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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YR B**

**20TH & 21ST FEBRUARY, 2021**

### **WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS**

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta still highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

You are now invited to attend Mass **every week** at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

THERE IS A CAP OF 100 PEOPLE AT ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell you are advised not to attend Mass.

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM

You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.

Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.

### **RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT**

Please contact Fr Chris on his mobile 0415 505 594 to make an appointment.

**DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**

**110**

**PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.**



As per government regulations, please observe the 2 square metre rule.

Please note that hand sanitiser is available at the Church entrances for use upon entering and exiting the Church.

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

## Parish News

## Parramatta Diocesan News

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING LENT EACH  
FRIDAY AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH.**

### Parish Office Hours

**The Parish Office is now open on  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am – 3.30pm.**

### Special Prayers for Sacrament Children

Please keep in your prayers the children of our parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Remember also their families and our Sacrament leaders who encourage the children on their journey.



### Sacrament Groups

A reminder that the second of two Reconciliation Group meetings will take place this Thursday & Saturday and the first of two Wednesday group meetings will take place this week.

Please ensure that you attend your group meeting.

### Parents of Sacrament Children

Final preparation for all children who are making their First Reconciliation will take place on

**FRIDAY 5TH MARCH FROM 3.30PM – 4.30PM  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL.**

It is essential that all children attend. Please contact the parish office if there is a problem.

### Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

#### Recently Deceased:

Jerry Kuncewicz (*dear husband of Monica (10/02)*)



#### Mass Intentions:

Maria Aquilina, Josephine Portelli, Margaret & James Vella

#### And for those who are sick:

Leonard Ash, Pauline Rugg, Joan Schneider

*If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office. We can also include the person in The Net so everyone can pray for them.*

### Institute for Mission Formation Programs

Interested or already involved in your parish community initiatives? Looking to explore key themes of the Catholic tradition? Express your interest today in the Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry and Themes of Faith programs for your life and faith enrichment. They are 100% free and begin in early March in an online format. For more information, contact Sr Grace on 9296 6369 or [grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au) or Donnie on 0432042140 or [donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au](mailto:donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au)

### Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### Glenbrook Parish Lenten Biblical Studies

Parish Priest Fr Joseph Lam will be running Lenten Biblical studies on the Passion of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Mark at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook.

- The Trial of Jesus – 23 February at 7.30pm;
- The Death of Jesus – 9 March at 7.30pm;
- The Resurrection of Jesus – 23 March at 7.30pm



Due to COVID restrictions, places are limited. To register, contact [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au) or call the parish office on 4739 8928.

### Position Vacant

Social Justice Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta –  
**Applications close 5pm 22 February 2021.** More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### St Dominic's College Open Day Sunday 7th March

College Tours will commence at 9.30am.

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**First Sunday of Lent  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2021**



Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter.

With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila  
be more for her family and her community.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

# The Living Word

First Sunday of Lent

21st February 2021

## First Reading

Gen 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.'

## 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.**

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. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

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.)**

## Second Reading

1 Pt 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.

## 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

Mk 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.'

## Have you thought? Temptation?

When we adopt a view of Jesus as the Son of God, it is hard to imagine him even facing temptation, let alone the possibility of him giving in to it. However, when we see Jesus as also being fully human, we realise that he was just as likely to face temptation as we are. But what might have tempted Jesus? Was he tempted to simply go back to his life in Joseph's carpentry business and not respond to God's call? Was he tempted to display his power in flashy demonstrations for all to see? Was he tempted to despair at what lay ahead of him?

## Living the Gospel – Change of Heart

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural – to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.



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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### The Rainbow

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with human-kind. 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.



## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

### Universal intention - Violence against women



We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



## REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

### Questions for Adolescents

- \* Why was it necessary for Jesus to go out into the wilderness before he began his public ministry?
- \* What did Jesus mean when he said, 'The kingdom of God is at hand'?
- \* What times of your life would you describe as 'desert times'?
- \* What does it mean to you to know that Jesus was capable of being tempted?
- \* How can you use Lent as a time to respond to the call to 'Repent and believe the Good News'?

### Questions for Adults

- \* What does the image of the wilderness mean to you?
- \* When have you felt that you were in a desert period of your life?
- \* How do you prepare yourself for something that you know is going to be challenging?
- \* In what areas of your life do you need to see someone or something with 'new eyes'?
- \* What are the signs that the kingdom of God is still close at hand?

***This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.***

- \* In today's gospel where did Jesus go for 40 days to pray?
- \* Who tried to tempt or test Jesus?
- \* What did Jesus say to the people of Galilee after he left the wilderness?
- \* These 40 days of Lent are a time when we turn back to God and ask for forgiveness.
- \* In Lent we spend time in prayer and do good works.
- \* How can we do this during the coming weeks?
- \* We pray that this week we will look out for ways we can show kindness to people in need.





# Forty days in the desert



1st Sunday of Lent, Year B



The season of Lent is a special time when we prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter. What things can you do to try and be more like Jesus during the forty days of Lent?

After he was baptised, Jesus was sent into the desert by the Holy Spirit. Draw Jesus in the desert.



## Resist the Temptation

Place ticks ✓ next to what you think are the right things to do.  
Place crosses ✗ next to the things you would be tempted to do.

You see money lying on the ground at school



### What do you do?

- ☐ You pick it up and take it to a teacher.
- ☐ You use it to buy icecreams and chocolate for all your friends.
- ☐ You leave it where it is.

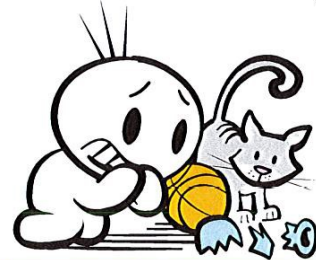
You forget to do your homework



### What do you do?

- ☐ You tell the teacher that you left it on the bus.
- ☐ You pretend to feel sick so that you can get out of class.
- ☐ You tell the teacher that you forgot to do your homework.

You break your mum's favourite vase when playing basketball in the hallway



### What do you do?

- ☐ You tell your mum that the cat knocked it over.
- ☐ You tell her that you knocked it over with your basketball.
- ☐ You glue it back together and hope that no-one notices.

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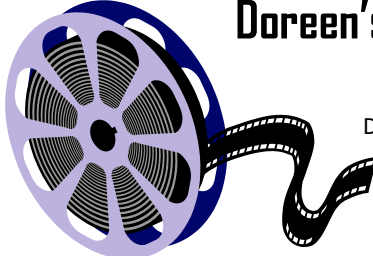
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