

## REFLECTIONS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### “3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT”

**FIRST READING :- A reading from the Book of Exodus (3:1-8,13-15)**

God speaks to Moses out of the burning bush and tells him to lead the oppressed Israelites to the promised Land.

**RESPONSE :- The Lord is compassion and love.**

**SECOND READING :- A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (10:1-6.10-12)**

St. Paul uses incidents from the history of the Jews to warn the Christians not to become overconfident in their spiritual striving.

**GOSPEL :- A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (13:1-9)**

Jesus uses the history of his people to preach the need to repent and reform. He tells the Jews that they will lose the promises unless they repent, and that time is running out for them.

चालीसे का तीसरा रविवार

पहला पाठ: निर्गमन ग्रंथ ३: १-८, १३-१५

जलती हुई झाड़ी की कथा में यह बताया जाता है कि ईश्वर ने अपने को मूसा पर प्रकट किया था और उन्हें विश्वास दिलाया था कि वह इस्राएलियों को मित्र से निकाल कर प्रतिज्ञात देश अर्थात् फिलिस्तीन ले जायेगा।

अनुवाक्य: प्रभु दया और अनुकम्पा से परिपूर्ण है।

दूसरा पाठ: कुरिंथियों के नाम संत पौलुस का पहला पत्र १०:१-६, १०-१२

संत पौलुस हमें याद दिलाते हैं कि जो इस्राएली मित्र से निकले थे, उनमें से अधिकांश मरुभूमि में मर गये, क्योंकि वे ईश्वर की इच्छा पर चलना नहीं चाहते थे। हमें ईश्वर की कृपा मिल गयी है, किन्तु यदि हम उसकी इच्छा के विरुद्ध आचरण करेंगे तो हमारा कल्याण नहीं हो सकेगा।

सुसमाचार: सन्त मारकुस का सुसमाचार १३:१-६

आज के सुसमाचार से हमें यह शिक्षा मिलती है कि हमें अपने पापों के लिए पश्चाताप करना चाहिए। ईश्वर सब को पश्चाताप करने तथा अच्छा फल उत्पन्न करने का मौका देता है यह अंजीर के पेड़ के दृष्टान्त से स्पष्ट हो जाता है।



## PARISH NEWS

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursday	:	At 6:30 pm in Malayalam
Friday	:	At 5:00 pm in Hindi At 6:30 pm in English
At Carmel	:	Tuesday at 2:30 pm
At Mater Dei	:	Friday at 6:00 pm
At Khan Mkt	:	Friday at 6:30 pm

During the stations of the cross, collection will be taken for the campaign against hunger and disease.

## HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

**Palm Sunday: March 24, 2013:**

8.45 am Blessing of palms followed by procession to the Church (All the Masses as usual)

**Tuesday: March 26, 2013:**

06.00pm Blessing of Holy Oil (Chrism Mass)

**Maundy Thursday: March 28, 2013:**

07.30am Mass of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist in Syro – Malabar Rite (Malayalam)

6.30pm Mass of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist at St. Columba's Ground.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

9:00pm to 10:00pm: Hindi and English

10:00pm to 11:00pm: Malayalam Charismatic Groups

11:00pm to 12:00pm: Private adorers

**Good Friday: March 29, 2013 (Day of Fast and Abstinence):**

08:00 am Stations of the Cross followed by Memorial of the Lord's Passion in Malayalam

12:00pm Stations of the Cross in English

05:00Pm Stations of the Cross in Hindi

6:30pm Memorial of the Lord's Passion at St. Columba's Ground

**Holy Saturday: March 30, 2013:**

11:00pm Easter Vigil Service at St. Columba's Ground (Please bring a candle for the service)

**Easter Sunday: March 31, 2013:**

All Masses as usual. No Hindi Mass at 04.00pm.



## READINGS OF THE WEEK

04/Mon 2 kg 5:1-15; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30

05/Tue Dan 3:25,34-43; Ps 24; Mt 18:21-35

06/Wed Deut 4:1,5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19

07/Thu Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23

08/Fri Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34

09/Sat Hos 5:15-6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14

# CATHEDRAL Calling

“Repent and turn to God”

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## WINTER MASS TIMINGS

### SATURDAYS:

Cathedral : 6.00 p.m. Sunday Anticipated Mass (English)  
(Weekday Masses at 6.30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.)

### SUNDAYS:

Cathedral :	06.30 a.m.	—	English
	07.30 a.m.	—	Malayalam
	09.00 a.m.	—	English
	10.15 a.m.	—	Hindi
	11.30 a.m.	—	English
	04.00 p.m.	—	Hindi
	06.00 p.m.	—	English
Carmel :	07.30 a.m.	—	Hindi
Mater Dei :	07.30 a.m.	—	Hindi
ISI :	07.30 a.m.	—	Hindi

Apostolic Nunciature : 07.30 & 10.00 a.m.—English

### REFLECTION:

What do those two tragic events that Jesus talks about have to do with the barren fig tree in today's gospel?

