

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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## GOSPEL

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.*'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: *You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.*' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

### Loyola Press

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.



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

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# Parish Bulletin

1st Sunday of Lent

25/26 February 2023

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.



A TIME OF PREPARATION.

The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of Lent.

Jesus' time in the wilderness was a time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self and not the Father.

For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter.

It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 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 Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

## PSALM 50:3-6, 12-14, 17 R: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervor sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.



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Angela Girolamo – Thursday  
**Sacristan**  
Weekdays: Michael Pierce  
Sundays: Terence Yeow & Roger Worth

**Mass Times**  
Sunday 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am  
**Confessions**  
Saturday 6:00 pm  
**Rosary**  
Tues to Fri 8:45am  
**Adoration of the Eucharist**  
Friday before Mass 8:30am  
**Novena to St. Joseph**  
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters for 4/5 March 2023 2nd Sunday of Lent	
Time	Commentator / Readers
6:30pm	Fil Ciancio Dorothy Pierce, Michelle Page
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Richard Dale, Stephanie Roach
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Evangeline and Jessie
<b>Count team</b>	Frank Mazzarolo, Sandy Mazzarolo, Anne Dudzinski, George Dudzinski
<b>Altar and Flowers</b>	Dolores Arboit, Christina Wong, Sarita Ingham and volunteers
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	18/19 FEBRUARY
First Collection	\$ 777.20
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$ 2,371.50
Open Plate	\$ 364.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3, 513.30</b>



**Pope Francis**  
**@pontifex**

*May the Holy Spirit sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus. May we experience His divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey with Him, the glory of His people and light of the nations.*



**Please remember in your prayers**

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversary of death:** Giuse Khuc Quyet, Nina Mammone

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

**Sick:** We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

**Special Intention:**

**Ministry of Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound**

St. Joseph's church Tranmere is committed to pay special attention to our parishioners. The faithful who are ill or housebound are deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the Eucharistic community. In bringing communion to them the Minister of Communion represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. For the sick the reception of communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of support and concern shown by the Catholic community for its members who are ill or housebound. If the sick wish to celebrate the sacrament of penance, encourage them or the family to be in contact with the parish priest.

If you are feeling comfort in asking this assistance from the Parish Priest or anyone from the parish, please let the Parish office know your interest.



## What Happens in Lent?

In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes out into the desert to fast and pray for forty days. In the forty days of Lent, the Church asks us to fast, give alms, and pray.



In Lent we don't eat meat on Fridays. Many people give up things like candy or dessert for all of Lent. When we give up food that we like, it reminds us that food isn't the only thing we need- we need God too!



Giving alms means giving money or things to the poor or the Church. God lets there be people who need our help so that we can become better by helping them!

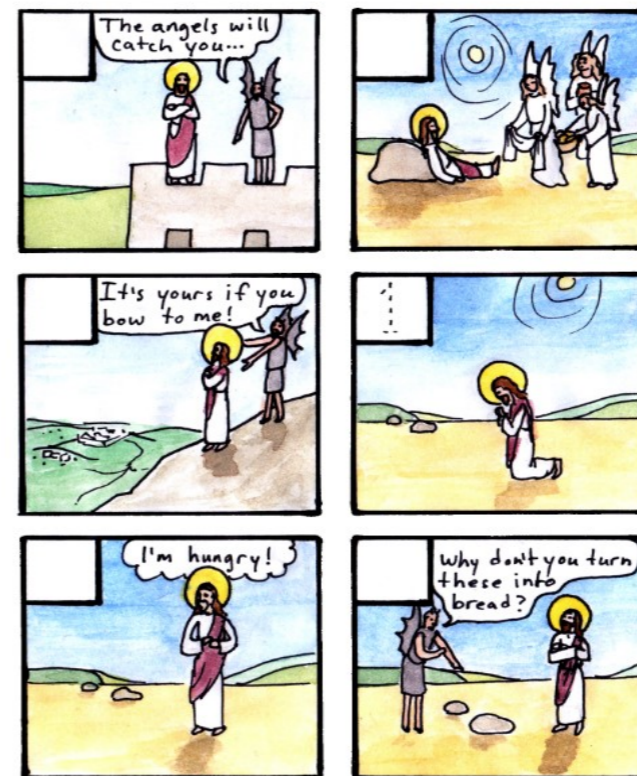
The third thing that we should do in Lent is praying. You could say an extra prayer every day- maybe an "Our Father" or a "Hail Mary" when you wake up or before you go to bed. Another good idea is reading a bit from the Bible, because when we read the Bible we let God speak to us.

What are some little things you could do for Lent? Try to do things that will help you think a bit more about God every day.



## Sort the Story!

What happened when Jesus had prayed and fasted for forty days in the desert?  
See if you can sort out the order of these pictures.  
Write 1 on the first, 2 on the second, and so on.



## Parish Announcements

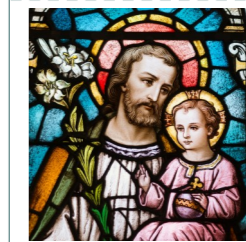
New Rosters available at the entrance  
Please check your emails for your copy.



**Lent Season**  
**Stations of the Cross** every Friday after Mass (please see roster at the church entrance if you wish to lead one of the days)

**Sausage Sizzle - Sunday 26th February**  
The Knights of the Southern Cross will be having a Sausage Sizzle after 9:30am Mass (Cost is = \$2.50/sausage)

**CWL will be hosting a World Day of Prayer at St Joseph's Church**  
Friday 3rd March at 10am Tea and coffee afterwards  
Everyone is welcome!



**Feast of St Joseph**  
We will celebrate this day on Sunday 19th March with tea and coffee after 9:30am Mass  
Please join us!

## Archdiocese Events

**Syria-Turkey Earthquake Disaster - Caritas Australia**  
The 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: [www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey](http://www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.



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## Office for Worship - Upcoming Courses by Dr. Jenny O'Brien

- The Spirit of the Liturgy**  
Thursdays, March 2-30 (5 weeks) 7-9pm
  - The Eucharist**  
Thursdays, June 1-29 (5 weeks) 7-9pm
- St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall, Wakefield St, Adelaide  
Courses are \$50 per person, payable on the first night by EFTPOS or Bank Transfer. To register, please contact the Office for Worship on 8210 8130 or [worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

Mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government  
Although the mandates have been lifted, we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.  
**Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety**