

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

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Stations of the Cross
During the Season of Lent**

Every Friday evening
20th, 27th February
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March
Service at 7:00pm (Confession at 6:30pm)

Brief Stations of the Cross
Every Lenten Sunday after Morning Mass

**Lenten 2026
Booklets**

Available at the Eastern
entrance of our church.
Please take one.
Also available on line:

<https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/publications>



**BACKGROUND ON
THE GOSPEL READING**
Loyola Press

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

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.

VOLUNTEERS UPDATES

- We extend our sincere thanks to all volunteers for your ongoing service to our parish community. All church personnels, Clergy and Volunteers are required to hold a valid Work with Children Clearance. We ask all volunteers to check the validity of your Work with Children clearance. If your clearance has expired or if you have received a reminder from the Working with Children Check department, please complete the renewal process as soon as possible.
- Volunteers should also have received an invitation to complete the mandatory online Safeguarding course. The course takes approximately 1-1.5 hours. Once completed, please download a certificate and email it to the Parish Office. If you have limited access to a device or require assistance, please contact the parish office for support.

All the above requirements are important for our parish to meet the legal obligations and to comply with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. If you have limited access to emails or devices, please contact the PPC or the Parish Office for support. Thank you.



Parish Bulletin

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First Sunday of Lent

21/22 February 2026

*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.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today-our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

Response:

Be merciful, O lord, for we have sinned.

1. 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**

2. 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**

3. 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**

4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour 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.

The word of the Lord

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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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Vinnies Assistance Hotline

1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

ROSTERS— 28 Feb/ 1 Mar 2026 First Sunday of LENT	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Antonetta Bartley Charlotte Bartley
Children's Liturgy	Suanne Woitd Antonetta Bartley
Count team	Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Francesca Ciancio Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Knights of the Southern Cross
after 9:30am Mass on
Sunday 22 Feb 2026
Thank you for your support!



Project Compassion Donation Envelopes:

How do I use them?

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for *Uniting Against Poverty* with us this Lent.



Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers

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

Khuc's Parents & Ancestors

For the Repose of the Soul:
Margaret Tighe

Death Anniversary:
Ivan Perisic

*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.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	14/15 Feb 2026
Open Plate	\$499.10
Planned Giving	\$441.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$940.10
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$867.00

The World Day of Prayer— Nigeria 2026

Friday 6th March 2026 10:00am
followed by Morning Tea

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

The Sound of Gospel Fringe show

Church members can get a 50 per cent discount on tickets to this show which features The BorderS, *The Voice* sensation Henry Olonga and other Gospel singers supported by a choir, dancers and Adelaide's finest musicians. It will feature classic songs from Aretha Franklin, Johnny Cash and Bruce Springsteen alongside modern Praise songs by Ce Ce Winans and the Rend Collective. Click on the barcode or visit Adelaidefringe.com.au and use your special promocode GOSPEL at the checkout to receive your half price offer. The venue, Woodville Town Hall, has ample free car park spaces.

Cathedral Pipe Organ recitals during Fringe 2026

See the Cathedral organ showcased by a select group of organ maestros in a series of free lunch time recitals.
Wednesday February 25, 1pm – Christopher Trikilis
Wednesday March 4, 1pm – Jacinta Jakovcevic
Wednesday March 11, 1pm – Amir Robin-Karas
Wednesday March 18, 1pm – Val Estrella
Sunday March 22, 1pm – Young Organists

Dialogue Week – February 22-28 2026

The Synod needs to hear from you!
The 2026 Archdiocesan Synod is a big meeting to help the Archbishop and leaders of our parishes, schools and communities to make decisions for our future. Dialogue Week is a chance for you to have a voice in the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod. It's an invitation to have a conversation with someone else about the things that are important to you and to share them with the Archbishop and the Synod members. During Dialogue Week, you can send in your feedback and help shape the agenda of the Synod. Parishes, schools and communities will provide opportunities for *Dialogue Groups* during this week. You can also organise your own! Visit www.togetherontheway.au/dialogue-week for more information, resources and materials, and ask the parish about your local Dialogue Week activities.

Cathedral Light Show – Adelaide Fringe

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral is set to be illuminated like never before as part of an immersive light experience to be staged during the 2026 Fringe. Titled 'Cathedral Chiaroscuro', entry to the event will be from 8.30-9.30pm nightly (except Mondays), with architecturally mapped projections accompanied by a classical and choral music soundtrack. Audience members can move around the Cathedral to view the projections from different angles and expected 'dwell time' is about 15 minutes. Tickets range from \$10 for preview nights to \$15 (February 20-March 22). To book, visit adelaidefringe.com.au.

BIRTHLINE PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Birthline is seeking compassionate volunteers to become Telephone Counsellors. No prior counselling experience is required – full training is provided through a FREE 10-week Telephone Counselling Course, held Wednesday nights, 7-9pm, commencing April 29 2026. Enquiries: tcc@birthline.org.au (preferred) or call (08) 8331 1223

Public Gathering with Dr Christina Kheng, Theologian and Synod Advisor

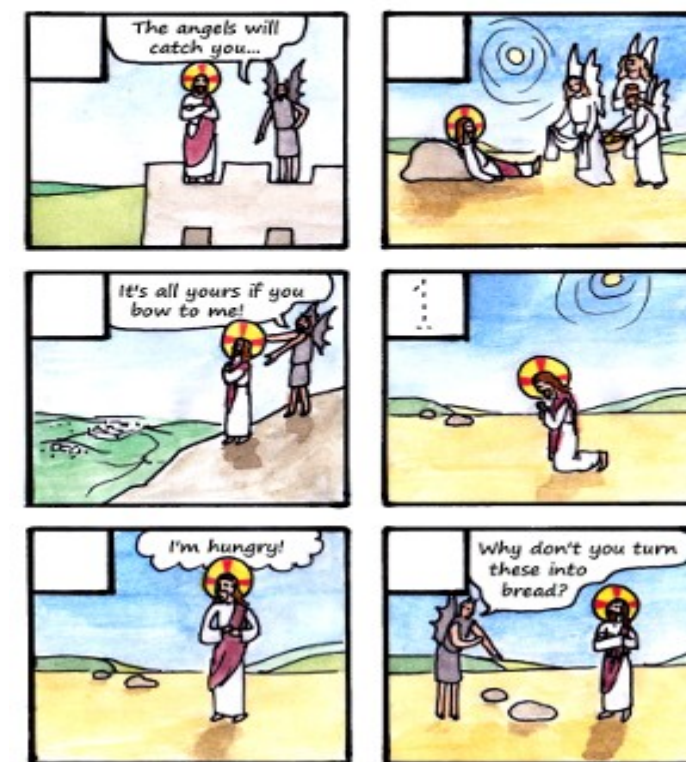
The Archdiocese is hosting Dr Christina Kheng, a theologian and advisor to the Vatican Synod Office. Dr Kheng will be presenting to several different audiences during the week and advising us on our Synod preparations. All are welcome to a public gathering with Dr Kheng on **Wednesday February 25, 7pm at the Altavilla Club in Beulah Park**. RSVP at <https://www.trybooking.com/DIEAD>. Space is limited, reservations are essential.

The Kids' Bulletin

www.thekidsbulletin.com

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.



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.

