

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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March 9th, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent Year C

YEAR OF HOPE

The 1st Sunday of Lent Year C begins our journey through Lent. This is a time to reflect on our faith and grow closer to God.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

DEATHS: Lyn Grant, Penny Bannon & Jennifer Verbern

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sylvia Mailes, Ken McCartney, Phyllis Stevens, Adam Milenkovic, Harold George, Joe Lamb, Susanne Briody, Pat Gustus, John D'Arcy, Patricia McMahon, Norm Daniels, Sr Baptist(Joan Dalgeish), Jobez Sterry, Veronica McNamara, Jack Carland & Ray Larkens

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dennis Davies (Genevieve's brother), Pat Byrne, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Mia Hanrahan, Colleen Hains, Michelle Smith, Danny Doyle, and all those in need of prayer

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Angela Gerrard

March 16th: Angela Gerrard

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: John Jess

March 16th :Carita Clancy

Assembly Leaders

March 16th: Genevieve & Clarrie Johnston

Special Minister

March 16th: Gail Hall

Music

Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

March 2nd & 9th: Sue Mahony

March 16th & 23rd: Judy Franc & Carmel Milenkovic

Church Grounds

March 2nd & 9th: John Jess

March 16th & 23rd: Tom Jess

Newsletter

March: Carmel Milenkovic – 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES

March 16th : LLA 10.00 am 2nd Sunday of Lent

DIOCESAN NEWS

For the Diocesan E-News see the link below:

[https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news- events/e-news/](https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/)

Prayer for Rain

O God, the earth is thirsty for rain and we wait for you to refresh the land and all its creatures, the rivers and lakes, the crops and gardens. Send abundant rain, we pray, and teach us to be better stewards of all the blessings you provide, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

United in Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty ever-living God, eternal health of believers, hear our prayers for your servant, Pope Francis, who is sick:

Grant him, we implore you, your merciful help, so that, with his health restored, He may give you thanks in the midst of your Church.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Prayer from the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office

Pope Francis message for Lent



“Let Us Journey Together in Hope” is Pope Francis’ message for Lent 2025. He reminds us that we cannot stay where it is comfortable, that we must always accompany others, and that we must always do everything with the hope that never disappoints. To read the message scan or click the QR code.

Project Compassion 2025 Week 1: Unite against poverty this Lent



We have begun our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey. This year, we are going to learn about three incredible people from three different corners of the world, facing vastly different challenges.

- Watch the Introduction to Project Compassion video

<https://vimeo.com/1034878113>

- Support Project Compassion

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have
given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit, Reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.*

*May those seeds transform
from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth, when,
with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread the joy and peace
of our Redeemer throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen*

GOSPEL

Lk 4: 1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / C

9 MARCH 2025

FIDELITY TESTED

Today we begin our journey through Lent, the liturgical season leading to the holiest week of the Church's year and Easter. We begin with Luke's story of Jesus' temptation initiated by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is in the wilderness, the place of solitude, the place of 'no place'. Jesus is here for forty days, alone with God.

The scene is reminiscent of Israel's 40-year wilderness sojourn in which its own covenant fidelity to God is tested. The parallel between Israel and Jesus is unmistakable. Moses, given the three encounters with Satan that Jesus has. Each is found in Deuteronomy in which Israel fails in its covenantal loyalty and trust in God. By contrast, Jesus is not seduced by food, power or status. He remains loyal to God despite Satan's best efforts to seduce, tempt and manipulate Scripture to woo him into reconfiguring his loyalty away from God. Satan was originally a member of the heavenly court (as, for example, in the Book of Job) whose principal task was to test the loyalty of God's people. Later, under the influence of Near Eastern myths and traditions about winged beings separate from and warring against the gods, Gospel writers have Satan take on a more sinister mission—to tempt people away from God. Jesus is Satan's focus here and, though he leaves the scene completely disempowered by Jesus' commitment to God, will return at the time of Jesus' passion and death. Lent becomes our time to be with Jesus, to enter our Lenten wilderness, to identify what seduces and draws us away from God.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Deut 26: 4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 90: 1-2, 10-15. R. v. 15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High / and abides in the shade of the Almighty / says to the Lord: 'My refuge, / my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, / no plague approach where you dwell. / For you has he commanded his angels, / to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

3. They shall bear you upon their hands / lest you strike your foot against a stone. / On the lion and the viper you will tread / and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**



4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; / protect him for he knows my name. / When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' / I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 10: 8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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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!