



**ST PATRICK'S
CATHEDRAL**
PARRAMATTA

22 February 2026 - 1st Sunday of Lent (Year A)

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Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS

6:00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass
7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon
12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)
5:00pm Reconciliation (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

8:00am Mass (No Adoration or Confessions)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Monday 7:15pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (Sept - April)
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUPS

First Friday Devotions: 7:00pm in Chapel
True Life in God: Last Friday @ 6:00pm in the Cloister Cafe

OTHER GROUPS

Credo Youth Ministries

Contact the office or find information on

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Is this even a sin?

THE SERPENT was subtle... and he still is. He will often present a sin as though it's a perfectly normal or reasonable step. Thankfully Jesus' temptations can give us a really good guide as to how to spot a sin in disguise.

"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread." The first temptation was to turn rocks into bread. Satisfying a hunger is a perfectly natural inclination, but for Jesus to take that into His own hands in that moment would have been tantamount to not trusting God. We all have perfectly natural needs that we want to satisfy – hunger, thirst, security, even intimacy. God has told us, through His word, what is right and what is wrong. Many of our sins are about fulfilling a natural appetite in a way that is contrary to God's word or His plan.

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down..." For the second temptation Satan even quotes scripture. Satan was trying to get Jesus to force God's hand. Some of our sins are about avoiding responsibility, sins of omission. God has a plan for our lives, He puts us into situations, and He expects us to take action. When we refuse or neglect to act, we are denying the stewardship that He has given to us. The assumption is if we don't act, God will act. In other words, we are forcing His hand.

"I will give you all these (the kingdoms of the world)." This is perhaps the most recognisable of the temptations, the temptation to worship something (or someone) other than God. We probably think this is the one that definitely does not apply to us, but maybe we need to look a little more closely at our lives. If we asked someone close to us what is the greatest focus of our lives, what would they say? Your career? Money? That relationship? So, is there anything wrong with caring about our career, our finances or an important relationship? Not at all, but, and this is a very BIG but – these parts of our lives should flow outwards from our proper worship of God, not get in the way of it.

God had a plan for Christ's life, a very specific, a very challenging plan but a plan that if Christ followed it through, would ultimately result in the salvation of the world. Satan was doing everything he could to offer alternative, easier routes. But Jesus stayed true to God's plan – thanks be to God! (Literally)

God has a plan for each of our lives, a very specific, challenging but immensely fruitful and satisfying plan. The enemy will always be trying to distract us and divert us from that plan. The enemy is subtle, and sin isn't always clear, so Jesus' temptations give us a pretty good way of examining our actions to see if they are sinful:

1. Am I taking things into my own hands instead of trusting God?
2. Am I being irresponsible, and putting God to the test?
3. Am I giving my focus and priority to something other than God?

Ultimately if we make God, and our relationship with Him, our focus, we will do just fine.

Wishing you a blessed Lenten season,

Deacon David

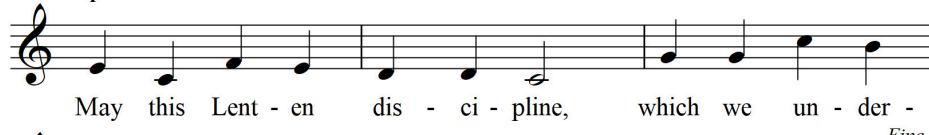


LITURGY GUIDE

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Procession May this Lenten discipline


Antiphon



May this Lent - en dis - ci - pline, which we un - der -
take with love, turn our minds to things a - bove. *Fine*

Verses

1. Sin has sun - dered us from God, self - ish we have
2. Now we fast that we may feast where the Lord of
3. As we keep this Lent with prayer and from pleas - ures



1. grown and cold, fool - ish were the ways we trod,
2. life pre - sides; may our hun - ger be in - creased
3. are with - drawn, minds and bo - dies we pre - pare

Ant.

1. e - vil ha - bits keep their hold.
2. for the bread which he pro - vides.
3. for the joy of Eas - ter dawn.

