



# The Net

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - 21ST AND 22ND FEBRUARY 2026

We, the people of Corpus Christi, seek to grow in living Christ-centred mission, sharing our gifts to foster welcome, justice and community in today's world.

*A very warm welcome to anyone who is new to the parish.*

### 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.

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.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3**

(R.) 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.

### Gospel Acclamation

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

**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.



**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**  
**SATURDAY VIGIL 6pm**  
**SUNDAY 7.30am & 9.30am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm**  
**Thursday & Friday at 9.10am**

**RECONCILIATION**  
**Saturday evening from 5.00pm - 5.45pm in the Meeting Room**

**ROSARY**  
**Fridays after morning Mass**

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*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.*

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**From The Parish Priest's Desk**

*Lent begins with a call — not merely to give up something, but to return. Return means more than going back; it means reckoning and re-aligning so that life becomes functionally beautiful again — ordered, harmonious, God-centered.*

**1. THE FIRST MISALIGNMENT – (Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7)**  
*Adam and Eve did not fall because they were weak, but because they distrusted God's goodness. Sin is always a disordering — placing self where God should be. The beautiful harmony of Eden became fractured because humanity chose independence over obedience.*

**2. THE RESTORATION – (Romans 5:12–19)**  
*St Paul reminds us that where sin disrupted, Christ restores. Through one man came disobedience; through one Man comes righteousness. Lent is our opportunity to move from Adam's pattern to Christ's pattern — from self-will to surrender.*

**3. THE DESERT REALIGNMENT – (Matthew 4:1–11)**  
*Jesus faces temptation in the desert. He refuses shortcuts, rejects spectacle, and chooses trust. He re-aligns humanity with the Father. The desert becomes the place where disorder is confronted and divine order is restored.*

**LENT INVITES US TO:**

- **Reckoning** – Honestly naming/understanding where life has drifted: in our habits, attitudes, pride, control, and indifference.
- **Re-aligning** – Adjusting through prayer, fasting, and charity so that God is first again.
- **Restoring Beauty** – When God is rightly at the centre, relationships, priorities, and decisions begin to function as they should.

**CONCLUSION**

*A misaligned wheel makes the whole vehicle unstable. A misaligned heart disturbs the whole life. Lent is God's gracious workshop — not to condemn us, but to tune us again.*

*This season is not about spiritual cosmetics; it is about structural correction. When we return sincerely, grace makes us whole.*

*Let this Lent be a journey back — a courageous reckoning, a humble re-alignment — so that our lives may once again reflect the beautiful order God intended from the beginning.*

*Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI*

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

**February 23rd:** St. Polycarp  
**February 27th:** St. Gregory



**POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**

*For children with incurable diseases Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.*



**LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER**

**Anniversaries:**

Arnold Toikens, Tone Magri, Maria Caterina Cipriano, Carmencita Sampaga. We pray also pray for the soul of Restycel Getubig, who's birthday occurs at this time

**For those who are sick:**

Darren Hooton, Ruta Pelenatino, Rose Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr. Jerome Antogop.

# Parish News

**LENT 2026 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we invite all parishioners to take part in these opportunities for prayer, repentance, and spiritual renewal. Lent calls us to deepen our faith through prayer, fasting, and works of charity as we prepare for Easter.



**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

**7.00pm – Stations of the Cross**

A traditional Lenten devotion reflecting on Christ's journey to Calvary. All are invited to walk with the Lord in prayer and reflection.

**THURSDAY 19 MARCH**

**7.00pm – Second Rite of Reconciliation**

A communal celebration of God's mercy, including Scripture, an examination of conscience, and individual confession with visiting priests.

**SUNDAY 22 MARCH – WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH**

**Evening Mass followed by Lenten Reflection**

Join us for our Lenten Reflection Evenings as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Each evening will begin with Mass (**6:00pm on Sunday, 6:30pm on the other three nights**), followed by an hour of Lenten reflection led by Fr Abraham.

After the reflection, a light supper will be provided, so families can come together without needing to worry about preparing an evening meal.

