

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

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**FR. GERARD LOFRANCO, OFM Conv.** will be leaving us for his new assignment in the Philippines on **Saturday 4 May, 2019**. We wish him all the best. Please pray for him and the friars in this time of transition. Join us for a party for Fr. Gerard in thanksgiving for his ministry at OLOR on **Saturday, 27 April (Divine Mercy Weekend)**. He will celebrate the 6pm Mass and then we will celebrate him in the old hall. Please call the office beforehand and let us know what plate you might bring to share.

**SACRAMENT NEWS:** please pray for our students and their families as they prepare for **FIRST COMMUNION!**

**CONFIRMATION** enrolment is still open and is for children in Year 6 and older. Please visit our parish website [olorparishkellyville.org.au](http://olorparishkellyville.org.au) to complete the on-line form. **Confirmation Parent Information Sessions** will be held on two dates: **Thursday 28 March** at 7pm and on **Wednesday 3 April** at 10am. You need attend **ONLY ONE** session.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** for children in Year 2 and older. **Parent Information Sessions** for **Reconciliation** will be held on two dates: **Thursday, 27 June** at 7pm and on **Wednesday, 3 July** at 10am. You need attend **ONLY ONE** session. Enrolments will open soon. For more information for either Confirmation or First Reconciliation please contact Erin Kennedy at [sacraments@olorparishkellyville.org.au](mailto:sacraments@olorparishkellyville.org.au) or call 9629-2595.

**ST PAULS HOLY WEEK MISSALS** are available at just \$9 each. They can be used each year for Holy Week (between Palm Sunday and Easter, inclusive) as the readings are the same no matter what liturgical cycle.

OUR JOURNEY TO EASTER	
<b>LENTEN FRIDAYS</b> <b>10.15 am Stations of the Cross</b> at the Shrine <b>7 pm Parish Mass</b> followed by Confessions and Stations of the Cross of <b>Bl. Pope Paul VI</b>	<b>SACRED TRIDUUM</b> <b>Holy Thursday, 18 April,</b> <b>7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> in Parish Church. Adoration in the old hall until 10pm
<b>DEANERY COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION DATES:</b> <b>Friday, 12 April, 7.30pm</b> at St John XXIII, Stanhope-Gardens  <b>Monday, 15 APRIL, 7.30pm</b> at St. Michael's, Baulkham Hills	<b>Good Friday, 19 April,</b> <b>10am Youth Group Stations of the Cross</b> at the Shrine <b>3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b> in the Parish Church  <b>Holy Saturday, 20 April</b> <b>No Confessions</b> <b>Easter Vigil Mass</b> at 8pm  <b>EASTER SUNDAY, 21 April</b> Masses: 7am, 9am, 11am
<b>THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY</b>	

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Thank you for your donation towards **THE BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL** supporting the *Ephpheta* Centre. Over the past four weeks, we collected \$10,416.05, while the parish requirement was \$11,211. Parish funds will be used to pay the difference of \$524.95.

**ALL NIGHT VIGIL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** All welcome to pray and spend an hour or more in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents on **Friday 29 March**. Beginning with **Mass at 7pm**, followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at **8pm until 10am on Saturday 30 March**. Devotional prayers are said before the **11am Mass** in support of pro-life. Come and visit Jesus who awaits you there!



## FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Fr. David Blowey,  
OFM Conv., Rector

**6.45am Weekday Mass** followed by Confession. Open daily 6 to 6.

Visit and pray in this place of quiet beauty.

**LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE AT THE SHRINE** On **Wednesday, 10 April** from 7pm at the Shrine, Fr. David will host a Lenten prayer service, **The Adoration of the Cross**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**HEALING AFTER ABORTION** Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Contact Rachel's Vineyard Email: [info@rachelvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelvineyard.org.au) or confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. The next retreat will be held at Varroville, NSW on **April 5-7, 2019**.

