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## VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Monday, Tuesday,  
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**Mass times**  
Wed 5.30pm  
Tues & Thurs 6.45am  
Fri 5.30pm

**Saturday 5pm (Vigil)**  
**Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm**

9am Mass Saturday & Public  
Holidays  
excluding Mondays

**Pray the Rosary**  
Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass  
Saturday after 9am Mass  
and First Saturday each month  
3.30pm

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

**ACU Chapel Signadou**  
Wednesday at Midday

If you are in Urgent need of  
a Priest Call - 6248 8253

# First Sunday of Lent



A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

<b>ENTRANCE</b>	When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	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!
<b>COMMUNION</b>	One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
<b>READINGS</b>	Deuteronomy 26:4-10      Romans 10:8-13 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

## LENTEN STUDIES

We are invited to journey together in faith and if possible to set some time aside to reflect on God's Word as nourishment on our pilgrimage. If you would like to be a part of a Parish Lenten Group, a group who will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre .



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 90:1-2, 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.

### TRIGGER WARNING

**Article contains reference to sexual abuse**

The past week has left the Church's people, especially here in Australia, grieving and sorrowful. The conviction of Cardinal Pell for historic sex abuse has left many of us feeling lost. We acknowledge Cardinal Pell maintains his innocence and his legal representatives have lodged an appeal against the conviction. The reality of that conviction, however, has left many shocked and saddened. We grieve with all the victims, their families and survivors of sexual abuse. We pray they find healing and justice. We are sorrowful beyond measure for all victims. We are also sorrowful for those whose vital work in social justice, healing, education and other fields is denigrated, not because of what they do but who they work for. It seems fitting then that in the first week of Lent the readings focus on being lost in the wilderness.

[Australian Catholics](#)

### IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

It is important that you contact the office by email or in writing (even a note on the collection plate) if you require a booking - for a Mass Intention, Booking of the Church or Parish Centre, Weddings (6mths) and Baptisms.

**It is difficult to keep track of Parishioners requests if they do not come through the Office.**

If you would like to add a name to the prayers for the sick, anniversary or death list in the *Bulletin*, details must be with the Parish Office **NO** later than **Tuesday** of that week. For all other bookings, Mass for an Anniversary or to use the Parish Centre etc. a minimum two weeks notice is required.

### THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

'Luke has a strong parallel between the first and third test. Both involve use of Jesus' power to save himself from suffering and death. This is the root meaning of these tests. Luke ends by noting that Satan leaves Jesus "for a time." The final test to Jesus comes also in Jerusalem, on the cross, when again three times he is tempted to use his power to save himself. Jesus was tempted to follow a different kind of messiahship than the Father offered, one that would substitute demonstrations of power for rejection and suffering. 'Such a "test" is the lot of the followers of Jesus today. Our culture offers seemingly infinite possibilities for remaking one's self, with a priority put on personal fulfilment and material success. Christians are challenged to live not "by bread alone" (think of today's metaphor "bread" for money), to worship and serve God alone and to discern and accept God's will in lives that seem often pedestrian and unimportant. But as with Jesus, the trial of our lives begins with the embrace of the Spirit in Baptism, unfolds in following Jesus' example and leads through suffering and death to new life, again to be filled with the Spirit. This is the Lenten journey ever remembered, ever renewed.'

*Excerpt Fr J Donahue SJ*

### CHOIR PRACTICE

**NO CHOIR PRACTICE** on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March (long weekend) but regular practice at 7.30 pm on the following Mondays of Lent. There is still space for anyone wanting to join us and sing for Easter. Come along Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

### A CHALLENGE TO MATERIALIST CULTURE

'The devil begins his tempting with the phrase: 'If you are the Son of God.' The perennial question posed to us by the Gospels is: who is this Jesus? The temptations of Jesus face us with this question in the form of a sermon, which the temptations surely are. 'Given the Spirit at baptism, we are to reflect that it is our spiritual lives in God that will sustain us: "We cannot live by bread alone." A challenge to the materialist culture of our day which is easy to be sucked into. That is why the rich are condemned in St Luke's Gospel; not because they are rich, but because they see in wealth a security that can only come from God. 'The final temptation continues the theme. It is not simply about the abuse of power and riches: it is a thundering denunciation of the descent into idolatry that their worship implies. The point about idols is that 'we know their names'. We feel we can manipulate them and be in control of them. So we must not turn God into an idol by putting him to the test.'

