

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

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

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these,' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

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

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

I believe in 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, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

#### PREFACE OF 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

#### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

#### LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

 Mt 4:4

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

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true

and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth.

Through Christ our Lord,

R. Amen.

#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

#### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

##### IN JESUS' FOOTSTEPS

At the dawn of human history, Adam and Eve were seduced into trying to grasp equality with God. In their quest to become like God they gained some knowledge, but it left them chastened and disillusioned. Created in God's image they now saw that dignity was distorted by sin and became aware of their nakedness, vulnerability and need for God.

Prior to commencing his public ministry, Jesus undergoes a time of testing and preparation. During this time Jesus shares in all the trials that Israel experienced in the desert. They lost their way in the desert but Jesus gives us hope as he reveals the qualities that mark God's children. He knows the source of his life is to be found in God so there is no need to make his own bread. He knows that God is with him, and does not need to put God to the test. He is certain that God is the source of his life and power, and rejects the call to worship Satan.

Paul looked at all of salvation history and saw that Adam and Jesus marked two vital moments in God's dealing with humanity. What had been lost by one had been more than regained by the other. Through the gracious gift of Jesus' death, we are able to begin anew as God's children. As we begin the season of Lent we are invited to reflect on our own story, to begin once again with thankful hearts, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / A

26 FEBRUARY 2023

A TIME OF PREPARATION. The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of Lent. Jesus' time in the wilderness was a time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self and not the Father. For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 90:15-16

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

#### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

#### COLLECT

P. Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### FIRST READING

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis  
*Creation of our first parents, and sin.*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

##### RESP PSALM

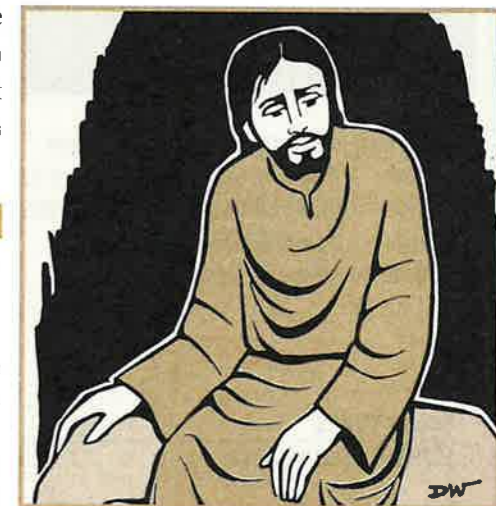
 Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 3

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. R.  
2. My offences truly I know them; / my sin is always before me. / Against you, you alone have I sinned; / what is evil in your sight I have done. R.  
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.



4. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me. / O Lord, open my lips / and my mouth shall declare your praise. R.

##### SECOND READING

Rom 5:12, 17-19.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Longer form 5:12-19

##### 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!

##### GOSPEL

Mt 4:1-11

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.



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## MASS TIMES

<b>SUNDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 10.00am
<b>WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	Exposition: Wednesday and Saturday	8.30am
	Exposition: Monday - Friday	7.00pm - 12.00am
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month	11.30am

## Please Pray For

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr John De Luca, Les Riedling (Father of Fr Robert Riedling), Fr Ruben Elago - Vicky Cook, John Joyce - His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell, Corazon Santos.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Colin Francis Wright, Rebecca Oksini, George Khattar, Alfio Zappala, Sayu Ketut Utari, Albert Yen, Dora Karam, Fr Peter McGrath, CP Fr George O'Mara, Stella Thompson, Josephine Khoury, Piera Della Vedova - Fr Giordano Procopio, Tom Donohue, Fr Lawrence Vincent Pedemont, Joseph Kutajczyk - Ferdinand Loekito, Joseph Rachmat, Les Riedling, Fr Ruben Elago.

## Rosters - 4/5 March

### Cleaning Ministry

### Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm	Pierre Salomon
Sun. 7.30am	Thomas Russo
Sun. 10.00am	Naom Younis
	Vartgness Markarian
	Kathleen Burrows, David Boulous
Vigil 5.30pm	Maddison Boulous, Leah Garcia
Sun. 7.30am	Ron Della Vedova, Jodie MacGregor
Sun. 10.00am	Samuel Yu, Linda Tsang



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will commence on **Friday 3 March at 7.00pm to 7.30pm**



## NEW LAWNS & GARDEN ROSTER

The new Lawns & Garden Roster is available for collection at the back of the church for collection. Those who have provided email addresses, your rosters have been emailed to you.