Thank you for last week's parish donation of \$2,902.70.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** Allan Drew, Giuseppina Rossi, Tracy Capdor, Stephanie, Christopher Anthony, Niko Juanengo, Margaret, Thalia Basa, Peter Prizas, Diosdado Deang, Leo Keutman, Helen Lewis, Moira Maroney, Winnie Smith, Robin Banks, Amanda Webb, Annalise Sherlock, Ricardo Patane, Michelle Nickols, Michael Dimech, Fallon Weinman, Chris Ransom, Avelina Ibarra, Saja Derbas, Nigel Napoli, Denise, Antoinetta Cigolini, Amelia Williams, Kim Kenna, Leonie Hite, Arnel Galeng, David McHenry, Andrea Bioco, Lily Eyles, Dodo Calisura, Guida Lambropoulos, Vitaliana Terrado, Antonino Pull, Winston Nickols, Betty Muldoon, Bev Swann, Carmelo M Ortea, Liam Newland, Elvie Anderson, Josephine Murphy, Fran Clarke, Barbara Higgins, David Got, Floralba Gonzalez, Caleb Peter Newland, Maria Glinka, Doreen and Dudley Fernando, Rita Terese Keogh, Wieslawa Kielich, Cosimo, Mary Arrowsmith, Sarah-Jane Baillon, Jo Fuller, Peter Crocker, Concordia Llave, Angelique Vanjour, Michelle Climpson, Therese Sergi, Matthew Francis Crowley, Miguel Cayari, Julie Windle, Marie Milligan, Scarlett Lizano, Daniella Gulate, Monty Roughe, Gary Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Margaret Loscialpo, Felix Weinman, Christopher Dean, Mark de Vries, Susan, Waliamma Naidu, Bev Schnellen, Charlene Lucre, Marshall Charles, Janae Winpe, Cavan Sheahan, Joelle Fameli, Nancy Margaret Courtney, Janis Murphy, Eunice Ally, Kevin Merriman, Jennifer Martinez, Andrew John Foley, Paul Karam

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PLEASE NOTE: NO CONFESSIONS HOLY SATURDAY  
NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

**TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE** is a free service operating from St. Anthony's Parish Hall in Toongabbie on Thursday evenings (6-9pm) and Saturday mornings (9am-1pm) by volunteer solicitors, barristers and law students. Call 1300 373 353 for help.

**PILGRIM REUNION** Those who travelled to the Holy Land with Fathers Gerard and Alejandro are invited to come together after the 11am Mass **next Sunday (Laetare Sunday)** to share memories and fellowship. Also please bring a plate to share with our fellow pilgrims (and priests) and anything needing blessing from the trip.

**LIGHT TO THE NATIONS (LTTN)** is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with 1,000 other young people as we celebrate the Easter Triduum (**18 - 21 April**). Held in the grounds of Chevalier College, Bowral NSW. Contact [info@ltnn.org.au](mailto:info@ltnn.org.au) or ring 0432 228 250.

**MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT DAY** The Chaplaincy of the University of Notre Dame would like to invite men of all ages to join us on **Saturday, April 13**, at our Broadway campus for Men's Lenten Retreat Day: "I am with you always". The day includes Mass, time for reflection, reconciliation, lunch, afternoon tea, and inspiring talks. The event is free, but registration is essential at [Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au](mailto:Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au) or calling 8204 4189.

**OUR CONDOLENCES** to the families of **Edward York** whose funeral will be on **Tues. 26 March** at **1pm**, and of **Francesco Emmi** whose funeral will be on **Thurs. 28 March** at **11am**. Please pray for them and their families.

Our **PARISH WORKING BEE** will be on **Saturday 13 April** from 9.30am until 12 Noon. Please come and help us clean the Church and its surrounding gardens in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We will be putting up palms around the Church and will appreciate all the help we can get. Lunch will be provided for workers. Great for the family! (If you would like to help with lunch to share, please contact the parish office.)

**WOOL FOR THE NEEDY** We are still collecting wool for our Wednesday morning knitters who make blankets for the poor and needy. The wool best suited for these blankets is 8 Ply. Should you want to donate wool, please deliver it to the parish office between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Thank you, in advance. If you would like to knit or learn to knit, come join the group between 10am and 12 Noon on Wednesdays in the parish office. Everyone is very welcome.

