

SECOND READING: **Romans 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(NO ALLELUIA IN LENT)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Matthew 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.

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GOSPEL: **Luke 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.

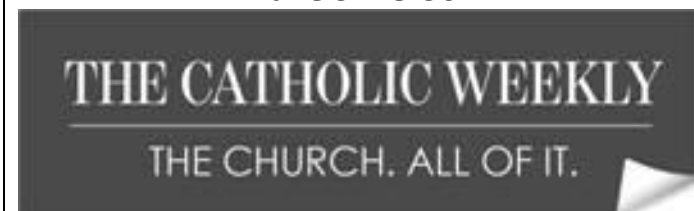
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18; Phil 3: 17-4:1;
Luke 9: 28-36.



- Stand by Ukraine
- Work in Wokeness: Discrimination Bill blocked
 - Mark Shea: Your big Lenten opportunity
 - Second class Catholics: It's official in NSW
 - Movie review: *Abraham Lincoln*
- Why words matter: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office: If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812.



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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)
5th / 6th March 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

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.
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 90:1-2, 10-15**

Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

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!' **Response**

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. **Response**

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. **Response**

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. **Response**
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5 / 6 MARCH 2022 – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	TO BE RESUMED SOON	TO BE RESUMED SOON	TO BE RESUMED SOON
Altar Servers	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO, IAN PILENA & AIDEN SHEEKA	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 2: L SEETO T DABBAH C DABBAH		
Altar Flowers	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA – no flowers during Lent	MARCH ATAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

12 / 13 MARCH 2022 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	G MOODLEY
Reader	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	TO BE DECIDED	TO BE DECIDED	TO BE DECIDED
Altar Servers	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & NOAH EL-AZZI	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 3: D JAYAMANNE	E CONTERNO	M GLEESON
Altar Flowers	N HAHN – no flowers during Lent	MARCH ATAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Elaine Braidwood. Please also pray for John Higgins who is very sick at the moment, he is a faithful and long standing member of this parish.



Lenten programme.

Our sessions continue on **THURSDAY the 10th March at 7.30pm** in the Church and will run throughout Lent. You are welcome to come!



Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal

The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives.

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

Project Compassion – please help the poor!

Please take home a Project Compassion box OR a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.



Sacrament of First Reconciliation:

Reconciliation programme for **YEAR 3 children** will begin **NEXT week** with a Parent Information Evening on the **WEDNESDAY the 9th March at 7.30pm** in the church.

Applications for your child's First Reconciliation will be available at the Parent Evening.

Presentation Mass: for Candidate and Parents on **Saturday 12th March at 6pm or Sunday 13th March at 8am or 10am.**

Formation Sessions in the church at 7pm:

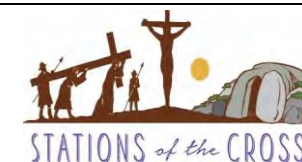
Session no 1 - Wed 16th March
Session no 2 - Wed 23rd March
Session no 3 - Wed 30th March

Sacrament of First Reconciliation: **Friday 1st April from 4pm to 7pm in the Church.**



Stations of the Cross.

Stations will continue on Friday the 11th March and will run throughout Lent every Friday evening at 7.30pm.



Prayer for World Peace.

O Lord God, we pray for peace and love in all the nations, among all the people that all war and hatred will end.

We pray for those who suffer from war, injustice & intolerance, for the children, your people, the poor and neglected ones.

We pray for peace in our life, lands, nations, families and in our hearts. Lord, give us world peace.

We ask your mercy in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Days of Penance! Repent from your evils and believe this Good News.

1. Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), and (c).
2. Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) Prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making that Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) Self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) Helping other – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.