*Excerpt from a reflection by Fr Denis Geraghty O.P.*

Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening it just stops you from enjoying the good.

Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.



In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Elizabeth Cronin, Greg O'Neill, Jacques Michel, Fr Ellis Clifford, Dion Convine, Mary Martin Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Patricia Zorzi, Maureen Blood, Ken Rolls, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Awny El-Ghitany, Joe Schimizzi, Elsie Laughton, Alexia Harris, Sharon O'Rourke, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Mary Bui, Paul Neddrie, Helen Miller, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Mimma Ciampietro, Zelma McManus, Catherine Feehan, Pamela Sandy, Ryan Fawke, Fr Maurice Keating

Our deceased

Anthony Baker, Saveria Maiuto

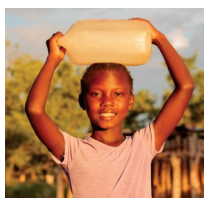
In Memory

Domenica Cortese, Kevin Bourke, Margaret Nenke

## READERS YOUR CHANCE FOR SPECIAL TRAINING

An opportunity to proclaim the Word of God to the liturgical assembly, proclaiming God's Word well requires specialised training, careful preparation and practice. If you are interested in attending the Speaking Awesome Words Lector Ministry Training course please call 6248 5925 or email [watson@cg.org.au](mailto:watson@cg.org.au). Numbers are required to book a session for Holy Rosary Church.

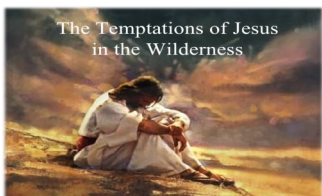
## PROJECT COMPASSION



Twelve-year-old Thandolwaya would walk seven kilometres each day, threatened by crocodiles, to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia-supported project created access to clean water helping

Thandolwaya to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide access to clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe. **Project Compassion share packs and giving boxes can be picked up from all exit tables.**

## GOSPEL SUMMARY



Each year, at the beginning of Lent, the lectionary has us hear the story of the devil tempting Jesus in the desert. This year we hear Luke's version. Following his baptism, Jesus went out into the desert for forty days during which time he ate

nothing. Knowing that Jesus would be hungry, the devil tempted him to turn a stone into bread. When Jesus did not, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the earth, promising Jesus all the glory and power of them if Jesus would worship the devil. Again Jesus refused. Finally, Satan took Jesus to the top of the temple in Jerusalem and told him to jump because God's angels would save him. Jesus refused each of the three temptations by quoting scripture from the book of Deuteronomy thus making clear his obedience to God.

**Reflection for Families** - Sometimes we think only of the divinity of Jesus and forget how difficult these temptations must have been for the human Jesus. We face far lesser temptations every day and some we resist while others we give in to. When we think of obedience like daily exercises, it becomes habit and we condition ourselves to obey God. Through our example and guidance, parents can help their children do the same thing. If the temptations are hard to resist, we know Jesus understands our difficulty because he went through a similar experience. He will be there for us when we ask for his help.

## PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY** - The sale of this paper has ceased following losses of \$1,735.00 over the last four years. Parishioners who still wish to purchase can do so by placing an order using the Catholic Weekly Web site - <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>

## THREE TEMPTATIONS

fr. Mark O'Brien OP

preaches on the three temptations of Christ and the temptations that face us.

At first glance, the three temptations that Jesus faced in the wilderness may seem somewhat remote from the things that tempt us. Luke has an eye to his overall presentation of Jesus. Thus, he portrays Jesus deftly refuting the devil each time with a quotation from Scripture. Not only is Jesus filled with the Holy Spirit, he is fully conversant with Scripture and able to use it to telling effect - just the person to be a bearer of God's good news. With a little imagination, however, we can see that Jesus' temptations point to situations that are very human and very relevant. I believe this is what Luke wanted us to do: use our imaginations and in this way bring the Gospel message into our lives.

