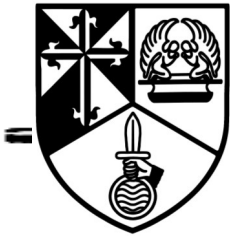


# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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**Mass Times**

Monday - NO Mass

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
**8.00am**

Wednesday & Friday  
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,  
5:00pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm  
and 4pm—4.30pm

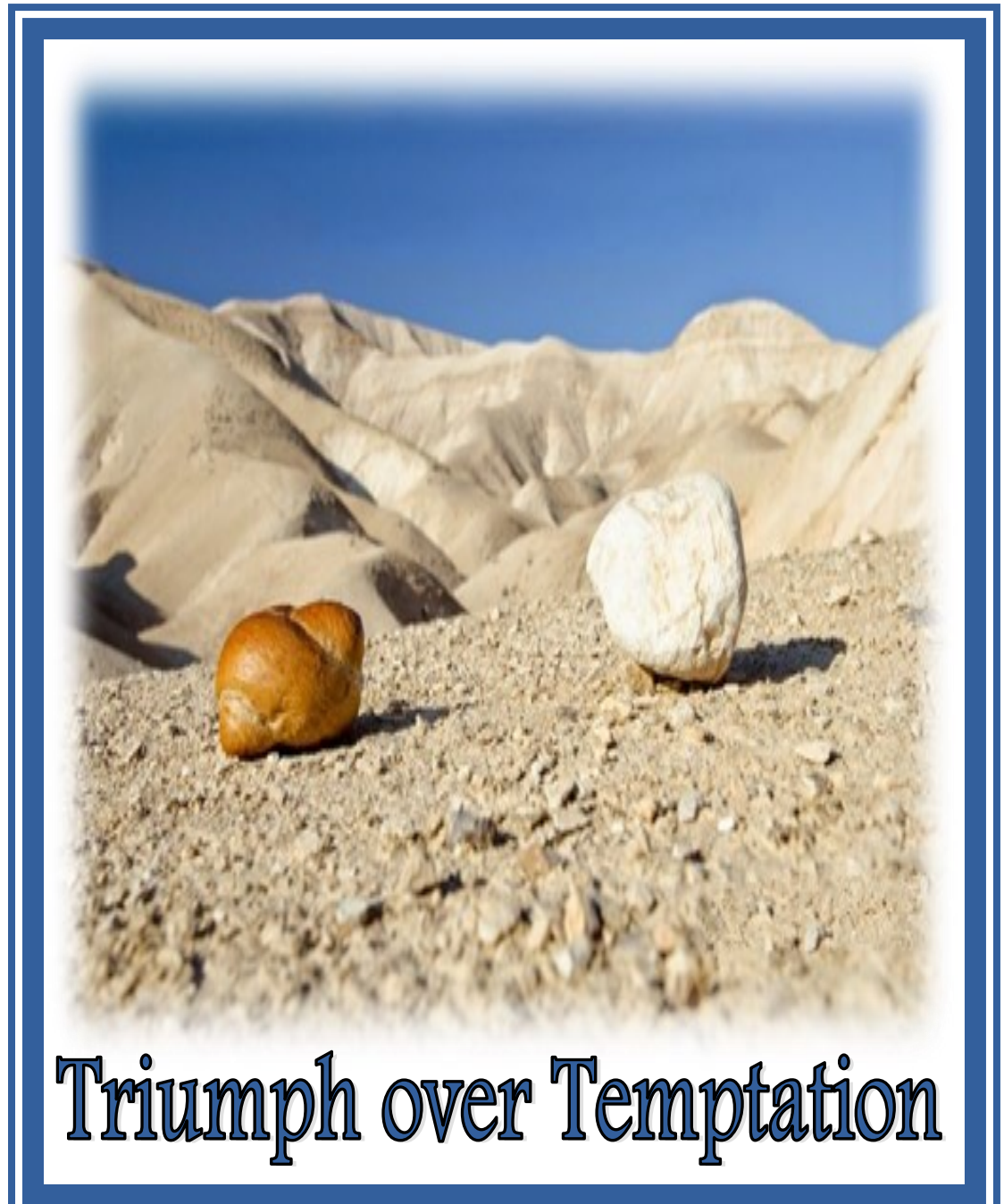
**Adoration - Holy Hour**

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

**Pray the Rosary**

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

# First Sunday of Lent



## Triumph over Temptation

If you are in Urgent need of a Priest  
out of office hours call - 6248 8253

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY** Please contact Jacquie in the  
office Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 90: 15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

## FIRST READING

### First reading - Deuteronomy 26:4-10

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, the 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.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 90(91):1-2,10-15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

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!'