**Please note on Sunday 22nd March Mass times will be 8.30am and 6pm. No 7.30am or 9.30am Masses will take place**

*May this Lenten journey draw us closer to Christ and renew our hearts in faith, hope, and love*

**CALL FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS – EASTER & REFLECTION DAY MASSES**

As we prepare for the sacred celebrations of **Easter** and our **Lenten Reflection Day Masses**, we warmly invite parishioners to serve as **liturgical ministers**. We are seeking volunteers for:

- **Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and, Alolytes, Data Operators and Altar Servers** for all Easter and Reflection Day Masses
- **Volunteers for Foot-Washing** on **Holy Thursday**

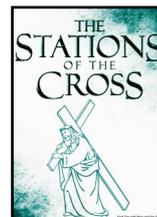
Your participation is a meaningful way to contribute to our parish's liturgical life and to enrich the prayerful experience of all who gather. If you are able to assist, please add your name to the sign-on sheets in the foyer.

**Special Call to Youth:**

We are also seeking **young parishioners** to help **lead the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to actively participate in this solemn and meaningful tradition.

If interested, please add your name to the sign on sheet in the foyer.



**LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROSTER – MARCH & APRIL 2026**

We sincerely thank all who serve our parish as Liturgical Ministers. The roster for March and April was emailed to all volunteers last Friday.

If you are a minister and did not receive your copy, please contact the parish office.

# Corpus Christi Sacrament Dates 2026

## FIRST RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)

Parent Information and Registration evening:  
**Thursday 19th of February at 7pm**

Parent and Child Formation Sessions:

Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons from February 25th until March 12th. (Three sessions per child)



Sacrament Date:  
**Thursday 26th March**  
**CONFIRMATION**

Parent Information and Registration evening:  
Wednesday 22nd of April at 7pm

Parent and Child Formation Sessions:

Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons from April 29th until June 11th. (Seven sessions per child)

Sacrament Dates:  
Saturday June 27th at 10am  
Sunday June 28th at 9.30am



## FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent Information and Registration evening:  
Wednesday August 12th at 7pm

Parent and Child Formation Sessions:

Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons from August 19th until September 10th (Four sessions per child)

Sacrament Dates:

Saturday September 12th at 10am  
Saturday September 12th at 6pm  
Saturday September 19th at 10am  
Sunday September 20th at 9.30am



## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11am.

Parents wishing to have their child baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office to book the date of baptism and to register for the Rite of Welcome and Information Meeting. (These take place on the fourth Sunday of the month prior to your child's baptism.)



Bookings for weddings and funerals are taken on request. Please contact the Parish Office

## PARISH CLEANING TEAM – NEW ROSTER

Our new annual Parish Cleaning Roster is about to be prepared, and we warmly invite new volunteers to join this valued ministry. Your help, even just once a month, makes a big difference in keeping our church clean, welcoming, and prayerful for everyone.

Cleaning takes place once a week (Friday afternoon or Saturday morning), and volunteers are rostered approximately once a month — or less if more helpers join.

If you would like to assist, we would be truly grateful — please contact the parish office. Current volunteers who wish to step down are also kindly asked to let the parish office know.

Thank you to all who give their time and care to this important work — your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## SAVE THE DATES – PARISH WORKING BEES 2026!

Let's come together as a parish family to care for and beautify our parish grounds throughout the year! Our Working Bees are a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship, lend a helping hand, and prepare our parish for the important celebrations ahead.



ALL WORKING BEES WILL BE HELD FROM 9:00AM – 12:00PM

- **Saturday, March 21st** (to prepare for Easter)
- **Saturday, May 30th** (to prepare for our Parish Feast Day)
- **Saturday, September 26th** (to refresh the gardens after the winter season)
- **Saturday, December 12th** (to prepare for Christmas)

There will be a variety of tasks to suit all ages and abilities — gardening, tidying, cleaning, and light maintenance. Whether you can join us for the full morning or just an hour, your contribution will make a real difference.

COLD DRINKS AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

*Please save these dates and consider being part of these special days of service and care. Many hands make light work, and together we can keep our parish looking welcoming and beautiful for all!*

## PARISH CENSUS - HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS

As we continue to grow as a faith community, Corpus Christi Parish Cranebrook is conducting a Parish Census in 2026 to help us update our records and better understand the needs of our parish family.

**One member of each family in our parish is required to complete a census card** (online or on paper). It takes less than 5 minutes and will help us:

- Keep our contact details up to date,
- Communicate more clearly about parish news and events, and
- Plan for the needs of our parish community.

**Please scan the QR code to complete the census online, or fill up a census card located at the back of the church and return it to the parish office or the collection box.** This is the final week of our census so if you haven't yet had a chance to complete it, please do so.

*Thank you to all who have already completed their census card*



## Diocesan News

### First Sunday of Lent 21–22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



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Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)  
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

*Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

# First Sunday of Lent—21st and 22nd February 2026

## REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

### Gospel Reflection

Sin and temptation are the dominant themes of the readings for this first week of Lent. Indeed, they are regular themes in the season of Lent. However, the scripture passages throughout this season allow us the opportunity to think again about these themes and perhaps reconsider some traditional understandings of them.

Today's first reading and gospel give us two different takes on the notion of temptation. In the passage from Genesis, humanity is tempted to ignore the will of God and, when they succumb, they lose their innocence and become embarrassed by their nakedness. The temptation they are offered is to believe themselves above and beyond the will of God; to believe that they can judge as well as God; and to rise to an equal level of power and authority with God. Their action breaks the trusting, loving relationship between themselves and God. In the Gospel, Jesus too is confronted with similar temptations. Ultimately, the temptation that faces Jesus relates to his purpose and ministry – will he trust to God's vision of the suffering servant who will bring about a change of heart in the people, or will he be the sort of Messiah that the people hoped for: a triumphant, glorious victor over all who stood in his way. He is tempted to break his self-imposed fasting, to test God's promise of nurture and security, and to seek glory and personal power. Whilst Adam and Eve surrender to temptation, Jesus holds fast to God's vision.

The second reading from Paul ties the Genesis and Gospel readings together and injects the notion of sin into the equation. However, Paul makes it perfectly clear that the sin of Adam, though carrying great ramifications, pales in comparison to the extraordinary abundance of God's love that is expressed through Jesus Christ.

### Scriptural context – Trusting God

The testing and temptation of Jesus echoes the plight of the people of Israel as they wandered in the desert for forty years. They relied on God to provide them with food and protection and ultimately lead them into the land that was promised to them. They had to trust that God would deliver these things in God's own time and way. Jesus is tempted to ignore God's time and ways by seizing for himself food, protection and ownership of the land. The temptations of Jesus and the people of Israel are all about trusting God.

### Historical Context – Sin

The Greek word translated as 'sin' in the New Testament literally means 'miss the mark'. Its origin may lie in archery where the object was always to hit the mark; to miss the mark was to not achieve at one's best. Jesus set about trying to redefine the Jewish notion of sin from being a transgression against God that deserves punishment to the more compassionate idea that sin is a wandering off course that can be rectified – a missing of the mark. When he encountered someone who was missing the mark, Jesus called them back into right relationship.

### Have you thought? – An invitation

Lent is a season of invitation. It is an invitation to step into the desert with Jesus; to confront our own purpose and ministry and to renew our trust in God's vision for the world and for us individually. Seen in this light, Lent is so much more than fasting from meat and giving up ice cream for a few weeks. The whole idea of fasting and sacrifice is an attempt to simplify our lives. Through simplifying our life and removing some of the daily

distractions, we can share in the desert experience of Jesus and then truly celebrate the hope reborn in the Easter season.

### Questions for Adolescents

- Q. What might it mean that Jesus was 'led by the Spirit out into the wilderness'?
- Q. In what way can the temptations Jesus faced be seen as testing his trust in God?
- Q. From where do you seek strength and support when your will and commitment are 'tempted'?
- Q. How can you become better aware of the way God calls you to live your life?

### Questions for Adults

- Q. Why might this gospel reading have been chosen for the Lenten season?
- Q. How do the actions of Jesus balance or counter the actions of Adam and Eve?
- Q. What temptations do you face and how do you try to address them?
- Q. When have you put trust in God to resolve a situation beyond your control?

### Learning moments

The three scripture passages Jesus quotes all come from the book of Deuteronomy (8:3, 6:16 and 6:13). Read Deuteronomy chapters 6-8 and compare the situation of the people wandering in the desert with the incident of Jesus being tested in the desert.

Brainstorm a list of ways in which young people today are 'tempted'. Compile a list of strategies for ways to maintain integrity and direction in the face of these temptations.

## REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

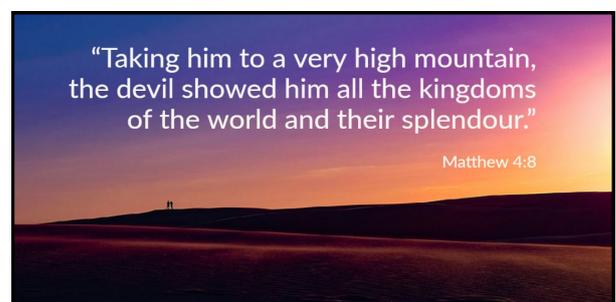
Peer pressure works like a snake. Sometimes it is a slow process, and without realising it you just gradually start doing things and saying things and thinking things that your friends do, say and think. Sometimes it is a quick strike and you are suddenly in a situation and have to make a choice. Some friends are trying to get you to do one thing and some are trying to get you to do something else. Peer pressure can be negative or positive.

