

LITURGY OF THE WORD
First Sunday of Lent Year C
First Reading Dt 26:4-10
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.
Moses said to the people: ‘The priest shall take the pannier 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.’

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v.15
(R.) 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!’
 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.
 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.
 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.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading Rom 10:8-13
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

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.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mt 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 Lk 4:1-13
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted. 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
R. Thanks be to God

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Temptations

After his baptism Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where the devil put him to the test. Jesus was offered three shortcuts to his living in harmony with the will of his Heavenly Father. First, when he was hungry there would be bread out of stones. Second, when he wanted to change the world he could have absolute political power. Third, when he needed to take risks, angels would keep him safe. Our baptism does not insulate us from the same threefold pattern of temptation. Do you find yourself saying: I want the whole world to change to satisfy me, *or* I want to exercise power over others, *or* I want to take stupid risks and come out unharmed, *or* all three! What must we do when such temptations assail us? Realise that such temptations are much less powerful than they seem – the last gasp of the vanquished devil. Imitate Jesus in going to the Scriptures, preferably the Gospels, in order to have the words to hurl back at the devil as you are tested. We could pause to make a Lenten resolution to read a Gospel, and to do so confident of our Baptismal identity as beloved daughters and sons of God.

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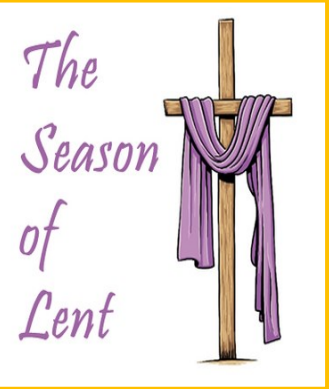
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Church
Cenacle Prayer Tues
@ 4.45

1st Reconciliation
Commitment Mass
Sun 6th 5pm Church

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 8th 10am

Tuesday 8th - Cuppa
with Mary MacKillop
10 am @
Mary O'Neill's
Phone 0403 147 242

Wednesday 9th
Lenten Group
After 9am Mass

Craft Group
Thursdays 10am
Meeting Room

Adoration & Stations
of the Cross Friday @
5.30pm
6.30pm Soup Dinner

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigan Cove
All Welcome
COFFEE N CHAT

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT- YEAR C

Angelus Address of The Holy Father Pope Francis
First Sunday of Lent

The Gospel passage for this first Sunday of Lent (cf. Lk 4:1-13) recounts the experience of the temptation of Jesus in the desert. After fasting for 40 days, Jesus is tempted three times by the devil. First he invites Him to change stone into bread (v. 3); then, from above, he shows Him all the kingdoms of the world and the prospect of becoming a powerful and glorious messiah (vv. 5-6); lastly he takes Him to the pinnacle of the temple of Jerusalem and invites Him to throw himself down, so as to manifest His divine power in a spectacular way (vv. 9-11). The three temptations point to three paths that the world always offers, promising great success, three paths to mislead us: *greed for possession* — to have, have, have —, *human vainglory* and *the exploitation of God*. These are three paths that will lead us to ruin.

The first, the path of *greed for possession*. This is always the devil's insidious logic He begins from the natural and legitimate need for nourishment, life, fulfilment, happiness, in order to encourage us to believe that all this is possible without God, or rather, even despite Him. But Jesus countervails, stating: “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone’” (v. 4). Recalling the long journey of the chosen people through the desert, Jesus affirms his desire to fully entrust himself to the providence of the Father, who always takes care of his children.

The second temptation: the path of *human vainglory*. The devil says: “If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours” (v. 7). One can lose all personal dignity if one allows oneself to be corrupted by the idols of money, success and power, in order to achieve one's own self-affirmation. And one tastes the euphoria of a fleeting joy. And this also leads us to be ‘peacocks’, to vanity, but this vanishes. For this reason Jesus responds: “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve” (v. 8).

And then the third temptation: *exploiting God* to one's own advantage. In response to the devil — who, citing Scripture, invites Him to seek a conspicuous miracle from God — Jesus again opposes with the firm decision to remain humble, to remain confident before the Father: “It is said, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God’” (v. 12). Thus, he rejects perhaps the most subtle temptation: that of wanting to ‘pull God to our side’, asking him for graces which in reality serve and will serve to satisfy our pride.

These are the paths that are set before us, with the illusion that in this way one can obtain success and happiness. But in reality, they are completely extraneous to God's mode of action; rather, in fact they distance us from God, because they are the works of Satan. Jesus, personally facing these trials, overcomes temptation three times in order to fully adhere to the Father's plan. And he reveals the remedies to us: interior life, faith in God, the certainty of his love — the certainty that God loves us, that he is Father, and with this certainty we will overcome every temptation.

But there is one thing to which I would like to draw your attention, something interesting. In responding to the tempter, Jesus *does not enter a discussion*, but responds to the three challenges with only the Word of God. This teaches us that one does not dialogue with the devil; one must not discuss, one only responds to him with the Word of God.

Therefore, let us benefit from Lent as a privileged time to purify ourselves, to feel God's comforting presence in our life.

May the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, icon of faithfulness to God, sustain us in our journey, helping us to always reject evil and welcome good.