The Jews believed that both good and bad events were directed to happen by God and the "bad" things were punishment for breaking God's laws. Jesus corrected this notion, He used those events to point out the need for repentance.

It was heart piercing to realize that Jesus was pointing to all of them when he said like disasters would befall them if they did not repent! Those that were prosperous thought they were in God's good graces since they were not experiencing disease or bad fortune. The Lord, however, was talking about their eternal souls and the dangers they were in because of the need to repair the damage done to their covenant relationship with God.

Likewise, on the other hand, He speaks of the mercy of God. The lives of his listeners are like barren fig trees, producing no fruit. But given time, with some nurturing and encouragement, may be, the fig tree will come around and begin to show forth good fruit. In other words, if the people do not repent, and change their barren lives into producing fruit - love of God and love of neighbour- then they will meet the same fate as

the victims of the disasters in Galilee and Siloam that Jesus mentioned. Lent is a time to check the state of our own souls. Are we like the barren fig tree- created to produce fruit but barren and weakened because of sin? Then it is time we repented and adopted ways and means to come back to the Lord.

## PARISH NEWS

### SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY GATHERING:

On 9th March, at 07:30 pm, at Pragati Vihar Hostel, at the residence of Mr. William

### WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION:

The Women's Commission of the Archdiocese of Delhi and the Council of Catholic Women of India unit will jointly be celebrating International Women's Day on 3rd March 2013 at Yusuf Sadan from 2pm to 4 pm. We encourage more women to participate in this programme.

### PARISH MELA:

The response to the Parish Mela proposed to be held on the 7th of April, 2013, so far, has been very positive. As this is a Parish venture, it is requested that each family in the Parish buy at least one raffle booklet and bring at least one advertisement to be published in the souvenir. We request all those Parishioners who still have not been contacted by the Parish Representatives to kindly collect their raffle booklets and advertisement forms from the PC, CA members.

### MOVIES ON FAITH:

The media commission of the Archdiocese of Delhi is organizing movies on faith on every Sunday of Lent at Yusuf Sadan at 4 pm. For details, kindly see the Notice Board.

### LECTORS' LIST:

Lector's list for the month of March is displayed on the Notice Board. We request the lectors to kindly go through the list.

### HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

The Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation will be administered to our Children in the month of July. The date will be communicated to you later. As informed you earlier, only those children who are regular for the classes and who pass the annual exams will be considered and promoted. Any request to bypass this, will not be entertained.

### VOICE OF DELHI & DILLI VAANI:

Voice of Delhi and Dilli Vaani for this month are available for sale.

## पल्ली सूचनाएँ

### लघु खीस्तीय समुदाय की बैठक

शनिवार, ६ मार्च, शाम ०७:३० बजे, प्रगति विहार हॉस्टल, श्री. वीलियम के निवास पर।

### महिला दिवस

३ मार्च २०१३ दोपहर २.०० बजे से ४.०० बजे तक यूसूफ सदन में महिला दिवस मनाया जायेगा।

### पल्ली रिट्रीट

चालीसा काल को ध्यान में रखते हुए हम शुक्रवार १५ मार्च, शनिवार १६ मार्च और रविवार १७ मार्च को तीन दिनों का रिट्रीट आयोजित कर रहे हैं। प्रत्येक दिन शाम ०६:०० बजे से शाम ०८:०० बजे तक, चर्च में होगी।

### पैरिश मेला

हमारे पल्ली की ओर से ७ अप्रैल २०१३ को पैरिश मेला का आयोजन किया जा रहा है। आप हमें राफल कूपन बेचने और विज्ञापन के लिए मदद कर सकते हैं।

### कूस का रास्ता

दुख-भोग काल में हर शुक्रवार शाम ०५:०० बजे चर्च में हिन्दी में और ६.३० बजे अंग्रेजी में कूस रास्ता होगा। कूस रास्ता के दौरान भुखमरी और बिमारी के विरुद्ध अभियान के सहयोग के लिए चन्दा लिया जाएगा।



## NEW PARISH WEBSITE

We are very happy to inform you that we have launched a new official website for the parish. The website address is [www.sacredheartcathedraldelhi.org](http://www.sacredheartcathedraldelhi.org). As of now, many of the features appearing in the website are in the process of being updated. We hope to keep it going without any hitch.

## LENTEN RETREAT FOR PARISHIONERS

Date: 15th, 16th & 17th March 2013  
Time: 06:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
VENUE: Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Organised by: Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Preacher: Rev.Fr. Jose T.J.

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.”*