

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (continued)

Response: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **Response.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be



great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them: they were not disappointed in what they craved.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;

1 Cor 15: 45 – 49; Lk 6: 27 – 38.

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.

SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.

MONDAY: No Mass.

TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.

FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.

Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.

Marriage: By appointment.

Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

12th / 13th February 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **Response.**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **Response**

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12 / 13 FEBRUARY 2022 – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 9.30AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
Reader	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	NONE- DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	NONE - DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	NONE - DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS
Altar Servers	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & NOAH EL-AZZI	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		
Counters	GROUP 10: V MAMO	C MAMO	
Altar Flowers	N HAHN	FEBRUARY ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

19 / 20 FEBRUARY 2022 – 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 9.30AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	J KWONG	M MORELLI
Reader	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	NONE - DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	NONE- DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	NONE - DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS
Altar Servers	GROUP 3: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER & AMARA LOIACONO	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 11: P. HO	B TANG	A. STANTON
Altar Flowers	A NAGANATHAN	FEBRUARY ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially John Portelli and Brian Keyser (*Cousin to Vern and Jan Keyser*). Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time.



Lent 40 days of blessings.

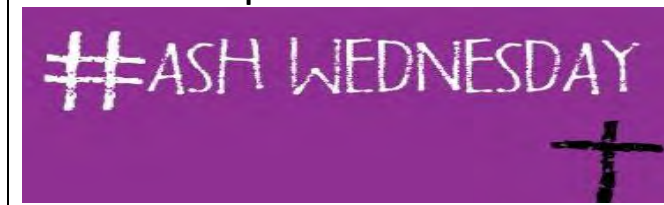
On the second of March we will begin the season of Lent; 40 days season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, that begins with the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, which is also a day of fasting and abstinence. Lent concludes on Sunset just before the celebration of the Last Supper of the Lord on Holy Thursday.

Lent is a season of spiritual renewal in preparation for the annual celebration of Easter, the day of the Resurrection of our Lord. What does this mean? What is this renewal we all need? The readings of the first Sunday of Lent will help us to understand this. Usually on that Sunday we have the passage of the temptations of Jesus. After his baptism Jesus was led by the Spirit to the desert for 40 days and was tempted by the devil. Jesus was preparing to begin his ministry; he made his decision to fulfil his Father's will and he is now close to the beginning of that. He wants to do everything to save the world from sin and death. He came to set us free from the fascination, the preoccupation and the obsession of planning our lives without including God. And he began doing that by fighting the devil himself until the end. This is also for us. This is Lent. We have to fight the devil and our weaknesses which are obstacles to living a full and proper Christian life. The evil one does not want us to be holy, to be better, and wants to stop us from loving the Church, our neighbours and from spreading the Good News. The Church will grow better only if we truly take this seriously, starting with oneself, changing ourselves, with God's help. It is not easy, it is a hard battle, but Jesus did it, and with his help we can too. So, when Lent begins let us all work hard praying, fasting and almsgiving that these will help us correct everything in our lives that is not going well. And in these conflictive times, it is more imperative than ever to renew our fight against evil once again.



Lent 2022.

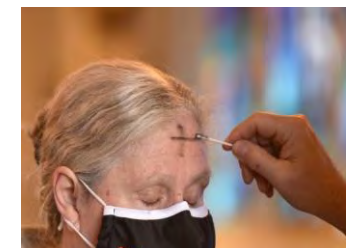
As usual Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the **2nd March**. Masses will be held here at Denistone at: **9am and 6.30pm**.



Distribution of Ashes.

Just like last year the ashes will be distributed differently.

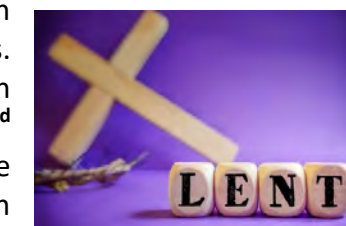
Fr Roberto and the ministers will use cotton swabs to avoid touching the skin of you all.



- The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, it symbolizes that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptised are called during Lent.
- In time of Covid19 it has the advantage of not requiring the priest to come into contact with the skin of many people one after another, risking inadvertent infection.

Lenten programme.

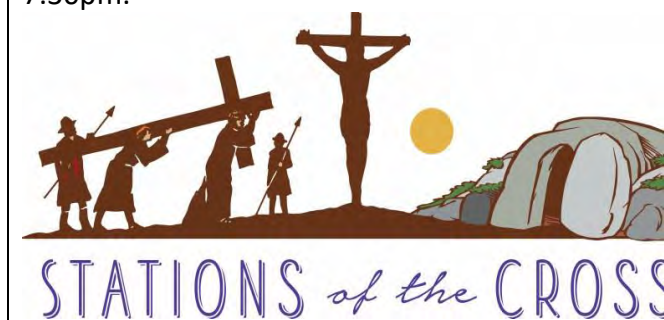
This year come and be inspired by the Word of God at our Lenten Group on Wednesday evenings. Our sessions will begin on **Wednesday 2nd March 7.30pm** in the Church and will run throughout Lent.



Please speak with Fr Roberto or call the presbytery to reserve a seat. Write your name on the clipboard provided if you are joining us this year.

Stations of the Cross.

Stations will begin on Friday the 4th March and will run throughout Lent every Friday evening at 7.30pm.



Recruitment for Catechist Teachers.

Every year brings challenges! Our challenge this year is to find another catechist teacher for Year 6.

Are you able to help? Your help is needed! Please contact the presbytery and find out more information.



Only half an hour during school terms is needed and training is provided.

It's not too late to stop the proposed Euthanasia legislation!

The NSW Upper House of Parliament is currently examining the Euthanasia Bill passed by the Lower House – though not by a large majority. The vote in the Upper House will be close, and there is still time to persuade Members of Parliament that with a Pandemic and the obvious crisis in good aged care this is not the time for such legislation. Please contact your local member or members of the Upper House, and sign the online ePetition at this link:

[LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - Signing ePetition - Please unanimously reject the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/signatures)

For more background information about the issues, and the politics, of euthanasia and assisted suicide search for: **Hope Australia**

14 FEBRUARY – SAINTS CYRIL, monk AND METHIDIUS, bishop - MEMORIAL:

Cyril: Born about 826 in Thessalonica (Greece). Died at Rome in 869. His brother, Methodius: Born about 815. Died in Velehrad (Czech Republic) in 885. With papal approval they preached the gospel in Moravia using their own translations of the Scriptures and the liturgy in the local language. These translations into Slavonic were based on an alphabet they invented, now called Cyrillic. The success of their preaching aroused jealous Frankish opposition. Honoured as apostles of the Slavic peoples.



Remembered together for their contribution to Slavic culture, for their missionary enculturation of the faith, and for establishing links between East and West.