Which kind of negative peer pressure are you more likely to be influenced by – the slow, gradual type or the high-pressure, fast type?

Which kind of positive peer pressure are you more likely to be influenced by?

Can you give an example of when positive or negative peer pressure influenced you?

Do you ever use positive peer pressure to influence others? Do you think you are more likely to influence others slowly, over the long haul, or quickly, in a sudden or specific situation? Can you give an example of when you have had a positive influence on another person?



## First Sunday of Lent

**Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 | Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17. R. v.3 | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11**

Nelson Mandela said that education was the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world. There are plenty of people who would agree with him. One of them is Oprah Winfrey who said that education was the way to move mountains, build bridges and, yes, to change the world.

Today's readings certainly suggest the value of learning. The story from the Book of Genesis comes from pre-history. It has often been misunderstood to suggest that sin entered the world through one woman. This is not true. On the contrary, the readings tell us that the world is good. When humans try to overstretch their boundaries, trouble follows, and the experience of beauty and harmony is threatened. We need to choose our teachers. Are we going to listen to God or the serpent? In our modern world, the serpent takes many forms. There are countless threats to the harmony of the human race and the beauty of our natural environment.

Likewise, today's story of the temptations in the wilderness from Matthew's Gospel shows us that some lessons are difficult. Jesus teaches the devil. He tells the evil one that God is in charge. Jesus must decide which voices he will follow. He must learn that some ideas may not be as good as they sound. All the kingdoms of the world, Jesus learns, are no substitute for an honest and life-giving relationship with God.

Each week during Lent, Caritas Australia asks us to think about the world and learn more about our role in building God's kingdom. Today we start with an introduction to Project Compassion, which allows us to appreciate how much the Catholic community, has been able to achieve across the decades for the most marginalised people of the world. We are all still learning. Pope Leo XIV has reminded us that the vulnerable are great teachers.

In *Dilexi Te* he writes:

Christians must not abandon almsgiving... It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing. Whatever form it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts... for our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching out and touching the suffering flesh of the poor.

The evil spirit will always focus on the negative and convince us that change is too difficult. The spirit of grace and truth will show us what is truly possible and help us sort our priorities.

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**this Lent**

### Prayer of Intercession

For those experiencing poverty and marginalisation, that our support for Project Compassion during Lent will be a sign to them of the love of God for all people.

# The **Living Word** For Children

**SUNDAY 22ND OF FEBRUARY — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR A**

## **FIRST READING**

### The First Sin

The snake was sneakier than any of the other wild animals that the LORD God had made. One day it came to the woman and asked, "Did God tell you not to eat fruit from any tree in the garden?" The woman answered, "God said we could eat fruit from any tree in the garden, except the one in the middle. He told us not to eat fruit from that tree or even to touch it. If we do, we will die." "No, you won't!" the snake replied. "God understands what will happen on the day you eat fruit from that tree. You will see what you have done, and you will know the difference between right and wrong, just as God does."

The woman stared at the fruit. It looked beautiful and tasty. She wanted the wisdom that it would give her, and she ate some of the fruit. Her husband was there with her, so she gave some to him, and he ate it too. At once they saw what they had done, and they realized they were naked. Then they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### Jesus and the Devil

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert, so that the devil could test him. After Jesus had gone without eating for 40 days and nights, he was very hungry. Then the devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, tell these stones to turn into bread."

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures say:

'No one can live only on food.

People need every word  
that God has spoken.' "

Next, the devil took Jesus into the holy city to the highest part of the temple. The devil said, "If you are God's Son, jump off. The Scriptures say:

'God will give his angels  
orders about you.

They will catch you  
in their arms,  
and you won't hurt  
your feet on the stones.' "

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures also say, 'Don't try to test the Lord your God!' "

Finally, the devil took Jesus up on a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms on earth and their power. The devil said to him, "I will give all this to you, if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus answered, "Go away Satan! The Scriptures say:

'Worship the Lord your God  
and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left Jesus, and angels came to help him.