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.

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.

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.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the second 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

Cont...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 his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved*.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 4:4

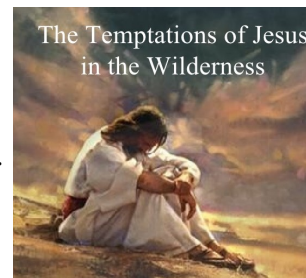
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## GOSPEL

### Gospel - Luke 4:1-13

#### A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### Communion Antiphon - Matthew 4: 4

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of God.

## LENTEN PROGRAM

The Parish is running a Lenten Program on the Tuesdays of Lent, at 7pm in the Parish Centre. The Program will follow the Archdiocese of Sydney this year. The program will also run online on the Wednesdays of Lent, starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm. Contact the Parish Office by phone or email to register.

## LENTEN BOOKLETS

Parishioners who would like to use the Wollongong Lenten Program books at home, the booklets are available from the Sacristy after Mass. Cost \$8.00 each.

## LENTEN ADORATION

One of our usual Lenten observances is to engage in some meaningful prayer time during this penitential and reflective season of the Church's year. In order to facilitate this aspect of our penitential schedule we shall be having a period of quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm-7pm on the Friday's of Lent. Please come and join us, you need not stay for the whole time but this opportunity gives us all a moment of the week to offer praise, thanksgiving, sorrow and petition to Our Lord in a quiet reflective environment. Jesus invites all of us to "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." (Mark 6:31)

## QUEENSLAND AND NSW FLOODING

Australians once again are coping with devastation and disruption brought about by natural disaster. We pray for all those who have been affected by the flooding, and for all those offering shelter and support.

## FLESH, POWER, PRESUMPTION

In that rather intriguing book of the Bible, the Letter to the Hebrews, the mysterious author of this epistle encapsulates how we must think of Jesus. The sacred writer informs our Christology in the following manner:



*"... he has been through every trial, fashioned as we are, only sinless." (Heb 4:15)*

One thing we need be constantly reminded of is that Jesus, although he possessed the fullness of God, in his sacred humanity, was not a Superman. Jesus could feel pain, feel sorrow, feel hunger, got tired. If Jesus were immune from these human phenomena we could not say that the incarnation really took place, all we could say is that the Divine Son was pretending to be human. Orthodox theology maintains that Jesus is fully God and fully human. Jesus' full embrace of human reality necessitates that he is truly human in all things except sin. One might think that being sinful articulates humanity, after all "to err is human" right? This mindset, however, is not the understanding of Christian anthropology. Humanity was created in grace, that is in right relations with God; the Fall was of humanity's choosing and not out of God's pre-programming. That being the case the sacred humanity of Jesus is more human than we are! Jesus is the new Adam. Just as the original Adam was created without sin, but caused sin to come into the world, so Jesus Christ arises as Adam 2.0 with no sin, so as to erase the sin of humanity.

Cont...St Paul in his Second Letter to the Corinthians writes:

*God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor 5:21)*

In the desert then Jesus is able to be tempted, and this phenomenon is a part of his true humanity, as it is a regular experience of ours. Whilst temptation is not sin, it is that experience which tests us, tests our fidelity to God and to God's plan for us. Temptation, is, as it were, the alluring detour to happiness, and when we curiously take its route we find ourselves in the dead end of sin. Jesus then endures this painful experience, where his true humanity is tested to its limit. Yet, Jesus does not buckle under the pressure but fights back, not with human strength, but with the word of God.

So, these temptations which Jesus experiences hit home at the three most acute aspects of the human person - sensuality, presumption, and power.

By being invited to turn stones into bread the Deceiver suggests that it is only by a satisfaction of the senses that we can attain true happiness. All we need is sensual enjoyments and then we will have found our heaven. This mindset is truly beguiling for most people. Most of us do not have the discipline to rein in these inclinations, most of us have some weak point in our sensual desires. This inclination, and the temptation which accompanies it, is the most basic. More importantly, in response to Satan's suggestion, Jesus remarks that only God can truly satisfy the hungry soul. Augustine's most famous quote - 'you have made us for yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in thee' should be our realistic response then.