Take the first temptation - to turn stones into bread; that is, for Jesus to use his power to satisfy his desire. Many of us have power to satisfy our needs and wants. But, are we free enough to forego using this power for ourselves and to use it for the benefit of others instead, as Jesus constantly did? Are we free enough to do this even for a time - like the forty days of Lent? Do we find that we give up something for Lent, but really are looking forward to indulging ourselves in forty days' time? The period of abstinence justifies the indulgence (I have earned it after all). If this is our attitude, have we grown in any way? Is this freedom or enslavement?

Now the second temptation - Jesus can have the kingdoms if he sells his soul to the devil. In our terms, this could be to gain advantage over others by 'selling' oneself in the process. Take our search for a desirable 'career path'. We have ambitions and we want to get on in life. This is a good thing and we give it a good name - progress. But how often do we succumb to the temptation to improve ourselves at the expense of others? We can be witty about another's foibles and it looks harmless enough. In truth, however, the other is a rival and our purpose is to put him or her down. Is this healthy competition or, once again, a form of enslavement, both of myself because I 'sell out' on being fair and honest, and of my rival who is demeaned? Jesus rejected the temptation to sell himself to the devil; he came to set us free from all forms of slavery.

Finally, the third temptation - to put God to the test. This is the most destructive of all because, if it takes root, the others will follow. In effect, we try to enslave God who is expected to do our bidding. After all, God is on our side, so the Scriptures say - and you will notice that the devil is able to quote Scripture very effectively too to suit his purpose. In modern terms, I would call this the 'toy god' syndrome. We want a god that we can wind up at will and then put away on the mantelpiece where he will not bother us until needed again. Like most toys, we will throw it away when it no longer serves its purpose. If this is our attitude to God, then it will affect our attitude to human beings as well.

The season of Lent, forty days like Jesus' forty days in the desert, gives us an opportunity to reflect on our lives and discern where we are failing: indulging that tendency to look after myself first; falling for the temptation to put others down so that we can advance - and calling it 'healthy competition' to justify ourselves. Above all perhaps, failing to appreciate the nature of our relationship with God and the extraordinary freedom and dignity that is offered us. We are a consumer society and we can fall into the trap of treating God and neighbour as consumables or disposables.

Another temptation is to see Lent as a reminder of just how bad we are - we approach it with grim determination, or perhaps we just give up, gloomily. Not at all! As Luke writes, Jesus returned from baptism in the fullness of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. At the end of forty days he was hungry alright, but he wiped the floor with the tempter. The Holy Spirit is now with us and Jesus is with us. We have good reason to believe that, despite our shortcomings and failures, Lent is a time of good news and growth in the Spirit. <http://english.op.org/torch>

## HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION / CATECHISTS** - This year-long faith education program is intended for children who do not attend Catholic schools. Catechists are still needed to help with the classes. Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like more information. New Year starts on 3rd March 2019.

**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)

**CARDS** Play social style 'Cards for fun', **Monday** 10am-1pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome!!!

**COFFEE GROUP** Our monthly coffee group will meet the **third Thursday** of each month Siam Twist Hackett at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our friends and newcomers welcome.

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month .

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

**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Contact the Office.

**WEEKLY READER FORMATION** Reflections on the readings for the following Sunday are held **Wednesday** evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Parishioners welcome.

**PRAY THE ROSARY** will be held the First Saturday of every month at 3.30pm in the Church. Confessions available afterwards followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please bring a plate to share. For information - Letty 0418 518 033

**CARE OF THE SICK** If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and who would like the Eucharist brought to them, if someone is in need of prayer or a visit at home, in hospital or by the Parish Priest - please let the office know.

**COELIACS** Parishioners who are coeliac (intolerant to Gluten) If you wish to receive a gluten free host at Mass you should advise the Celebrant or Acolyte prior to Mass.

