



St Matthew's Catholic Parish

(Established 1831)

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Our Parish Mission Statement:

We believe and live out the mission of Jesus Christ as a community of worship and faith shared in service.

Parish Team:

Parish Priest and Tamil Chaplain:

Fr Robert William

Sacramental Coordinator: *Ms Cita Adams*

Parish Secretary: *Ms Judy Rigg*

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Office hours - 9.30am - 4.30pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Schools:

St Matthew's Primary Phone: 4560 2300

Principal: Mr Tim Vane-Tempest

Chisholm Catholic Primary Phone: 4573 3200

Principal: Mr Michael Mifsud

Bede Polding College Phone: 4560 2900

Principal: Mr Mark Compton

Masses:

Weekend:

Sat. Vigil 6.00pm

Sun. 7.30am, 9.00am and 5.00pm

Weekday:

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am

Adoration

Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am

Baptisms:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly

Marriages:

By appointment

First Sunday of Lent Year C

6th March, 2022



The wilderness, or desert, is used repeatedly throughout the Bible as a place of special encounter with God and preparation for a new direction or a new ministry. The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness immediately followed his baptism in the Jordan where his status as the beloved of God was confirmed. He is led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness for a period of fasting, prayer and preparation before entering into his public ministry. In fact, the event that immediately follows this passage is the episode in Nazareth where Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah and declares the intent of his ministry. It is presented as if, having spent his time in preparation and overcoming the temptations before him, Jesus strode out of the wilderness and laid out what he had decided.

The episode of the temptations is a clear indicator of the humanity of Jesus – he experienced doubt, uncertainty and fear just as we do. If the gospel intended to emphasise the divinity of Jesus, none of these temptations would have been an issue. We are told that Jesus was indeed tempted, not just pestered by the devil. The opportunities laid before Jesus were actually tempting to him. They challenged his resolve. They made Jesus question the sort of Messiah that he was to be: the all-conquering, powerful Messiah that the people expected; or the servant to the poor who will be tortured and put to death. Jesus is tempted to use his power to make his task easier or to display his authority to others. Had he chosen to do this, surely it would have been easier to get people's attention – and that was the temptation: to take the easier path or stick to the more subtle, more personal, more difficult path.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – LENT

The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.

Greg Sunter liturgyhelp.com

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU:

- ⇒ ARE EXPERIENCING COLD OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS
- ⇒ HAVE A TEMPERATURE
- ⇒ HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE THAT IS EITHER A SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19
- ⇒ FACE MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED

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: Deuteronomy 26 : 4 - 10
The confession of faith of the elect.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 10 : 8 - 13
The confession of faith of the believes in Christ.

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.
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GOSPEL: Luke 4 : 1 - 13
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted

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



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Deceased:

Please pray for the recently deceased Saviour (Sam) Vassallo, Alfred Casha, Marie Cipriano, (Anniversary of Antonia Ripa) as well as Emanuel Azzopardi, Charles Bonanno, Marystella Bonanno, Francis Bonanno, Frank Debono, George Seguna, Nicola Ripa, John Mifsud, Bonnie Farrugia, Jesse Ripa, Emanuel, Frank and Maryanne Attard, Anna and Paul Micallef, Paul Dimech, Charlie and Grace Vella, Felix and Maree Sammut, Chris, John, Maryanne Sultana and Sultana family.

Sick: Please pray for Jessica Moloney and Sid Kelly.

LENTEN GROUP

A Lenten Group will be held on Wednesdays in the Convent (3 Mileham Street) from 10am - 12pm, beginning Wednesday, 9th March. The program this year is again from the Diocese of Bunbury WA and the theme is "Up From The Waters". If you are interested please ring Sr. Anita (0417 208 315) or email abrennan@goodsams.org.au

UPDATE FOR PARISHIONERS

Fr John Rizzo and a number of visiting priests will be assisting the parish this weekend. Please make them all feel welcome. Fr John will be also assist with the weekday Masses so there will be adoration on Tuesday and Thursday morning.

