute them in your neighbourhood, it will be much appreciated. Thank you.

ST DOM'S COLLECTION: thank you for your generous donations towards St Dom's Care to assist the needed in the community.
Total amount collected: **\$2,061.90**. Well done and thanks again and God give you abundantly blessings.

The 9.00am Vietnamese Mass and 1.00pm Spanish Mass forgot to do it, could you please do the collection this Sunday. Thank you.

'Beyond the Vows' | One-day Catholic Marriage Retreat

Join us on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Caroline Springs. Through inspiring talks, prayer, and meaningful conversations, this retreat is designed to help married couples deepen intimacy, reconnect with God, and renew their commitment. 9:45 AM – 5:00 PM | \$50 per couple. For more information and to register, scan the QR code or visit: beyondthevows.site



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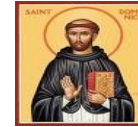
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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sundays: 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)
9.00am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Vietnamese Mass
9.00am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays: English Mass
11.00am: English Mass
1.00pm: Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am Mass

Morning Prayer of the Church: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.25am

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday before Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Benediction: Every Friday following the 9.00am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday to Saturday before or after Mass.

Baptism Information/Preparation: Every First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Every Third Friday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

23rd March 2025

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/ The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 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: 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: Luke 13: 1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Joshua 5: 9-12; 2 Corinthians 5: 17:21; Luke 15: 1-3. 11-32

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

When Jesus is asked about the deaths of some Galileans and some residents of Jerusalem, he seizes the opportunity to remind his audience that their obsession with the 'sin' of the victims is misplaced. He challenges all who are listening that unless they repent, they will all perish in a similar fashion. This would have been very confronting to those in the audience who were ingrained in the thinking that 'bad things only happen to bad people'. The purity codes of the day stated that if one maintained purity of action – obeying the Law and respecting the prohibitions on certain actions – then one was fulfilling one's duty and maintaining right relationship with God. Jesus chastises the people for this attitude and tells them that they all must 'repent'. For 1st Century Jews, the word 'repent' had a greater depth of meaning than our current understanding. Rather than simply 'being sorry', to repent meant to completely turn life around – both individually and as a society. His injunction to repent would be seen as a challenge to question motives and actions and set a new direction.

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.

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.



Lenten Reconciliation Service

Thursday 10th April at 7pm in English and Spanish

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a most natural way to celebrate God's forgiveness and love.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the opportunity to grow closer to God.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Third Sunday of Lent

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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Passion and Easter Liturgy 2025

13th April: **Passion/Palm Sunday**—Blessing of Palms at all Masses

Processions:

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

9.00am & 11.00am English

1.00pm Spanish



17th April: **Holy Thursday** (Combine Celebration)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm

Holy Hour Adoration:

8.30pm to 9.30pm: All Communities

9.30pm to 10.30pm: Spanish Community

10.30pm to 11.30pm: Legion of Mary

11.30pm to 12.00 Midnight: Silent Reflection



18th April: **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm The Lord's Passion—English

5.00pm The Lord's Passion—Spanish



19th April: **Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday Evening)**

7.00pm— Mass in English

10.00pm— Mass in Spanish



20th April: **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Masses: 9.00am and 11.00am English Mass

1.00pm. Spanish Mass

Station of the Cross every Friday at 7.00pm

JESUS could bear His Cross alone, did He so will; but He permits Simon to help Him, in order to remind us that we must take part in His sufferings, and have a fellowship in His work. His merit is infinite, yet He condescends to let His people add their merit to it. The sanctity of the Blessed Virgin, the blood of the Martyrs, the prayers and penances of the Saints, the good deeds of all the faithful, take part in that work which, nevertheless, is perfect without them. He saves us by His blood, but it is through and with ourselves that He saves us. Dear Lord, teach us to suffer with Thee, make it pleasant to us to suffer for Thy sake, and sanctify all our sufferings by the merits of Thy own.



Prayer: *Jesus, thank you for this tiny glimpse of Simon from Cyrene, who shows us the cosmic impact of service. Please give us the eyes to see when, where, and who we can serve, and the strength to step into that call even when it causes a detour. Show us, too, how to let others help us. By your Spirit, help us to share our service generously and accept it from others graciously.*

Working Bee—Saturday 12th April after 9.00am Mass

Please keep this day free so you can come along to help to clean up the Church, Church grounds and decorating the church in preparation for the celebration of Palm Sunday and the Holy Week.