**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)

**CATHOLIC VOICE WEBISTE** - The Archdiocese has launched a brand new **CATHOLIC VOICE WEBSITE** for current news in the archdiocese this link is <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL COMPEER PROGRAM

St Vincent de Paul Society is currently looking for enthusiastic and passionate volunteers to take part in our Compeer program. Compeer matches people with a mental health diagnosis with a "friend" who is a caring and compassionate volunteer, to circumvent social isolation for people with mental health issues. The program promotes social inclusion and the reduction of stigma through friendship, based on the simple premise that "friendship is powerful medicine". It also aims to improve the quality of life and self-esteem of people living with a mental health diagnosis. This low-time volunteer commitment is the perfect opportunity for anyone who is enthusiastic about meeting new people and giving back to our community. No previous experience is required as all volunteer will receive specialised training and support.

Attributes: - A Working with Vulnerable People card is required to undertake this volunteering opportunity. Spend 4 hours (minimum) per month in social/recreational activities for a 12 month period. To be supportive, respectful and have empathy for people living with a mental health challenges.

Please contact [compeer@sudp-cg.org.au](mailto:compeer@sudp-cg.org.au) for information.

# EVENTS

**13 March - ANOINTING MASS - ST BRIGID'S CHURCH DICKSON**  
Wednesday 13th March at 9.30am. All welcome.

## 14 March - PLANT STALL

Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary is holding its popular plant stall on Thursday 14 March - 7.30am - 4pm, Jamison Shopping Centre. A wide variety of plants available at bargain prices! All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Further information from Jan on 0437 790 980.

## 20 - 21 March CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AUZILIARY BOOK FAIR

Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Books and Beansies Fair on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 March, 8am-4pm. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. Come to Calvary Hospital Xavier Building Foyer, adjacent to Zouki cafe, cnr Haydon Drive & Belconnen Way, Bruce. Enquiries: Daphne 0407835846

**12 - 14 April - Taizé Retreat:** "Finding life and joy in today's world: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, Sydney. Facilitated by Fr John Armstrong and Annemarie Nicol. All welcome Cost: \$300.00 Private facilities, fully catered Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. Bookings: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre (02 8795 3400) More information: Annemarie (0421 492 554). The retreat is organised by an ecumenical group and everyone is welcome. The group meets regularly for prayer using songs from Taizé every second Sunday of the month at Weston Creek Uniting church at 5.30pm.

## 7-18 June - TEN DAY RENEWAL IN THE YEAR OF LUKE

Join Dr Elizabeth Dowling RSM, an Australian biblical scholar, as she leads participants in an exploration of mercy, compassion and release in the Gospel of Luke at St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong. Bookings: 02 6380 5222 or [info@stclement.com.au](mailto:info@stclement.com.au)

**CALVARY HOSPITAL** - We urgently need the input of new members for the Calvary Hospital Auxiliary - men and women, tertiary students, part - or full-time workers, newly retired persons, all denominations - to assist in the Auxiliary's fund raising activities. We hold events such as the Book Fair on 20&21 March, Easter raffle, plant stalls, cake stalls and more. To explain the Auxiliary's work we are holding a membership drive on Thursday 21 February, 10-4pm, in the foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, Hayden Drive, Bruce. Please come along for further information, or ring Daphne Ashley on 0407835846.

## MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW CAMPAIGN

A wonderful opportunity for prospective families to see the College in action, meet our students and attend the Principal's address, Yr 7 and Yr 11 Information Evenings, Careers Expo and lots more.  
Please visit [www.merici college](http://www.merici college) for all dates and information.

## ROSTERS 16 / 17 March 2019

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary		
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Higgins Family	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	
Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary		
Acolyte / Server	K. Linard	
Readers	M. Falk	C. Widdowson
Presentation of Gifts	M. Falk	
EMOE	J. Smith	
Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary		
Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	A. O'Donnell	L. Fardell
Presentation of Gifts	Webb Family	
EMOE	K. Murphy	A. Moore
Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary		
Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez	
Readers	M. Tuckwell	M. Nguyen
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	R. Walpole	J. Smith