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Introit 11:00am

Invocabit me

Psalm 90:15

At the Solemn Mass, the Introit is sung by the choir during the incensation of the altar.

Invocabit me, et ego exaudiam eum:
eripiam eum, et glorificabo eum: longitudine dierum adimplebo eum.
V. Qui habitat in adjutorio Altissimi,
in protectione Dei caeli commorabitur.

*When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will rescue him and honour him; with long life will I satisfy him.
V. Whosoever abides in the shelter of the Most High,
shall remain under the protection of the God of Heaven.*

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

PENITENTIAL ACT

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,
(all strike their breast, three times)
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.

First Sunday of Lent (Year A)



Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases

- Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
- You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.
- Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
- By one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

to the point

On one level the stories of the temptations are about the choice between good and evil, between self-will and the will of God, between obedience and disobedience. But there is more at stake. The gospel's face-off between the devil and Jesus reveals temptation as a conflict between 'the kingdoms of the world' and the rule of God. Ultimately temptation asks all of us, Whom will you serve?

Connecting the Gospel

- **to the seasons of Lent**

Lent is not only about penitential practices. As a season Lent concentrates our life-long struggle to choose whether we will serve God or not.

- **to religious experience**

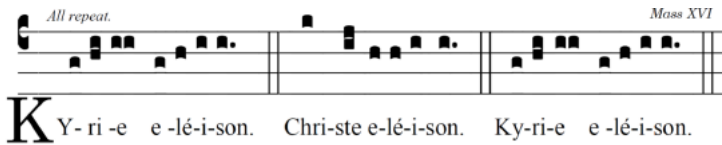
We tend to see both temptation and sin as private matters. As the first reading shows, even individual, private acts have far-reaching consequences.

LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie

Mass XVI

The cantor intones then all repeat



Kyrie 11am Missa 'In te Domine speravi' G. P. da Palestrina

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

(2:7-9, 3:1-7)

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17



R Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

(5:12,17-19)

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.

Gospel Acclamation

'Orbis factor'

The cantor, alone, intones the Acclamation. All repeat



G Lo-ry and praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **R**.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

(4:1-11)

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
"the Virgin Mary", all bow.*

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.

Universal Prayer

PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

At this time, gifts of offering are brought
to the altar and collection plates are
passed along the pews.

*To donate via credit card,
please use the QR code shown here.*



Offertory Motet 11:00am

Call to remembrance, O Lord R. Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord,
thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness
which hath been ever of old.

O remember not the sins
and offences of my youth,
but according to thy mercies,
think thou on me O Lord.

For thy goodness.

Psalms 25:5-6



Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Chant Mass XVIII

ICEL

*Cantors * All Mass XVIII*

H O - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-sán-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-sán-na in the high-est.

Mystery of Faith

Missal Tone

S Ave us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Re-sur-rection,
you have set us free.

Amen

Missal Tone

A - men

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Chant Mass XVIII

ICEL

*Cantors * All*

L -Amb of God * you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer- cy on us.
Lamb of God * you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer- cy on us.
Lamb of God * you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Agnus Dei 11:00am Missa 'In te Domine speravi' G.P. da Palestrina

Communion Antiphon

Scapulis suis obumbrabit

Psalm 90:4-5

He will overshadow you with his pinions,
and you will find refuge under his wings.
His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield.

Communion Hymn Forty days and forty nights



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights
2. Let us your en - dur - ance share
3. And if Sa - tan on us press
4. Keep, O keep us, Sa - viour dear,



1. you were fast - ing in the wild,
2. and from earth - ly greed ab - stain,
3. flesh or spi - rit to as - sail,
4. ev - er con - stant by your side,



1. for - ty days and for - ty nights
2. with you, watch - ing un - to prayer,
3. Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness,
4. that with you we may ap - pear



1. tempt - ed and yet un - de - filed.
2. with you, strong to suf - fer pain.
3. grant we may not faint or fail.
4. at th'e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Text: George Hunt Smytten 1822-1870, alt. by Francis Pott 1832-1909, in *Hymns fitted to the Order of Common Prayer* 1861, alt. Tune: AUS DER TIEFE (HEINLEIN) 77.77; *Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch*, 1676. Melody attrib. Martin Herbst 1654-1681

Prayer after Communion

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.

Blessing & Dismissal



Go forth the Mass is ended. **R. Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Chorale Prelude 'Have mercy on me, O God' BWV 721 J.S Bach

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8:00am Mass Propers

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

Communion Antiphon

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

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Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays after the 11:00am Solemn Mass, at around 12:45pm. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary.
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation

Please contact the Parish Secretaries.

Hiring of Rooms

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretaries, Pat or Donna, by **12:00 noon on Thursday**.

Save the Date

St Patrick's Day Celebration!

Join us on Sunday 15 March for a parish celebration!

🍖 Barbecue 🐰 Petting Zoo 🥞 Baked Goods Stall 🍀 Plant stall
🇮🇪 Irish Dancers ☕ Devonshire Tea & Scones Cafe
Raising funds for St Patrick's Parish.

Bring your family and friends for a morning of fun, food, and fellowship as we celebrate St Patrick's Day together!

We look forward to seeing you there!

ALPHA - You are invited!

Explore Life, Faith & Meaning with Alpha at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. Ever wonder if there's more to life? Not sure what you believe? Curious about faith?

Alpha is a series of relaxed sessions where you can explore life, meaning, and God — no strings attached. There's food, a short video, and real conversation. That's it. No preaching. No pressure. Just a space to be yourself, ask anything, and say what you think.

Launch Night: Wednesday 25 February **Time:** 7:00pm

Where: Cloister Function Room :St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

👉 [REGISTER HERE](#), inside the St Pat's App or via the QR Code
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<https://stpatscathedral.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/110/responses/new>



Catenians - City of Parramatta 333

We are a group of Catholic men and families who enjoy each other's company and help and support each other. We share and uphold the Gospel and through our association, belonging to a network of like-minded people.

What we are about...

- Catholic community
- Family & friendship
- Encouraging vocations
- Supporting youth.

The city of Parramatta Circle 333 hold our monthly meetings every fourth Thursday of the month at Mary Mackillop Spirituality Centre, 33 Barina Downs Rd, Baulkham Hills.

For more information please contact Circle Membership Officer, Michael Lilley
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CATENIANS

Our Commitment to Safeguarding

At St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, we are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way."

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to...

- Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person;
- Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.

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Stations of the Cross – A Lenten Journey

Each Friday in Lent, we invite you to walk the Way of the Cross, entering more deeply into the mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and love for us. The Stations of the Cross is a powerful devotion that allows us to reflect on Jesus' final journey, uniting our own struggles with his sacrifice.

Join us in the Cathedral each Friday at 6:00pm, as we prayerfully retrace the steps of Christ, contemplating his profound love and mercy.

We also invite families and individuals to take part in leading a Station of the Cross each Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage more deeply in the prayer and to help guide our community through this sacred devotion. If you would like to participate, please let us know by emailing coordinator@stpatscathedral.com.au or contacting the parish office.

In this season of repentance and renewal, may we open our hearts to the grace of the Cross and prepare ourselves to share in the joy of the Resurrection. All are welcome!



Join a Lenten Reflection Group

This Lent, take time to deepen your faith by joining one of our Lenten Reflection Groups. These gatherings provide a welcoming space to pray, reflect on Scripture, and journey together as a faith community.

Two options are available:

- **Sunday evenings** at 8:00pm (via Zoom), commencing 22 February. Led by Fr Robert. Zoom link available on the app or contact the parish office.
- **Tuesday mornings** at 9:30am (Cathedral Meeting Room), commencing Tuesday 24 February. Reflection booklets will be provided for use during the session.

Whether you prefer the convenience of an online session or the fellowship of an in-person gathering, we encourage you to take this opportunity to grow spiritually this Lent.

Friends of St Patrick's Cemetery

Invite you to a 'Clean Up Australia Day Event', (registration #67061) at St Patrick's Cemetery.

Address: corner of Pennant Hills Road & Castle Street North Parramatta.

Time: 8:30am to 10:30am

Date: Sunday 01 March

Please wear a hat/cap, closed shoes and bring a bottle of water.



Lenten Food Drive for Jesuit Refugee Service

Throughout Lent there is a donation space in the chapel for non-perishable foods to support the Jesuit Refugee Services foodbank. The JRS foodbank supports over 150 local families. Please consider supporting the donation drive. We need: **basmati rice, cooking oil, dried red lentils, laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent and long life milk.**

Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with those in need this Lent.



Project Compassion

As usual at the commencement of Lent, Caritas Australia launch Project Compassion, a campaign to raise both awareness of, and funding for, development projects in our region of the world to assist people in need.

Next weekend we will have available Project Compassion boxes for you to take home or to your workplace, as a reminder of the work of this international Catholic aid agency. Though most people choose to donate online these days, the "old fashioned" boxes are a visual reminder to us of the command to care for those in need, so please take one with you next weekend!

Thank you in anticipation of your generous sacrifice during the penitential season of Lent.



Together we can keep the faith alive: Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

If you would like to donate to ACN, please use the QR code or visit their website.



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Prepare Your Hearts for Eucharist28: Holy Hour - Sunday 01 March

As we prepare for the 54th International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Sydney in 2028, our parish will join communities across Australia for a special Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday 01 March (Second Sunday of Lent).



Come and spend an hour with the Lord in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as we begin this national journey of renewal and devotion to the Eucharist. We will be holding this **after the 11:00am Solemn Mass on Sunday 01 March**, from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. All are warmly invited to attend!

For more information and resources as we prepare together, visit the official Congress website: eucharist28.org.

St Pat's Matters

The new edition of St Pat's Matter's will be available next weekend, both as a hard copy and online, via the parish website and the parish app. Lots of great reading including, naturally, a focus on the fire which destroyed our cathedral back in 1996.



Restless children

Please note that the cathedral is endeavouring to ensure the outside speakers are switched on at every Sunday Mass for those parents who need to take their children outside if they (the children!) get somewhat restless. We appreciate the huge effort parents make in bringing their children to Mass and hope this move will assist all concerned.

✨ Special Screening ✨

“Guadalupe: Mother of Humanity”

📅 Friday 20 March | ⌚ 7:00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta – Cloister Hall

Discover the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe: in 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego, leaving her image on his tilma — a cloak that has endured nearly 500 years, surviving acid, a bomb blast, and the tests of time. Hidden messages in the image continue to inspire awe and faith.

🎫 **Tickets:** \$10 per person, payable on the night (cash or card)

🍿 **Parish Treats:** Popcorn and snacks available as part of parish fundraising.

This inspiring documentary has been shown across the Diocese of Parramatta and Archdiocese of Sydney and featured in The Catholic Weekly.

👤 Recommended PG 13+

📺 Watch the trailer: [Click Here](#)

🌐 Learn more: [Official Website](#)

Come and experience this story of faith, hope, and enduring miracles!

You are invited!

You're warmly invited to attend a Parish Meeting on the Proposed Overnight Shelter Trial.

📅 Monday 02 March

🕒 7:00–9:00pm

📍 Cloister Hall

This meeting is an opportunity to engage with the Parish Pastoral Council, hear the planning details of the proposed trial, ask questions, listen respectfully to one another's views, and pray together as we discern our parish's mission in response to this proposal. Your voice and presence are important as we consider this together as a community. please RSVP via the parish app by **Friday 27 February** or by emailing coordinator@stpatscathedral.com.au
Enquiries: socialjustice@stpatscathedral.com.au

Become an SRE Catechist – Volunteers Needed

Would you like to play a pivotal role in fostering Catholic faith and understanding among children?

