



**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT  
YEAR C**

**6 March 2022**

**LITURGY AND BULLETIN**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

*Father, through our observance of Lent,  
help us to understand the meaning  
of your Son's death and resurrection,  
and teach us to reflect it in our lives.  
Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty  
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,  
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)

2. Upon you no evil shall fall,  
no plague approach where you dwell.  
For you has he commanded his angels,  
to keep you in all your ways. (R.)

3. They shall bear you upon their hands  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
On the lion and the viper you will tread  
and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;  
protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'  
I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
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**GOSPEL:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him,

'Scripture says:  
You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you  
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.



## **REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke - Bowed Head, Humble Heart**

The devil had a few bargains he was peddling that day in the desert: all the bread you could eat, power and glory fit for a king, a legion of angels for protection. But Jesus wasn't buying. He knew those bargains had a supreme price tag no one should pay. As Son of God, all of those things were already available to him. And as heirs of God's kingdom, those things will be ours as well. The only currency the devil was really peddling was the word *Now*. Immediate gratification is the definition of most of our temptations.

Do we want to eat and drink and be merry now, regardless of the hunger of the world around us, not to mention the danger of our own over-indulged bodies? Do we want to live in our dream house now, while our sisters and brothers live on the street? Do we want our children to go to the best schools today, while much of the world cannot read or write? Do we want to sit in front of the TV tonight, when a lonely person is starving for our company not far away? If we bow to God alone, then the devil's bargain won't sound like such a deal. "*Now or never*" is not the choice, it's now or forever.

***Which of the devil's three temptations – self-satisfaction, power, or security – has the strongest allure for you? What helps you to resist the temptation?***

Examine the greatest temptation to worldly advantage that you struggle against. Make a pledge this Lent to challenge the authority of this "*demon*". GPBS 1/3/2022

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

We pray for all Christian believers, that they will confess with their lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that God raised him from the dead. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for world leaders, that they will renounce the folly of war and choose the path of peace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who have allowed power, possessions or status to become their god, that they be set free from their idolatry. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the rural families of southern Mozambique, that our support for Project Compassion will maintain their access to clean water and improve their food security. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all the families displaced by the current flooding, that all Australians will rally to their support. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Bob Haigh, Bob Fletcher, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, John Shiels, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet and Val Biggers and all who need our prayers; that they will be comforted by loving family, friends and community. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the recently deceased: John Shiels, Annmarie Rosengren (Minogue), Rod Diacono, Kevin Thorne, Father Henry Byrne, Joy Vanzimen, Father Laurie Blake, Joyce Grant. . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will enjoy the fullness of salvation with all the saints. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Father,  
help us to live by your words  
and to seek Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm**  
**Next weekend Mass time: 6pm in the church.**  
**Weekday Mass:** Tuesdays at 10am at the Presbytery.  
**Meditation:** Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.  
**Social Justice Group:** Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery  
**World Day of Prayer: date in March to be advised**  
**Weddings for March:** Tuesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>.

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**Dear Parishioners,**

**A memorial service for Anmarie Rosengren (Minogue)** will be held in the Gundillion hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, at 3.00pm. Burial will take place in Lockwood on Thursday.

**The church has reopened for Masses.** Masks are no longer mandatory but please continue to do so for as long as you wish.

**Update on the Church work:** the men have removed the scaffolding and our church looks much better for it. Some of our parishioners have worked hard to finish cleaning the church so that it is presentable for the upcoming weddings and our Masses. Many thanks to Cathy F, Helen B, Helen P, Bobbie, Sarah, Pauline and Wendy H who did such a splendid job. We have secured a cleaning company who will commence the major clean on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March. The roofers will be back to finish the downpipes and guttering that week also.

**What are we doing special during Lent to prepare us for Easter?** The MenAlive weekend will be held on the Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, in Bungendore. Whilst it is a great opportunity for all men in our region to be challenged by our faith and support each other in this journey, already six men from outside have applied to attend. Two men from Bungendore have agreed to form the organizing committee.

For the women of our region there will be a day retreat held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April, to be led by Phil Billington and the theme will be the Eucharist. Phil has conducted retreats and seminars in many parts of Australia and I'm truly delighted she has accepted my invitation. Eileen Glass will also join the women of our region towards the end of the year for a day retreat. Three ladies from Bungendore have stepped forward to be on the organizing committee.

**Lenten Resource:** Once again we have purchased booklets from Evangelisation Brisbane covering the Lent and Easter period. We have been handing them out at Mass. If you would like one, please contact Brother Brian on 0408 687 915 to arrange to collect a copy from him.

**Project Compassion boxes** will be available in the church from this weekend.

**Readings for next week: 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C**

1<sup>st</sup>: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Phil 3:17 – 4:1. Gospel: Luke 9:28-36.

## Ministry Rosters for our Masses

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Music/PP</b>
5 Mar	James	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Brian	Helen H
12 Mar	Felix	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
19 Mar	James	Geraldine	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
26 Mar	Felix	Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care,  
Helen Hart