**NEW TO THE PARISH!** Welcome! Please take a "new parishioners" envelope from the foyer of the Church.

## OLOR PARISH SCHEDULE

**Mon. 7pm Mass** followed with Divine Mercy Novena, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
**Confessions 7.30-8pm**, Benediction at 8pm.  
**Tues. 7pm Mass** followed by St. Anthony Novena  
**Wed. 9.15am Mass**  
**Thur. 9.15am Mass**  
**Fri. 9.15am Mass** with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction at 11.45am  
**On First Fridays: 7pm Mass** followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
**Confessions 7.30-8pm**, Benediction at 8pm.  
**Sat. 9am Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion 9.15am Mass**  
**Confessions 9.45-10.15am** and again 5pm to 5.45pm  
**5.50pm Angelus**  
**6pm Vigil Mass**  
**Sun. 7am, 9am, 11am Masses**, 5.50pm Angelus, 6pm Mass

## MASS & MINISTRIES - 23/24 MARCH 2019

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte: Michael Tan Lectors: Hani Reario and George Castline EM: Nathaniel Manlolo and Rebecca Neylan
Sun. 7am	Acolyte: John Huber Lectors: Karla Barnes and Nancy Comito EM: Sandra Huber
9am	Acolyte: Steve Boland Lectors: Penelope Sladen and Ann Maddy EM: Joyce Weinman and Norma Evans
11am	Acolyte: Alex Cecilia Lectors: Adrian Francis and Jane Lapidario EM: Ben Poulouse and Tracy Capdor
6pm	Acolyte: Arul Arulthasan Lectors: Stephanie and Stefan Arulthasan EM: Meaghan Staples and Rita George
Counters:	Karla, Rhodora and Doris
Church Vacuum:	Paul and Racelle Fameron

## MASS & MINISTRIES - 30/31 MARCH 2019

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte: Alex Cecilia Lectors: Francis Patag and Leonard Pinto EM: Sonny Huang and Paul Lam
Sun. 7am	Acolyte: John Sorbello Lectors: Tom Crowley and Walter Bradstock EM: Grace Trzcinski
9am	Acolyte: Michael Tan Lectors: Errol Samuels and Carolyn Maddy EM: Kate Warburton and Margaret Samuels
11am	Acolyte: Ed Cecilia Lectors: Vincenza Sanders and Doreen Francis EM: Salena Artap and Felicia Borgona
6pm	Acolyte: Ferdinand Villanueva Lectors: Yvette Baird and Mary Zahra EM: Voluntter and David Warren
Counters:	Erikson and Gennusa families
Church Vacuum:	Sid Karam

## MASS INTENTIONS 23 - 30 MARCH 2019

Sat. 23	9.15am	Deceased friars and their families
	6pm	John Mizzi
Sun. 24	7am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
	9am	Giuseppe Agostino
	11am	Pino Bosco
	6pm	Holy Souls
Mon. 25	7pm	Mabel Carter
Tues. 26	7pm	Sybil and Claude Gebert
Wed. 27	9.15am	Intention of donor
Thur. 28	9.15am	Intention of donor
Fri. 29	9.15am	Charlie & Grace Vella, Joseph Scicluna
	7pm	Gerson Dias
Sat. 30	9.15am	Joseph Mizzi
	6pm	Giovanni Vertellini

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 4:17  
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** Lk 13:1-9  
P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*  
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 round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.”’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**  
**HOMILY**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** APOSTLES’ CREED  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**  
P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**  
Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**  
P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. Lift up your hearts.  
**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**  
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**R. It is right and just.**

**PREFACE I OR II OF LENT**  
*After the Preface, we sing or say:*  
**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**  
P. The mystery of faith.  
**All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

**COMMUNION RITE**  
P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  
**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**  
P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .  
**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**  
P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .  
**R. Amen.**  
P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  
*All exchange a sign of peace.*