Would you like to volunteer in public schools to make a difference in the lives of young students?

Would you like to find out more about becoming a Catechist?

We would love to hear from you!

For further information, please visit:

<https://parracatholic.org/contribute/sre-catechist/>

If you are interested or would like to know more, please email the St Patrick's Cathedral SRE Team at: sre@stpatscathedral.com.au
Your “yes” could help shape a child's faith journey.

Volunteers Needed - Livestreaming

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the livestreaming of Masses such as the 11:00am Solemn Mass on Sunday and on other special occasions. All training provided. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

Volunteers Needed – Collection Counters

We are seeking volunteers to assist as Parish Collection Counters. Counters meet on Monday mornings after the 6:30 am Mass to count the previous weekend's collections. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

Blacktown Parish presents 'Be The Witness'

The team at *Be The Witness* have added two new dates for chorus auditions. We would like to invite all those interested to come and audition for this amazing evangelical musical production at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown on either:

Monday 16 February from 6:30pm-8:30pm
OR

Monday 23 February – 6:30pm-8:30pm

To register and book your time, please scan the QR code and fill in your details.
Come, Be The Witness!



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: Ravi Prakash, Rosie Rezk, Hamish J Pereira, Mark A Mirando, Adriana Villada, Joana Blandon, Elias Safadi, Mary Grace Manubay, Vickram & Vasvi Arcot, Rodolfo Manalo, Gretta D'Souza, Sharon Webb, Jessica Blatman, Rodolfo Manalo, Valentyna, Fr Michael Attard, Silvana Rechichi

Special Intentions: Bianca Yousif, Raveen, Naleen, Tian, Chryslyn Pinto & family, Archie Thorbani & family, Unnati Patel & family, Michael Harper, Rohan Britto, Casilda Britto, Hiong, Aida Marner, John & Aida, Bart & Clara Cabezas, Ernesto & Riza Angeles, David Ibella, Ping Hsu, Daniel Pinto, Stephen Senjak, Romeo D'Souza, Romeo Esteves, Marianno De Arrogante, Shannen Mendoza, Jared & Hien Besant, Hilda & Gaulbert Pais, Peachy Romulo, Pedro & Sheila Romulo, Raven Seguia

Anniversaries: John Doolub, Danny Doolub, Pasquale Altamore, Bernard Rodricks, Gracie Rodricks, Irima Muller, Agapito Antonio, Dionisia Antonio, Soosai Villava Rayen, Watson Lee, Nida De Noronha, Moltea Iezzi, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Paul So Nguyen, Danny Doolub, Maximena Manlangit, Jure & Maria Drazenovic, Eddie Lai, Maria Lelyveld

Recently Deceased: Terry Cook, Stalin Tiongco, Juanita P. Reyes, Lucy Avila, Miguel Diaz, Marcus Ojo, Vincent Dorahy, Ralph Vallejo, Elijah Brown, Janine Burn, Fr Mario Colina CM, Peter Lewin, Paul Peters, Se Christeia Uy, Evelyn Maguire

Deceased: Maria Megale, Youssef & amira Chaaya, Reginaldo Bugo, Ligoury Pinto, YT & Deanna Hsu, Lucy D'Mello, Rose Mendonza, Sr Regis, Daniel Kek Teng Kiong, Danny Doolub, John Doolub, Peter Maroun, Philip Vas, Leti Vas, Charles Vas

Anniversaries: Pedro Obar Morales, Edward Muller, Juan Montesco, Maximena Manlangit, Johannes Lelyveld

Perpetuals: Thanh Hung Le, June Schembri, Antoine Morvan, Leo Bardetta, Carmen Train, Joan Brady, Rudy Rupac, Frank Agostino, Wendy A Smith, Louisa & Arthur Baxter, Paul Mahoney, Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter & Annette Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Pat & Jim Hartman, John Ryan, Mark Fletcher, Royan & Andrews families, Don & Pat Andrews, Juliet & Peter Noronha, Vijaya Sawant, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy, Anna & Frank Grainda, Jack & June Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Watson Lee, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Hooper family, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Love family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children recently baptised here...

