

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Sunday of Lent Year B

First Reading *Genesis 9:8-15*

A reading from the book of Genesis
I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, ‘See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.’ God said, ‘Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.’

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading *1 Peter 3:18-22*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.
Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people ‘by water’, and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical

dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God’s right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

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 *Mark 1:12-15*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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The Rainbow

The Rainbow is God’s signature to a treaty with humankind. On God’s part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God’s rainbow relationship to nature. This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

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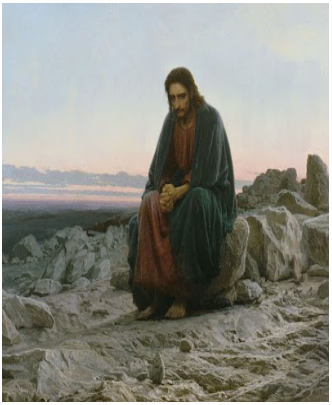
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FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT

YEAR B



THE TIME HAS COME

Lent! Lent comes around every year! What does it mean for and to us? To you and I, in what is an often distracted and busy life? Is it simply the period of time or season leading up to what has become another highly commercialised and secular preparation time for the culmination celebration which in this instance is Easter? We are persuaded to stock up early on Hot Cross Buns (note all the new flavours), Easter Eggs and prepare for visitors or do we use Lent as a time for taking stock of our lives, face challenges, step out of our comfort zone, take time for reflection?

All the above would equip us better for Easter when we renew our Baptismal vows and celebrate “The time has come, and the Kingdom of God is close at hand.Repent and believe the Good News” Mark1:15

The first week of Lent sees our being invited to “ journey with Jesus into the wilderness” for 40 days, 40 being a symbolic number used often to suggest a long time. Noah, in the first reading is not only a reminder of the great flood which destroyed much, leading to a rebuilding, also mentions ”my covenant”or promise. We also know that Moses, the people of Israel, King David and Elijah had experience with 40!

There must have been occasions in all of those times when the people felt abandoned by God, tempted to turn back and even tempted to abandon God. They may have questioned themselves and each other- what do we need to do better? How can we repent? How can we reconcile with God.

Jesus, however, driven into the desert by the Holy Spirit brings another dimension - the Spirit being a direct link to God and the covenant. Jesus knows about suffering and we know He is aware of adversity. Whilst it is stated that Jesus was “tempted” in the desert it has been suggested that the word “tested” is a more correct translation. Whilst tested in the wilderness Jesus became strengthened and was able to announce “The Kingdom of God is close, Repent and believe the Good News”.

We too , can use the 40 days of Lent as a walk in the wilderness. As Jesus under the guidance of the Spirit, we too , can withdraw from pressures and situations which may have resulted in our own spiritual dryness. We can use the time to take stock of our lives.It is important that we ponder “ covenant “.After the flood, as a result of God’s unfailing love the Earth was on a new journey of renewal.Peter’s reading picks up on “water” when he talks about Baptism. God made a pledge to us of enduring, faithful love and we, renewing our Baptismal vows at Easter make a commitment to a new journey of discipleship. It is the understanding of discipleship which could help us during our Lenten journey. We have time to reflect and understand that we can be strengthened in our belief in God and discern how we can actively participate in the work of prompting the Good News in both our personal and wider world. As we reflect, we are acknowledging that “ the time is here, the place is here and we have to turn our lives around, experience a change of heart and mind”. *R Rohr. Great Themes of Scripture.*

Ken and Carolyn Evenden

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If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

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ZOOM ROSARY

You are invited to join us to pray the Rosary via Zoom.

TO JOIN:

Meeting No: 697 896 1059
Password: 8Py80J

Every Wednesday &
Friday @ 4pm
Every night @ 8.30pm

CHURCH EVENTS
Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30
am Fridays after Mass

Stations of the Cross
every Friday evening
until Easter @ 5.30pm

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 28th
February 1pm –
CMR

PPC Meeting
Wednesday 22nd
February @ 5pm CMR

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church
Meeting Room

ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans
Cove



MASS THIS WEEK

Monday 19th February

Sunday 25th February

Monday 19th: No Mass

Tuesday 20th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 21st: Mass 9am

Thursday 22nd: Mass 9am

Friday 23rd: Mass 9am

Saturday 24th: Mass 6pm

Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm

Sunday 25th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

17/18 FEBRUARY

Cleaning

19-23 R & K Ison
6.00PM MASS
Welcomer: K Conway
Commentator: M Bridges
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Minister
M Weatherall
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den Broek
Commentator: L Page
Reader: A Skinner
Eucharistic Ministers
V & C Burns
Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:

Miranda Vidovic & Zdenka

COUNTERS: M & C Lowe

24/25 FEBRUARY

Cleaning

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O'Neill/Nugent
6.00PM MASS
Welcomer: C Brownlie
Commentator: S Ebejer
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic Minister
L Rodwell
Computer Screen
K Conway
9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer L Foran
Commentator A Skinner
Reader: B Basevi.
Eucharistic Ministers S Beashel
C Schor,
Computer Screen T Priest.

MORNING TEA:
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COUNTERS: T & A Jackson

THE PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM will be run each Wednesday until Easter beginning on Wednesday 14th February in the Church Meeting Room @ **9.30 am-11am AFTER MASS AND IN THE EVENINGS @ 5PM**

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH
WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

Stations of the Cross with Soup Dinner
Will be held each Friday evening until Easter @ 5.30pm

February—Friday 16th & 23rd
March— Friday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

First Reconciliation



Together in Jesus

1st RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS

Saturday 24th February
6pm
Sunday 25th February
9am

Visitation and HC at the Manor

We Urgently need one person to visit and take HC to four of our Parishioners **once a month** after 9am Mass on a Sunday.

You would be on a roster with others. Beginning in February 2024.

All resources and guidance provided.

Enquiries:

Marie Weatherall [m] 0405 028 057

14 MARCH | An Evening with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver.

Date: Thursday 14 March 2024, **Place:** Merci College Wise Street Braddon **Time:** 5.30 -7.00pm
Free Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4blSurY>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian movement initiated by women. On one day a year it is an opportunity to set aside time to pray around a designated theme for the needs identified by the women of a specific county. This year the focus is on Palestine.

The service will be held @ 10am on Friday 1st March at the Uniting Church in Batemans Bay. For further information contact Ruth Grace on 4471 5493



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations

Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

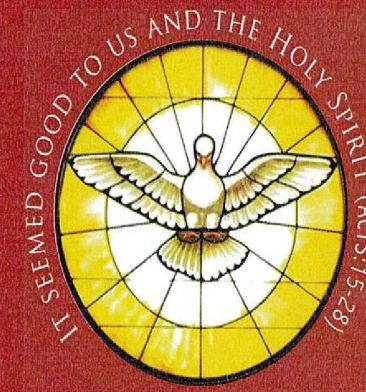
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Remembering the Sick:

Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Lynette Arundel, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Laurence Foran, Julie Morgan, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: : Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Gerard Carew, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphett, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Miillman



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations.
Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

February: For the Terminally Ill

The Holy Father encourages prayers "so that terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support."



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