



The Catholic Parish
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

17th / 18th FEBRUARY 2024

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The Pastor's Pen....

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels - Matthew, Mark, and Luke - but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details of Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in his account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for forty days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and of Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee began after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfilment of God's promises is right here and now.

The fact that Jesus spent forty days in the desert is significant. This recalls the forty years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for forty days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside forty days for the season of Lent for prayer, self-denial and helping people in need.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In his battle Jesus relied on prayer, sacrifice and service. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit in prayer to remember the vows of our Baptism (to be renewed at Easter) in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross. Our graced renewal in prayerfulness, in service of others and in helping the needy, especially through Project Compassion, are the tried and tested ways we use to repent and grow in God's grace during this sacred Lenten Season of our renewal in the Christ-life.

May we all have a rich and fruitful Lenten time together.

Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.



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** through the donation boxes and envelopes available at the doors of the churches, by calling 1800 024 413, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



"God ... he has done something remarkable: he left us a memorial. He did not just leave us words, for it is easy to forget what we hear. He did not just leave us the Scriptures, for it is easy to forget what we read. He did not just leave us signs, for we can forget even what we see. He gave us Food, for it is not easy to forget something we have actually tasted. He left us Bread in which he is truly present, alive, and true, with all the flavour of his love. Receiving him we can say: "He is the Lord; he remembers me!" That is why Jesus told us: "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11:24)... Do this in remembrance of me: come together and celebrate the Eucharist as a community, as a people, as a family, in order to remember me"

Dear Parishioners,

Registration is now opened for children in Year 4, or those 9 years of age or older, who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation, to register for the **Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion)**.

Should you feel that your child and family are called in readiness to receive this Sacrament you can now register your interest via email at: sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

Your expression of interest will be acknowledged and responded to with a copy of the agenda for our upcoming information session.

The information evening will be held 22 February at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church Corinda, and enrolments will close on Friday 1 March 2024.

We look forward to journeying alongside you all during this special season of preparation.

Melissa Lonergan, Sacramental Program Coordinator Corinda Graceville Parish



REFLECTION PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP USE FOR LENT 2024:

A few copies of the Lenten resource "A Resurrected Life" are available at the doors of both churches. Cost is \$5 per book. Please pick up your copy this weekend and commence your Lenten reflections. Kindly pop your \$5 for the cost of the book into the parish collection at Mass, use the 'tap and pay' terminals or visit the parish office. You may wish to form a group or use the book as a family or individually. Guides for groups are available if required.

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Shirley Baldwin, Carolyn Brooks, Joan Burgin, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Bridie Carr, Kath Connole, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Mary Egan, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finnimore, John Flynn, Neil Flynn, Nash Giles, Laurie Gillespie, Patrice Gillespie, Gregory Gould, Pam Harding, Margaret Hawser, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Una Hill, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Bevan Johnson, Fran Johnson, Charles Keating, Shelly Kelly, Annie Little, Fr Frank Loughlin, Nino Malissa, Monique Maltet, Neil McCormack, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Donald Mortiss, Lorraine Neville, Tri Nguyen, Richard Niland, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Rita O'Keefe, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Genevieve Parer, Jennifer Parer, Shelly Parer, Glenda Penna, Clive Punter, Dawn Punter, Mary Spandler, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Thao Trinh, Sue Venderley, Rebecca Wallace, Nick Willemsen.

We remember and pray for all our parishioners living in aged care.

We pray for all who are suffering due to conflict, natural disaster and ill health.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Fay Norris, Fr Ian Wren, Fr Des Reid CSSp, Stephen Fox, Malcolm Hollingworth, Hai Tuan Vu, Phil Middleton, June Mitchell, Val O'Brien, Brian Devitt, Michael Struckett, Joan Flew

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mervyn Kalinowski, Madonna McCarthy, Brian Ahearn, Carmel Curtin, John Harris, Jean Wheatland, Mary Kent, Shirley Dwyer, Sima Sulaimani

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the continued deep connection and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Children's Liturgy: will be held at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King today Sunday 18th February and then next week at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's Corinda on Sunday 25th February. All primary school aged children, and those enrolling in the Sacramental Program are invited to attend. Children's Liturgy alternates between the two churches weekly.

We pray for our Catechumens: Jonathan, Eva and Jack who have been journeying through the RCIA and who will celebrate the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Sunday afternoon, accompanied by their Sponsors and the Parish RCIA team. They will join with all the catechumens from across the Archdiocese. Please keep our three Catechumens Jonathan, Eva and Jack, and our four Candidates in your prayers throughout Lent as they continue to journey towards full initiation into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil.

First Holy Communion Information Night: Thursday 22nd February at 6.30pm in St Joseph's Church Corinda. This meeting is for parents/guardians of children who have already made the Sacrament of Confirmation and who are choosing to continue their child's sacramental journey to celebrate First Holy Communion.



Choir Practice: will be held on Thursday 22nd February at 7pm at Christ the King Church Graceville. Please note change of venue for this week's practice. If you would like to sing at the Easter ceremonies please come along. New members are always welcome - please come to practice or contact Michael at the parish office.

St Vincent de Paul: will meet at 8.30am on Friday 23rd February at the Parish Office. New Vinnies members are always welcome to assist in our good works.

Rest in Peace: the funeral to celebrate the life of Fay Norris will be held at 11am on Friday 23rd February at St Joseph's Church. *Eternal rest grant unto Fay, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

Youth Group: for grades 6 to 12 is held each Friday night of the school term from 6:30pm to 8.30pm (including dinner) in St Joseph's Hall Corinda. All young parishioners are invited to attend on Friday 23rd February. Please contact Claire on 0490 202 194 if you wish to know more.