Elaia Deeb
Amalia Revollar

WEDDINGS



We pray for the following couple recently married here...

Lorrae Johnston & Sean Pender

POPE LEO'S...



Prayer Intention for February

For children with incurable diseases

“Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.”

From Pope Leo...

*From his
message for Lent*

“In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.”

Saint of the Week

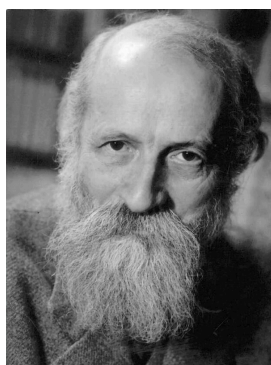
18 February - Blessed John of Fiesole OP (c.1386 - 1455), Friar, Painter

Guido of Vicchio was born in the region of Tuscany in 1386 or 1387 and studied art in Florence while still a young man. Feeling drawn to religious life he entered the Dominican Order at the convent of San Domenico in Fiesole. This convent had recently been established as a house of regular observance by Blessed John Dominic whose name he took when he entered. He served as superior of San Domenico, promoted regular observance and handed on the fruits of his contemplation through his paintings for the altars at Fiesole and for the convent of San Marco in Florence. He was called to Rome by Pope Eugene IV to decorate two chapels, one in the Basilica of St. Peter and one in the Vatican. Pope Nicholas V also commissioned him to decorate his private chapel at the Vatican. His work is also found in the convent of San Domenico in Cortona and the cathedral at Orvieto. Pope Eugene IV wished to appoint him archbishop of Florence, but he declined in favor of Saint Antoninus. On February 18, 1455, he died in Rome at Santa Maria sopra Minerva and was buried there. The special quality of his painting earned him the title "Fra Angelico."



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"Quote of the Week"



"Whenever we both, Christian and Jew, care more for God Himself than for our images of God, we are united in the feeling that our Father's house is differently constructed than our human models take it to be."

Martin Buber
(1878 - 1965)
Jewish Philosopher

Did You Know...?

...that the season of Lent is an excellent opportunity to consider celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)?

There are numerous opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of God's mercy throughout Lent, both here at St Patrick's (see bulletin for details) and at other parishes throughout the diocese. If you find the normal times for Reconciliation in this parish inconvenient, please bear in mind that you can make an appointment for a time that suits you. Remember the words we heard on Ash Wednesday: *Repent, and believe in the Gospel.*



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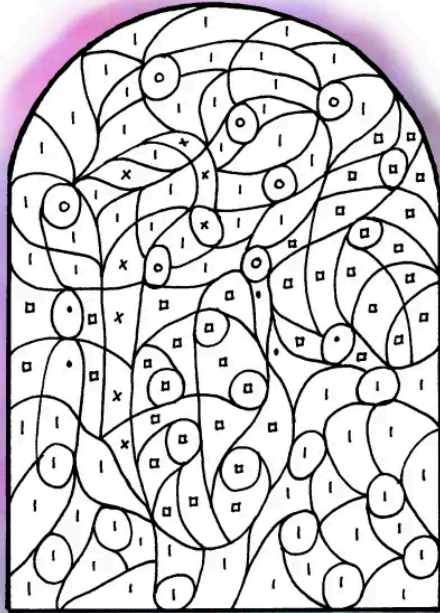
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The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent
February 22nd, 2026