**LAMB OF GOD**  
**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**  
P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**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.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
P. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from

on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**  
P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**  
P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL**  
**REPENT WHILE THERE IS TIME**

On his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks as a prophet, summoning people to conversion. He does this, in today’s Gospel, by interpreting two well-known incidents and then telling a parable.  
The first incident is an atrocity brought about by human cruelty. Orders from Pilate have brought about the massacre of a number of Galileans who were sacrificing in the Temple.  
The second, again involving large-scale loss of life, is due to natural causes: the fall of a tower in Siloam, leading to the death of eighteen persons.

Concerning both incidents, Jesus wards off a false conclusion that religious people are all too prone to draw: namely that the victims of such calamities were receiving divine punishment for a sinfulness from which others were free.  
He then tells the parable about the fig tree to make the further point that, far from attempting to judge the sinfulness of others, everyone should interpret such events as a warning to take stock of their own lives lest far greater disaster—eternal ruin—befall them. Without speculating in any way about punishment, he simply points out that instances of sudden, unforeseen death should serve as a warning to all that the time, the space left for conversion, may be short.  
As always, the urgency—the prophetic passion—of Jesus stems from his intense sense of what God wants to do for people: God wants to set us free for life and for love. There is time for that now. But the opportunity will not be there indefinitely.

**BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ**  
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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / C

24 MARCH 2019

**UNLESS YOU REPENT.** When misfortune strikes people considered to be sinners, others might say: ‘They had it coming! God is punishing them!’ In today’s Gospel Jesus criticises such attitudes on two grounds. Firstly, it is wrong to see the wrath of God in every tragic event. Secondly, we need to recognise that we are all guilty of sin and in need of conversion. Instead of judging others, let us ask God to forgive our sins and help us as we undertake the difficult task of reform.

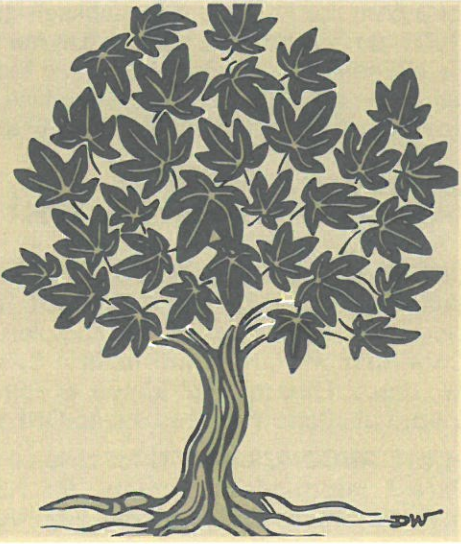
**INTRODUCTORY RITES**  
**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 24:15-16  
**My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**  
**GREETING**  
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**  
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**R. And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**  
P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.  
**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**  
P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**R. Amen.**  
V. Lord, have mercy.  
**R. Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Christ, have mercy.  
**R. Christ, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, have mercy.  
**R. Lord, have mercy.**  
*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

**COLLECT**  
O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, by your mercy.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**R. Amen.**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**FIRST READING** Ex 3:1-8, 13-15  
**A reading from the book of Exodus**  
*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*  
Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. ‘I must go and look at this strange sight,’ Moses said ‘and see why the bush is not burnt.’ Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. ‘Moses, Moses!’ he said. ‘Here I am’ he answered. ‘Come no nearer’ he said. ‘Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,’ he said ‘the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.’ At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.  
And the Lord said, ‘I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.’  
Then Moses said to God, ‘I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you.” But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?’ And God said to Moses, ‘I Am who I Am. This’ he added ‘is what you must say to the sons of Israel: “The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.” This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.’

**The word of the Lord.**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**  
**RESP PSALM** Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. R. v. 8  
**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**



2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**  
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, / gives judgement for all who are oppressed. / He made known his ways to Moses / and his deeds to Israel’s sons. **R.**  
4. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / For as the heavens are high above the earth / so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**  
*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**