Stations of the Cross: will be held at 7pm on Friday 23rd February at St Joseph's Church, and on every Friday evening of Lent. You are warmly invited to attend this prayerful devotion throughout the Season of Lent.



The Parish Choir: will lead the music ministry next Saturday evening 24th February at the 5.30pm Mass at Corinda.

Morning Tea: will be held after the 8am Mass at St Joseph's next Sunday 25th February. All are welcome to stay for some hospitality and a chat.

Anointing Mass: will be held at 10am on Wednesday 28th February at St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend this special Mass of Anointing during the season of Lent. A time of prayer, worship and healing as we journey towards Easter.



The World Day of Prayer: in our area will be hosted this year by St David's Church, Chelmer Street East, Chelmer. Fr Nic and the parish community there are looking forward to welcoming us at 10 a.m. on Friday 1st March. Each year the women of a different country prepare the service - with hosts being selected several years ahead and preparing their prayer service well in advance, enabling printing and distribution of resources. This year, the ladies of Palestine prepared the service, well before the current war erupted. Now is a great time to come and pray for all those affected by the horror of this war, as we pray with and for them for peace. St David's congregation will provide a lovely morning tea to follow the prayer service, providing a great opportunity to socialise..

Mass for Forgiveness of Sins: Date Claimer: 7pm Wednesday 13th March at St Joseph's Church.

Sacramental Program Date Claimer: The 2024-26 Sacraments of Initiation program run by the Catholic Parish of Corinda Graceville – is for all children who are baptised and will have turned 8 years of age by July 1, 2024, (usually Grade 3 children and above), regardless of which school they attend. The premise under which this policy is implemented within our Parish, is about inviting children to complete their initiation into the Catholic faith as part of a parish based, school supported, family centred preparation program. We will be working together as a team to continue your child's faith journey. An information night will be held at **6:30pm on Thursday 14th March 2024, at Christ the King Church, Churchill Street, Graceville**, for parents who would like to find out more about the program - Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Penance - and the process for enrolling their child/children in the same. Important information regarding the program will be provided at this night, so at least one parent or guardian should attend so that you may be in the best possible position to make an informed decision on whether your family wish to commit to the program at this time.

To express your interest in attending the information night simply email Melissa the Sacramental Program Coordinator at sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au This meeting is a great opportunity to ask questions to help make an informed decision about whether the time is right for you and your family to participate in our program.

St Joseph's School Sponsored Mass: 5.30pm Saturday 16th March at St Joseph's Church.

Christ the King School Sponsored Mass: 9.30am Sunday 17th March at Christ the King Church



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday 9.00 am St Joseph's - Mass
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Friday 9.30 am Christ the King - Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5.30 pm St Joseph's
Sunday 8.00 am St Joseph's
9.30 am Christ the King
6.00 pm Christ the King

DEVOTIONS

Friday 7.00 pm St Joseph's - Stations of the Cross

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm St Joseph's

Other times by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sundays of the month

2nd Sunday 11.00 am St Joseph's
4th Sunday 11.00 am Christ the King

All enquiries to the Parish Office

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may pray daily the Liturgical Prayer of the Church)

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

SUN, 18 MAR FIRST SUNDAY of LENT
Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
MON, 19 FEB Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
TUE, 20 FEB Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
WED, 21 FEB St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor of the church
- Optional Memorial
Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
THU, 22 FEB The Chair of St Peter, apostle - Feast
1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
FRI, 23 FEB St Polycarp, bishop, martyr, patron saint of relief of earaches
- Memorial
Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
SAT, 24 FEB Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

SUN, 25 MAR SECOND SUNDAY of LENT
Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34;
Mk 9:2-10

Liturgy in Focus Lecture and Discussion Series Fr Richard Leonard SJ

"Living Liturgy: Being Sent Out on Mission to the World"

*Nourished by word and sacrament at our weekly Eucharist,
the gathered community is sent out to live and proclaim our faith,
hope and love in Christ.*

What does the world look like to which we are sent?

*What liturgy might enable us to reclaim a missionary energy that is
hospitable, bold, inclusive and Catholic?*

Wednesday, 13 March 2024

7.00pm to 8.45pm

Hanly Room beside the Cathedral of St Stephen
(parking available via Charlotte Street)

60 minute presentation, 20 minute tea/coffee/chat,
20 minute Q&A

\$10 per individual or \$8 per ticket for bookings of 5 or more.
Contact the Parish Office to register,

Jesuit priest Richard Leonard has degrees in arts and education, as well as a Master's degree in theology. Fr Richard did graduate studies at the London Film School and has a PhD from the University of Melbourne. He directed the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting for 22 years. Dr Leonard is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University and has been a visiting scholar within the School of Theatre, Film & Television at UCLA and a Visiting Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Fr Richard has lectured on faith and culture all over the world. He is presently the parish priest of North Sydney. Fr Richard has been published in America Magazine, Eureka Street, US Catholics, is regular columnist with The London Tablet and is often on ABC Radio. He is the author of 13 books.

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

GATHERING: "BEYOND THE DAYS"

Refrain: Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.



1. Forty days and nights, you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt in the whisper of your voice.
2. Not on bread alone are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life to the yearnings of our hearts.

PENITENTIAL ACT: "THE CONFITEOR"

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

[And, striking their breast, they say:]

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

[Then they continue:]

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (9.30 am MASS): "DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN"

We send you now to hear God's word; God's message just for you.
Walk with Jesus by your side in ev'ry-thing you do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 25: YOUR WAYS, O LORD"

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your commands.



LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "MASS SHALOM"

Refrain: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

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