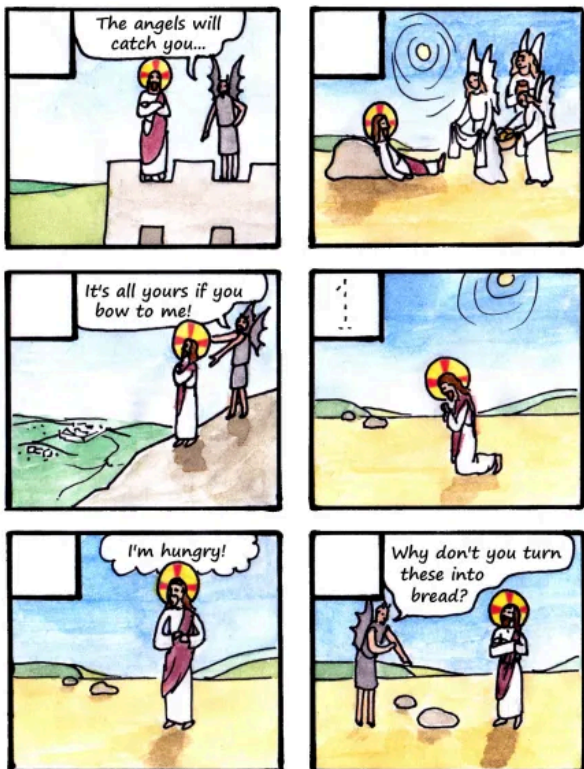
Today's first reading tells us about sin.
Use the code at the bottom to colour in the spaces
and find out what the story was.



- blue
- green
- × brown
- red
- skin colour

Sort the Story!

What happened when Jesus had prayed and fasted for forty days in the desert?
See if you can sort out the order of these pictures.
Write 1 on the first, 2 on the second, and so on.



What Happens in Lent?

In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes out into the desert to fast and pray for forty days. In the forty days of Lent, the Church asks us to fast, give alms, and pray.



In Lent we don't eat meat on Fridays. Many people give up things like candy or dessert for all of Lent. When we give up food that we like, it reminds us that food isn't the only thing we need- we need God too!



Giving alms means giving money or things to the poor or the Church. God lets there be people who need our help so that we can become better by helping them!

The third thing that we should do in Lent is praying. You could say an extra prayer every day- maybe an "Our Father" or a "Hail Mary" when you wake up or before you go to bed. Another good idea is reading a bit from the Bible, because when we read the Bible we let God speak to us.

What are some little things you could do for Lent? Try to do things that will help you think a bit more about God every day.



Answers to picture puzzle inside: top: 4; 6, middle: 5; 1, bottom: 2; 3.

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Saint Polycarp February 23

SAINT POLYCARP LEARNED ABOUT JESUS FROM SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE. HE BECAME THE BISHOP OF SMYRNA, IN WHAT IS NOW TURKEY.

POLYCARP FOUGHT AGAINST HERESIES THAT CONFUSED PEOPLE ABOUT GOD, BUT WAS KIND TO EVERYONE.

POLYCARP CELEBRATED EASTER ON A DIFFERENT DAY THAN THE POPE, BUT THEY DID NOT ARGUE ABOUT IT.

Who do these Christians think they are?

WHEN THEY CAME FOR POLYCARP HE HID ON A FARM, BUT WAS FOUND.

IN THOSE DAYS THE ROMANS HATED THE CHRISTIANS BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT WORSHIP THE GODS.

AT FIRST THEY FELT SORRY FOR HIM BECAUSE HE WAS SO OLD. THEY TRIED TO CONVINCE HIM TO GIVE UP THE FAITH.

HE WOULDN'T REJECT THE FAITH, SO THEY TRIED TO BURN HIM, BUT THE FIRE ONLY WENT AROUND HIM AND DIDN'T HURT HIM! FINALLY THEY STABBED HIM.

The celebration is more important than the date.

Don't you see it is useless to resist?

SAINT POLYCARP HELD ONTO HIS FAITH EVEN WHEN HE WAS VERY OLD. HE WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE UP ON JESUS WHEN HE WAS FACED WITH TORTURE. MOST OF US WON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN KEEPING OUR FAITH AND GETTING KILLED, BUT WE STILL HAVE TO BE BRAVE TO STAY TRUE TO JESUS IN THE WORLD.

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