## MT SCHOENSTATT 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD: 17 - 18 MARCH

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and Our Lady in the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, beginning with **6pm Mass on Friday 17 March**, followed by Reconciliation from 7:15pm - 10pm. On Saturday, Reconciliation will be held at 10am-12pm, and at 3pm-4.45pm with a Vigil Mass at 5pm. The Shrine will be welcoming people for prayer for the full 24 Hours. Groups to lead prayer are welcome. Contact paulandramani@gmail.com



## ALTER SOCIETY MEETING

Please note there will be an ad hoc meeting for the Alter Society ladies who arrange the flowers on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

New career teachers and newly appointed (first time) Principals and Directors of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to a Commissioning and welcoming ceremony to commence the academic year. The ceremony will be conducted as Vespers on **Thursday 16 March** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, from **5.30pm to 7.30pm.** if you would like to attend, please RSVP to Christie Shaylor at events@parra.catholic.edu.au or phone (02) 9840 5656 by Friday 9 March 2023.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## LED BY THE SPIRIT

You are invited to participate in a Lenten Series, call *Led by the Spirit*. Throughout Scripture the Spirit often leads people through the wilderness so that they might find God's greater plan for their lives. Join us this Lenten season to find where the Spirit is leading you. This series will be run by Disciples of Jesus (DOJ) and the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL). DOJ is a Charismatic Community and the MGLs are an Order of Charismatic Priests, Brothers and Consecrated sisters. Dates: **Sundays during Lent 26 Feb to 2 April 2023**  
Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm  
Each Sunday will begin with a high tea—don't miss out. Location: Christ the King, Parish Hall—10 Statham Ave, North Rocks.

For more information contact Matthew Leslie 0409 295 962

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

During Lent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held:

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 7pm to midnight**  
**Wednesday - 9pm to midnight**  
**Friday - 7.30pm to midnight**



"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." St. Padre Pio

## CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM 2023

The Mount Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville has released their 2023 Retreat Program. This includes weekend/weeklong retreats and day retreats. There are some brochures at the back of the Church. For further information or to make a booking, please visit their webpage <https://mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program> or call on 8795 3400.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Zahra Connolly, Sienna Connolly and Finn Connolly** who were baptised last Sunday.



## HELP SYRIA

*Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit [www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake](http://www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake)

## YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION: 5 MARCH

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday **5 March** at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury, at 7pm. Deacon Tom Green will speak and lead discussion on whether faith contradicts rationality. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

## HOLY WEEK/EASTER CHOIR

Choir rehearsal for Holy Week/Easter will commence this

**Wednesday 1 March at 7.30pm** in the Church under the direction of Catherine Parker and John Galla. New members are most welcome.



## MGL SISTERS CONSECRATED LIFE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: 25 - 26 MARCH

The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters are creating an opportunity for single women aged 16-35 to come and listen for the voice of Jesus, ask questions and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and times of sharing to help you discern your vocation. 25-26 March at the Sisters' home in Varroville. For more information, and to register, email [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

## FEAST OF THE WEEK

Saturday, 4 March - Saint Casimir of Poland  
St Casimir was a prince of Poland and born in the royal palace at Cracow, 3 October 1458. He was the 3<sup>rd</sup> child among 13 of King Casimir IV of Poland and Elizabeth of Austria. St Casimir practiced a life of mortification, had a great devotion to Our Lady and often spent nights meditating upon the Passion of Christ. Out of obedience he became involved in, but later firmly resisted, his father's efforts to seize the Hungarian throne by military force. He also refused to marry, since he had resolved to live a life of perfect chastity. St Casimir devoted his time to prayer, studies and helping the poor. He suffered from lung trouble, and his mortifications aggravated his condition, causing him to die at the age of 25. St Casimir had often honoured Our Lady by singing the hymn *Omni die dic Mariae*, part of which is known as the more popular song, "Daily, daily sing to Mary." A copy of this hymn was buried with him, as he had requested. St Casimir is the Patron Saint of Poland, Lithuania, and Lithuanian youth.