The temptation to power is also a weakness for some. To dominate, to aggrandize oneself, to seek honours, all these projects embark on one major goal - the fulfilment of the ego. The Evil One suggests that true happiness lies not really in the worship of the Devil but the worship of oneself. Satan announces to Jesus that all the kingdoms of the world are his, but this is a delusion. Satan himself has been intoxicated with a kind of power trip, and it is this intoxication which has led him to make such preposterous claims. The only person Satan worships is Satan. Jesus brings Satan, and us, back down to earth -any kind of idolatry is a delusion, only God is worthy of worship and not only worthy but demanding of such service.

The last temptation in St Luke's chronology is the temptation to presumption of God's mercy and assistance. The sin of presumption is a sin against the theological virtue of hope, it is opposed to despair by reason of excess. Presumption then is an excessive, foolhardy hope, the sort of hope that bullies headlong, reckless and careless forgetting its place in the scheme of things. It takes God for granted, thinks she'll be right, and lives a life which is thoughtless and perhaps even with some degree of feigned ignorance about God's demands. A person who is presumptuous trusts that he can be saved but without God's help, or by God's help but without his own efforts. It is a great sin to commit sin boldly pleading that God easily pardons sinners. Our confidence in God's mercy must always go hand in hand with his justice.



Cont...Furthermore, it is presumptuous to think that we will enter the kingdom of heaven by faith alone without attempting to accomplish good works; to hope to obtain forgiveness of our sins without penance; or while hoping in God's mercy, to remain in serious sin, and put off conversion. 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test', Jesus responds to the Tempters wiles, do not think you can play God, you will lose. Rather work with God, respond to his grace and be opened to what God wants for you. Yes, we do need to throw ourselves off the pinnacle of the Temple in some regard but in the knowledge that we do so faithfully commending ourselves to God not commending ourselves to a deluded sense of God.

As we embark on another Lenten season let us be vigilant over the needs of the flesh, let us monitor our desire to see our own wills fulfilled at the expense of others, and let us be mindful of the little presumptuous parts of our lives which we think God will ignore.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers. Fr Mannes OP

### PROJECT COMPASSION



**Anatercia 12**, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



### LITURGY VOLUNTEERS

The new Liturgy Roster for the next 6 months will be prepared shortly. As volunteer numbers have decreased over the last year we are urgently in need of volunteers for the new roster. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the foyer if you can volunteer.

**CALVARY HOSPITAL**—The Auxiliary will hold a plant stall on Thursday 3 March 2022, 8am - 4pm, on the lawns outside the Main Entrance, Calvary Public Hospital, Hayden Drive, Bruce. A huge range of succulents, perennials, indoor plants and more, will be available at bargain prices. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. For more information: Jan 0437790980.

**Sunday, March 6**—SYNOD OF BISHOPS: People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

### PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Mimma Gia, Rosa Maria Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Bob Hackett, Joe Schimizzi, Awny El-Ghitany, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Peter Catlin, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Bernard Druett, Denis Lawrence, Patricia Zorzi, June Pollard, Gwen Gleeson, Sue King, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Fr Kieran Adams OP

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.  
Martin McKeon (UK), Carol Hallam, Anna Di Prinzio, Ken O'Brien, Brian Leader

### IN LOVING MEMORY

James Patrick Bergin

### BAPTISM

*Jordan Francis Powell*

will be baptised this weekend.  
May his life be filled with God's peace,  
and his heart with God's love...  
on this Baptism day and always.



**HOLY ROUNDABOUT YOUTH GROUP** Sundays 3.30 - 5.00pm weekly Sunday afternoon youth group for 11-17 years at Holy Cross Church Hackett.

**PRAY THE ROSARY** Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. You are welcome to join in.

**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.

**DOMINICAN LIBRARY** will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

**BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP** meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - [www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)

**WEEKLY READER FORMATION** - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. - Meet in the church Office

### ROSTER 5 / 6 March 2022

<b>Saturday 5.00pm</b>	- Acolyte - M. Tran Reader - J. de Riva O'Phelan
<b>Sunday 8.00am</b>	- Acolyte - K. Linard Reader - N. Clarke, G. Thompson
<b>Sunday 10.00am</b>	- Acolyte - R. Tanzer Reader - A. O'Donnell, L. Fardell
<b>Sunday 5.00pm</b>	- Acolyte - L. Kim Reader - M. Proctor

### BIBLE STUDY

Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35)  
Monday nights at 6pm in the Parish Centre a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. Currently the group is looking at St Paul's Letter to the Philippians.