



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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1st Sunday of Lent

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March 5th/6th, 2022

Tempted by Devil

As we begin Lent, let us not forget the admonition on Ash Wednesday to repent, believe and remember. Lent is a time to put our spiritual lives in order so that we return God back to the centre of our lives. Our giving up, or taking on things, this Lent is only useful if it reminds us that we must rely not on ourselves, but on God. By denying this we might end up like the Israelites who were stuck wandering in the desert for 40 years before they came to their senses and received the promised land. Our temptations this Lent might be to give up before we even start, or to listen to the lies of the Tempter who wants us to forget that we are sons and daughters of God.

In our Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent we see how Jesus was thrice tempted to satisfy his appetite, to defeat death, or to be like God. But all of these temptations were really attempts to make Jesus forget who he was – filled with the Spirit and the beloved Son of God. By Jesus remembering God's promise to him he was able to withstand temptation, and by us remembering who we are in God's eyes, we can withstand temptation too.

Lent is a time for us to reconnect with God and to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Good News of the Resurrection. This will require us to forget ourselves each day so that we can remember God and God's promise to us. But it does not mean that we must deny what God has gifted us with. Rather, in celebrating and being grateful to God we can affirm for ourselves again that He is the Lord, and we are His beloved. In doing this we can live this Lenten time joyfully as we deepen our relationship with the God who desires to be in relationship with each one of us.

Jesus was tempted as we are. Temptations are not bad in themselves but it is what we do with them that can help us turn to God or away from God. Do we see temptations as ways to turn to God rather than rely on our own resources?

The temptations of Jesus seem different from the ways we are tempted or is there a similarity? Underneath the different temptations of Jesus, there is the invitation of Satan that he denies his identity as the Son of God. Are not our temptations an invitation to deny the kind of person we want to be and, instead, turn to unhealthy ways to satisfy ourselves?

By resisting the temptations, Jesus chose to depend on his Father to satisfy his deepest hunger, to relate with others in an ordinary way and by not relying on reputation, power, and possessions. How do we satisfy our deepest hungers? Do we depend on prestige, possessions, and power to make ourselves acceptable to others? Let's use these forty days of lent as a retreat - taking time to be more reflective and prayerful?

Readings: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Phillipians 3:17 – 4:1

Luke 9:28-36

READINGS 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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!,'

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.

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

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.

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

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.

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

Luke 4:1-13

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.

Parish Diary

Monday, February 7th

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, March 9th

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday, February 10th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, March 11th

Stations of the Cross 8:45am

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, March 12th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 12th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, March 13th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Excerpt from Pope Francis' Lenten Message

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (kairós), let us do good to all" (Gal. 6:9-10).



First Sunday of Lent 5 & 6 March



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.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Phyllis Russell, Sr Regina Smith, Pierrine Giovannelli and Varkey Augustine. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Nucifora family as they celebrate the baptism of Amelia in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Robyn's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, March 4th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

FUNERAL OF SR REGINA SMITH

Sr Regina resided at St Agnes' Convent for many years until it closed when she moved to Nundah. Her funeral will take place at the St Joseph's Convent Chapel, 67 Bage St, Nundah on Thursday, March 10th commencing 10:00am.

FAMILY AND YOUTH MASS

Sunday, March 13th at the 6:00pm Mass at St Agnes Church.

COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATE

- Masks will no longer be required indoors, therefore you will be able to remove masks for all aspects of parish Masses and when visiting the parish office. Masks are still recommended to be worn whenever you cannot socially distance.
- Places of worship will no longer have capacity limits which means we will no longer need to book in when we are expecting larger attendances at mass, eg Easter.
- Covid cleaning protocols may cease however hand sanitiser will still be made available at the entrance of the church.
- Under instructions for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference:
- At the present time we will be continuing to receive communion by one kind only.
- The Sign of Peace should still be limited to saying "Peace be with you" with a nod or bow; no hand-shaking or hand-holding should occur here or at the Our Father.

LENTEN AND EASTER OCTAVE REFLECTION BOOK

The Spirit and the Cross is a book of daily reflections for Lent and the Easter Octave. It involves a short reading, reflection, questions and final prayer.

Available in the churches this weekend. Cost \$5

COMMUNITY NEWS

Binh and Cuc say thanks and farewell

Some of you have been asking about Binh and Cuc and their family. We would like to let you know that they are safe. Sadly, they have moved from our Parish but the good news is they have been able to buy and renovate their own home in Goodna. Also glad to report they have escaped the flood waters as their block is located on higher ground.



It was with much sadness that they left this area as they truly felt very much part of this parish. They wish to extend their gratitude and thanks to the

parishioners of St Agnes' and St Joachim's community who have given them unwavering support since they arrived here 9 years ago. As a thank you to the parish they are kindly donating a seat to be placed in front of the prayer garden at St Agnes' Church.

They embraced every opportunity they were given while they were here and with the support of an ex parishioner, David Moore, Binh was able to complete his carpentry apprenticeship. As some parishioners already know firsthand, Binh has since successfully established his own business and he plans to continue working in this area. Binh and Cuc were both very generous in giving their time and talents to this community in thanks for our support.

Their current visa expires at the end of this year and they need to reapply for a new one. We hope and pray that their application will be successful and they will be able to remain in Australia. We wish them all they very best in establishing their new home and they go with our continued prayers.

The Parish is looking for new members for both the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee. The Parish has a number of new activities and projects planned for 2022 and additional professional support is needed. We welcome people with all types of experience however skills in youth work, finance, construction or marketing would be ideal. If you are interested in joining or for information contact Parish Coordinator Adrian offco.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au, or 33492280.



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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.