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**1st March 2020**

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2: 7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

## “TEMPTATION IS EVERYWHERE, BUT SO IS GOD”

The letter to the Hebrews says that we do have a high priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses as He was tempted in every way, just as we are (Heb 4: 15). The gospel for the first Sunday of Lent is about the temptations of Jesus as depicted by Matthew. Eugene Peterson in his book “The Jesus Way”, tries to make connections between the temptations of Jesus and the temptations we face today. This is what Peterson says:

### **The first temptation of Jesus was to turn stones to bread to meet his own needs.**

*The devil wants us to do the same: follow Jesus but then use Jesus to fulfill needs, first our own and then the needs of all the hungry people around us. It is the temptation to deal with myself and others first and foremost as consumers. It is the temptation to define life in consumer terms and then devise plans and programs to accomplish them “in Jesus’ name.”*

*... The temptation is to reduce people, ourselves and others, to self-defined needs or culture-defined needs, which always, in the long run, end up being sin-defined needs – and use Jesus to do it.*

### **The second temptation was to jump off the temple roof and dazzle the crowd below with a miracle.** Peterson says:

*The devil wants us to do the same, use Jesus as a hedge against boredom. Use Jesus as some people use drugs and alcohol, sex and fast cars, danger and thrills, television and guns. Use Jesus for his miracle potential. Use Jesus as a reprieve from the humdrum. Package Jesus as a commodity for weekend diversions.*



### **The third temptation is for Jesus to rule the world through power.** Peterson says:

*The devil wants us to use Jesus in the same way. Use Jesus to run our families, our neighbourhoods, our schools, our governments as efficiently and properly as we can, but with no love or forgiveness. Every man and woman reduced to a function. That is the only way you can have a just and peaceful and prosperous government. If you let people have a say in these matters, suddenly you will find yourself operating in a maelstrom of prejudice, egotism, ambition, superstition, ignorance, greed, avarice – you name it. Our newspapers and newscasts do name it every day. Meanwhile the devil is at your elbows, tempting us to impose “the right” by eliminating freedom. Gandhi used to talk disparagingly of “dreaming of systems so perfect that no one will need to be good”. (Source online: duly acknowledged)*

Let us remember that God promises us the strength to handle the challenges to our identity, character and our conscience. At the least, it gives us the courage to pray the familiar petition: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." There are a few more Scriptures on temptation which might boost our confidence in handling them:

Psalm 119:11 *God's Word helps you stand.*

Matthew 4:1-11 *Even Jesus was tempted.*

1 Corinthians 10:13 *He'll provide a way out.*

1 Peter 1:6-7 *Rejoice! Even in temptation.*

2 Peter 1:3-4 *Divine power to escape corruption.*

James 1:2-6 *Testing produces perseverance.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *Equipped for good work.*

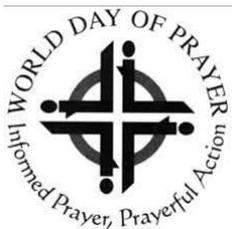
A Sufi Master, Abdullah Ansari, said, "If thou canst walk on water, thou art no better than a straw. If thou canst fly in the air, thou art no better than a fly. But if thou canst resist temptation, thou canst conquer the universe." Genuine power, real strength, comes from resisting temptation by God's grace. Let us experience the infinite power of God as we face temptations of any kind in our lives!

**God's blessings, Fr. Vince**



## Social Justice @ St Mads

Our local celebration of the **World Day of Prayer**, is this year being held this **Friday March 6th at Dural Baptist church, 1pm**. The host country is Zimbabwe. World Day of Prayer began after the devastation of World War I, women incorporated the conviction that world peace was intrinsically tied to world mission. The first Friday of Lent was established as a joint day of prayer for missions and was celebrated for the first time on February 20, 1920. The symbol for World Day of Prayer was developed by the women of Ireland and adopted as the international logo in 1982. Its design is made up of arrows converging from the four points of the compass, persons kneeling in prayer, the Celtic cross, and the circle, representing the world and our unity through all our diversity.



