

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Continued)

RESPONSE: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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.

Response.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Mark 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.'

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 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18;
Rom 8: 31-34; Mk 9:2-10.

Days of Penance!

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.



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	9.30am Communion Service.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Friday during Exposition and Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS:	Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at the St Therese School Hall.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)
17th / 18th February 2024

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: Genesis 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: nothing 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.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-9

RESPONSE: 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. **Response.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **Response.**

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17 / 18 FEBRUARY 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT			
	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	THOMAS DABBAH	DAVE D'MELLO	JOHN RAPER
READER	LUEN UYMATIAO / BILL KINDER	SHERRY JAYAMMANE	HELEN VAZ / HANNY WIDJAYA
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	AMJAD SHEEKA		BUDY WIDJAYA
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 3: BERNLEITNER FAMILY & FREDERICK LI		GRP 7: WIDJAYA FAMILY, ANNABELLE BOGER, LENNOX HO
WELCOMERS	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
MUSICIANS	SHEILA LEE & JOHN KENNY & CHOIR		MARIFEL JACOBS & PAUL TREACY
COUNTERS	GROUP 3: PATRICIA HO FRANCISCA HO BERNADETTE TANG		
ALTAR FLOWERS	ANNE-MARIE NAGANATHAN	FEBRUARY ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

24 / 25 FEBRUARY 2024 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT			
	SATURDAY 6.00PM – FAMILY MASS	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	ROBERT MORFUNI	MARC MORELLI	JOHN RAPER
READER	FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS	PAUL TREACY	PAUL MCLACHLAN / SCOTT DIMICHIEL
OFFERTORY	FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
PROJECTION	VIDURA PERERA		PAUL TREACY
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ AND DOMINIC MCLACHLAN.
WELCOMERS	FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
MUSICIANS	ST THERESE SCHOOL		MARIFEL JACOBS & PAUL TREACY
COUNTERS	GROUP 4: PAUL TREACY SCOTT DIMICHIEL MAUREEN PEARCE		
ALTAR FLOWERS:	FEBRUARY ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC		

APOSTLES CREED.

I believe God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into Hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



First-Sunday-of-Lent 17-&18-February



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leala from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

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PARISH NOTICES:

Mass intentions Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: **Helen Margaret Cowie, Victoria & David Price, Stephen Aldworth**

Angela Kim, Gloria & Vincent Clark

We also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.



Do you want to become and Acolyte.

Would you like to assist with liturgical celebrations, especially the Eucharistic Liturgy? If so, then please talk to Fr Simon immediately as the parish has organised a training course to begin NEXT WEEK!

Course for existing Eucharistic Ministers.

Refresher training for all existing EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION will be held at St Therese THIS Wed 21st Feb 6:30pm-9:30pm in the School Hall. **To register please go to:** [//liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/](http://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/) **and complete the online registration.**

Course for Acolytes.

Training for **ACOLYTES (new and experienced)** will begin THIS Wednesday the 21st Feb and continue on the 28th Feb, 6th Mar & 13th Mar at 6:30pm-9:30pm in the School Hall. Attendance at ALL FOUR SESSIONS is essential. **To register please go to:** [//liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/](http://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/) **and complete the online registration.**

Lenten programme.

This LENT, come and be inspired by the Word of God at our Group discussion evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our sessions will begin NEXT WEEK on:

Tuesday the 20th February at 7.30 & Thursday 22nd February at 7pm

in the St Therese School Hall. These sessions will run throughout Lent. To reserve a seat or write your name on the clipboard at the front of the church.

Attention all Catechists.

A reminder that:

- Classes at DENISTONE EAST PUBLIC SSCHOOL will resume on **Tuesday the 27st February.**
- Our Term 1 meeting will be held a couple of weeks later on Tuesday on the **12th March** in the presbytery, beginning 10.30am. Please bring a small plate of food to share.



Catechist Teachers urgently needed.

Catechist teachers and helpers are urgently needed. If you are interested and wanting more information, then please call the presbytery ASAP on 9809 2925.

Stations of the Cross.

Will CONTINUE next **Friday the 23rd February** and will run throughout Lent, every Friday evening at 7pm. Come, meditate and pray on the Passion of our Lord to prepare well for Easter.



Adult Sacramental Program.

Do you want to become a Catholic or receive the sacraments you may have missed in your life? Aruna will be running a program, that will start around the end of February. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Simon if you want more information.

Project Compassion.

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OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 5 March
9.00-10.30am & 11.30am-12.30pm
Wednesday 6 March
5.30-6.30pm
Thursday 7 March
11.30am-12.30pm

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