MONDAY CLUB SOCIAL

The next lunch will be held this Monday, 7th March in the Parish Hall. They are hoping to have a Bar-b-que lunch if it isn't raining. Cost is \$10—per person which covers morning tea and lunch. Please contact Celine if you would like to attend.



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

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, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.

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



**PLEASE TAKE WITH YOU OR THROW OUT.
DO NOT RETURN TO THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR
LEAVE ON THE SEAT. THANK YOU.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: FIRST EUCHARIST

If you have a child in Year 4 who has made their First Reconciliation, they are now eligible to make their First Eucharist. The programme will start with a parent information meeting at **7pm** in the Church on **Tuesday, 15th March and Wednesday, 16th March**. Only one parent is required to attend one of the talks. Bookings are not required, just turn up to enrol your child. If you are unable to attend, either meeting, please contact Cita or the Parish Office.



LEGION OF MARY

All Active and Auxiliary Members are invited to the Annual ACIES Ceremony in St John Vianney's Parish, 17 Cameron Street Doonside, on Saturday 26th March 2022. It will start at 2pm with opening Prayers and Holy Rosary, followed by the ACIES Ceremony and then closing Benediction. Light refreshments will be offered afterwards so please bring some food and drinks to share.



What is ACIES?

The best way to describe the ACIES is that it is the most important Legion function of the year. During this ceremony we will consecrate ourselves to Mary by renewing our Legionary Promise, so that we may better work in union with her as we do our Legionary work. In this consecration we open our hearts to Mary, so that she may guide us and bless us through the year. It is said that one cannot be truly devoted to our Lady's legion if one does not attend this ceremony, as you will not have within you her spirit.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMME 2022

St Finbars Catholic Parish in Glenbrook will be holding this programme on "The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to the Gospel of Luke." It will be held from 7—8.30pm on Tuesdays, 8th March, 22nd March and 5th April in their Parish Hall at 52 Levy Street Glenbrook. Cost is only a gold coin donation. Please RSVP your attendance to secretary@stfinbars.org.au

MASTERCLASS FOR MENTOR MARRIED COUPLES

Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? The Diocese is looking for couples to help mentor local engaged couples. You may only need to mentor once a year. No training is necessary and all paperwork is provided. To find out if this is something you may be interested in doing, join them for a Masterclass on Friday 18th March at 7.30pm in the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. If you attend the meeting, you are not committing yourself to the programme. To book your attendance or to ask questions, please phone Marisa 0412 280 017 or email met@parracatholic.org

SYNOD OF BISHOPS LOCAL SUBMISSIONS EXTENDED!

The local consultation period for the global Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until Sunday, 13th March. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at bit.ly/synod2023



MET LENTEN SCRIPTURE EVENING

Join us in coming together in prayer and preparation for Lent with a Lenten Scripture Evening on Tuesday 8th March. Dr Laurie Woods will be speaking on 'The God of Second Chances (Forgiveness and Peace)' from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact met@parracatholic.org

ROSTERS 12TH/13TH MARCH 2022			2ND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C	
Church Cleaning: K. Moffitt and C. Conolly.			Sacristy: M. Roth and C. Vella.	
MASSES	6PM	7.30AM	9AM	5PM
Commentator	K. Apap	C. Attard	I Willingham	M. Claravall
Reader	J. Rapa	S. Mackenzie	Sr Anita	S. Naylor
Acolyte/Adult Server	T. Jordan		T. Victorino	
Altar Servers	E. Rijke	S. Tierney	J. Biviano	E. Sevilla
			C. Adam	

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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The Temptation of Christ



TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

WORD	TEMPTED
WORLD	DEVIL
WORSHIP	ANGELS
KINGDOMS	FASTING
LORD	HUNGRY
BREAD	SATAN
MOUNTAIN	STONES
DESERT	TEMPLE
BOW	SERVE
SPLENDOR	JESUS