## **DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

Why did Jesus go into the wilderness?

What did the devil try to tempt Jesus to do?

What did Jesus say to the devil?

In Lent we also have to make some choices. We prepare for Easter by praying and doing good works.

What are some of the things you could do in these next weeks of Lent?



# Children's Worksheet

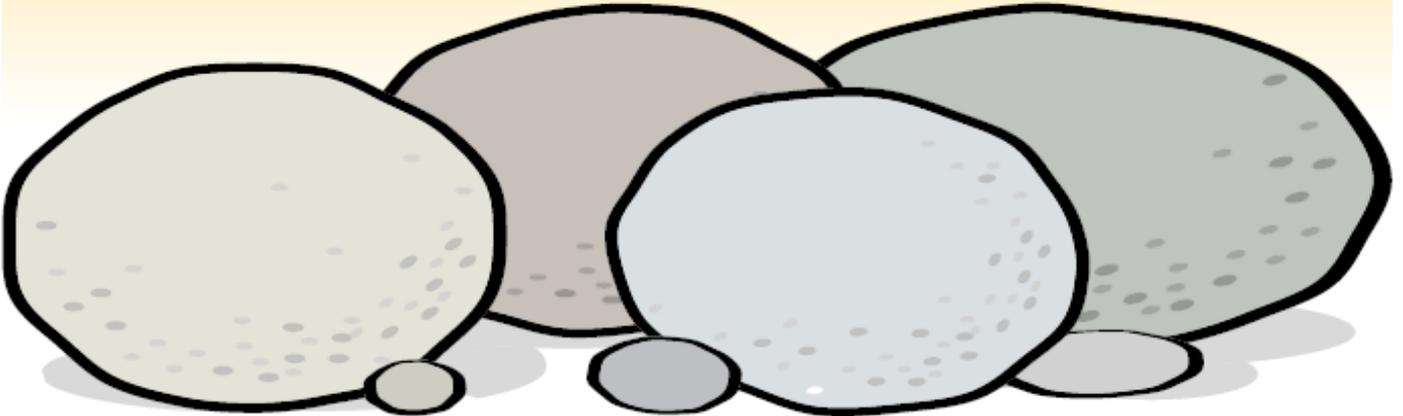


Jesus is tempted in the desert



1st Sunday of Lent, Year A

In the desert, Jesus faced some tough choices but was able to make the right ones. What are some of the tough choices that we face in our day to day lives?



How did Jesus respond to temptation?

Hey Jesus!  
If you're so hungry,  
why don't you turn  
these stones  
here into bread?

Hey Jesus!  
I bet that if you jump  
off the temple,  
God will send  
some angels to  
catch you!

Hey Jesus!  
See all those  
kingdoms?  
They're yours!  
And all you have to  
do is bow down  
and worship ME!  
Too easy!



Join up the fruit to complete the text maze:

"Lead us not into temptation."

# Diocesan News



**LIFTED LAUNCH**

26 FEBRUARY - HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
11 EMERT PDE, EMERTON

7PM - 9:30PM

REGISTER: [PARRACATHOLIC.ORG/LIFTEDLAUNCH](http://PARRACATHOLIC.ORG/LIFTEDLAUNCH)

CYP PARRAMATTA

## Rosary Making Workshop

ST NICOLAS OF MYRA PARISH PENRITH  
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FEBRUARY 26TH, 2026  
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**100** sub tuum praesidium **years**  
1926-2026

The St Patrick's Parramatta School Community warmly invites all former staff, students, and families to join us in celebrating 100 years of faith, learning and community.

Date: Saturday, 14th March 2026  
Time: 1:30PM  
Mass: St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta  
Afternoon Tea: Following Mass in the Cloister Hall

Let us come together in Eucharist to share memories and celebrate companionship across generations.

RSVP via the [Centenary Celebration Form](#)

### rites of HEALING FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A BABY

BEFORE BIRTH OR IN EARLY INFANCY

**The book contains:**  
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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

#### Parish Morning Tea



Our parish hosts a morning tea after our 9.30am Mass on the second Sunday of every month. Our next parish morning tea will take place on

**SUNDAY 8TH OF MARCH**

#### 'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass in the Parish Office. Our next senior's morning tea will take place on

**FRIDAY 27TH OF FEBRUARY**

## Parish Giving

### Planned Giving/Parish Donations

*Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.*

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

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**Please contact the Parish Office (02 4730 1249) if you**

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