- Pope Francis 2019

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

MARCH A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 8th: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 9th: 9:00am Mass
Thurs 10th: 9:00 am Mass
Fri 11th: 9:15am Mass
5.30pm Adoration
Sat 12th: 9:00am Mass
9:30am Reconciliation
11:00AM Croatian Mass
6:00pm Mass
Sunday 13th: 9:00am Mass
5:00pm Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

MARCH ROSTER 2022

5/6 MARCH

Cleaning
7-11 Mar deSmet/Maher
6.00PM MASS
Welcomer: K Conway
Commentator A Jackson
Reader J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers: J Wain
Computer Screen: T Jackson
9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer P Jobs
Commentator B Basevi
Reader: L Page
Eucharistic Ministers N Page, C Schor
Computer Screen D May
5.00PM MASS:
Welcomer D Ebejer
Commentator N Beatty
Reader: S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers M Devine
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan
MORNING TEA: M & C Lowe

12/13 MARCH

Cleaning
14-18 Mar B Coffey/M Paine
6.00PM MASS
Welcomer D Robinson
Commentator Sr Marie
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers Y Oerder
Computer Screen K Conway
9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer: C Connell
Commentator M Lowe
Reader: A Brown
Eucharistic Ministers C Lowe, L Stevens
Computer Screen T Priest
5.00PM MASS:
Welcomer: M deSmet
Commentator M Devine
Reader: J O'Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers A Horsfal
Computer Screen M O'Neill
MORNING TEA M & S Beashel

PARISH NEWS

GATHERING:

"Growing Resilience as a local community and as an individual in challenging times"

We have two guest speakers:
Myf Thomson OAM: Curator Batemans Bay Museum and Rodney Hayes - Artist.
Tuesday 15th March
9am registration for 9.15 start - 12.45pm.
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL by Monday March 7th
to Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057
BYO shared morning tea

Pope Francis' Lenten Message for 2022

Sow Seeds of Goodness

Is available at the link below. Printed copies are also available in the church foyer.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/20211111-messaggio-quaresima2022.html>

SYNOD OF BISHOPS:

People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for International Synod on Synodality, calling the people of God to walk together in our mission as Christians.

Submissions close
Sunday 13th March

Find out more at

<https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Remembering the Sick:

Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries:

William Holmes, Ruth Ryan, Margaret Toy, Ivan Hropic, Angeline Davis, Robert Loftus, Michael Doyle, Marie London
We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:
Fr Henry Byrne, Christopher Hinton, Fr Laurie Blake, Pat De Lucey, John Hann, Lorina Lirio, Dermott, Margaret Harris, Wayne O'Toole, George Fitzgerald, Savannah Leane, Bill Guist

Lenten Programme for 2022:
'REMEMBER' will continue every Wednesday after 9am Mass.
We will gather through to Wed April 6
Facilitators: Sr Marie and Marie Weatherall. We look forward to preparing with you as we journey through Lent to Easter.

PPC Meeting 3 March 2022 DOT POINTS

- ◆ Parishioners are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. A soup dinner is served after the short service. Everyone is most welcome especially as we re-engage socially as a parish. The Stations of the Cross are held at 5.30pm each Friday.
- ◆ The Parish Pastoral Council would like to encourage parishioners to Save the Date of Saturday 26 March. This will be for a Parish Trivia Night which will be held in the adjoining meeting room following the 6pm Mass. All parishioners are invited to join in a night of fun, laughter and social time together.

◆ For parishioners who attend the Saturday evening mass, a reminder that from Saturday the 23rd April, Mass will commence at the new start time of 5pm. This will be a 2-3 month trial following which a consensus will be reached as to its continuation.

◆ The Parish would like to remember Fr Henry Byrne in a special memorial Mass to be held this month on a date to be advised.

◆ Please remember to engage with any PPC member on any parish matter important to you.

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LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



'Come back to Me with all your heart' (Joel 2:12)

THE LENTEN JOURNEY - SIGNPOSTS

The Gospel of Luke sets the mood for the Lenten Journey - the Temptation of Jesus in the Desert – a powerful signpost to inspire our Lenten Journey. As Rolheiser reflects:

Religiously, the richest image we have for Lent is the image of Jesus going into the desert, voluntarily, to fast and pray. Scripture tells us that Jesus went into the desert for forty days and, while there, he ate nothing.

This doesn't necessarily mean that, literally, he took no food or water during that time, but that he deprived himself of all physical supports (including food, water, enjoyments, distractions) that protected him from feeling, full force, his vulnerability, dependence, and need to surrender in deeper trust to God. And in doing this, we are told, he found himself hungry and consequently vulnerable to temptations from the devil – but also, by that same token, more open to God.

The desert, by taking away the securities and protections of ordinary life, strips us bare and leaves us naked, both before God and the devil. This brings us face-to-face with our own chaos. That's an image for Lent. (Rolheiser OMI, 2008)

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you were guided by The Spirit to take some time out from the noise and many demands of life. In the silence of the desert wilderness, you searched and struggled to discern what was to be the will of the Father.

You were given this decisive time to see what it means to be faithful.

We pray now for the wisdom and honesty to be faithful followers of your way.

We pray during this Lenten stillness to be open to the promptings of your spirit, so that we too may share in your mission to bring hope and healing to our world.

Amen

(Elligate, M. (2021) *Restoring Freshness in the time of Lent*, Garratt Publishing)

MUSICIANS & NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME

If you enjoy singing or playing a musical instrument you are very welcome to join the Music Ministry of our Parish. We have begun practising again at 1pm on Mondays in the Church .
We are getting ready for Holy Week & Easter and would love new members. You just need to enjoy singing!
Ring or text Phil on 0428593191 or just turn up.
Thanks everyone.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

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 fulfill her dream of becoming a nurse.

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, or by calling 1800 024 413.



FIRST RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS.

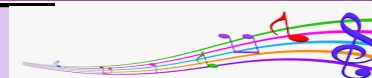
This weekend we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation Commitment Mass. We thank the parents for fulfilling the commitment made at baptism by presenting their children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Together with the children and their families, we commit to prayerfully prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A warm welcome to the children, their families, teachers and the community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THOSE WHO CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY



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