

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year C Luke 13:1-9**

<sup>13-1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>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? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup>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?” <sup>8</sup>He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</li> <li>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</li> <li>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</li> </ul>
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In this week’s gospel we see Jesus taking his three followers up the mountain to pray. This is a symbol of the withdrawal that must take place before he can be transfigured. We see that the change occurred as Jesus was praying and then we see the two men talking to Jesus about his passion. It was while the apostles were covered with a cloud that they experienced the glory of Jesus through a heavenly voice.

Are there times in our lives when we felt there was a great cloud between us and God?

Then during our prayers we became transfigured and realised Jesus was there all the time.

**Prayer:**

**Lord thank you** for all the deep experiences in our lives and for the insights that changed our whole way of thinking.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times we did not listen without our prejudices and judgemental selves to people who God has chosen to stand before us at any moment in time.

**Help us Lord** not to be frightened when we seem to be in a cloud and we do not know what to do. Show us how to trust in Jesus and believe that he will guide us through if we but listen to him. .