(Our parish contact is Careyanne Moylan—0438791813)



The theme of the Social Justice statement this year is around our use of social media, this Friday is the International Day of Unplugging. A challenge to review our habits with social media!!

~Sue Martin

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Preparations will begin for the Sacrament of Confirmation, available to children in Year 5 or older who have completed their First Eucharist. Parents interested in enrolling their child in the program must attend a **PARENT INFORMATION SESSION** on Tuesday, 3rd March, at either 4:30 or 7pm in the parish function centre.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION:

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **7th March at 4:30-5:30pm** in the function centre. To book, please call the parish office on 96542260. Thank you.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Please come and join our participants in the next **RCIA talk on Wednesday, 4th March at 7pm** in the function centre.

**TALK #8: Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation**

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1552.60  
**2nd Collection** (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1497  
**Loose** = \$ 1176.55  
**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$2107  
**TOTAL** = \$ 4780.55

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

*We welcome back the families who had children baptised in 2019. Let us always keep them in our prayers as they share this journey of faith with us!*

## Lent



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Fridays of Lent at 7pm in the courtyard

### DISCUSSION GROUPS

- \*Come and join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 am in the function centre. Let us read and reflect on the beautiful Gospels during Lent. Call PAULINE 0407417039 or just come and join !!
- \*Reflections following the Lenten book "Grace", led by Trish Maidens, every Thursday of Lent at 10am at Mountain View Retirement Village, Round Corner
- \*Short reflection sessions on the Fridays of Lent after the Stations of the Cross, to be held in the function centre  
***Copies of "Grace" Lenten reflections are available in the office and the Piety stall for \$8.***

### LENTEN CONCERT - 'ASHES TO EASTER'

with Peter Kearney. Tuesday 10th March, 7pm in the St. Madeleine's Function Centre. Suggested donation \$10 at door.

Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter/singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter.

*Comment: "A beautiful Lenten reflection ... prayerful and spiritual ... a worthwhile part of our Lenten journey".*

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

#### For the recently deceased

Adeline Lee-Lotze, Maria Desanti, Robyn Neasbey, Tom McCosker, Peter McLoughlin, Gigi Marquez, and Tony Boffo



#### For the dearly departed

Stanley Rodrigues, Charles James Bradley, Benito Sabellano, Rena Hooper, Patricia Bryant, Eduardo Piccoli, Maria Piccoli, Giovanni Scarpin, Domenica Scarpin, Giulia & Fulvio Russo, Grace Corpuz Howard Langham, Paul Spina, Rev Fr Callahan, Patrick Joseph Bradley, Alegria Ricafrente David Piper, Tony Votano, Immacolata & Oreste Omministratore, Rosa Maria & Francesco Nati, Toufic Khamis, Alan Brush, and Michele Vaccarella

#### For healing of the sick

Joe Fuda, India, Vince Luca, Kylie Baker, Lara Sawaya, Candida Irugalbandra, Sheila Cañabano, Florence Smith, Gregory Borg, Maria Peach, Paul Byrne, Andy, Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Samuel Abella, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel

#### For the intentions of

Miriam Dieudonne and Geraldine Alumios Durango

The Parish Office has been having issues with our phone service and internet since the storms. If you need to leave a message for us, please send an email (which we can access remotely) to [stmads@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stmads@yahoo.com.au) or by leaving a note in the locked letterbox outside the office. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### OPEN DAY for KINDERGARTEN 2021 ENROLMENTS

St Madeleine's Primary school will be holding an open morning on Thursday 5th March from 9.15 - 10.30am in the school library for those who are interested in enrolling their children in Kindergarten 2021.

You and your friends are very welcome!

#### Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2021

St Madeleine's Primary School is taking applications for Kindergarten 2021.

Enrolment forms can be accessed from the school website

[www.stmadeleineskenthurst.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmadeleineskenthurst.catholic.edu.au)

or can be collected from the school office.

*Please come to the Catechists Commissioning Mass on 8th March at 8am, to join in a prayer of thanks and blessing for our tireless catechist volunteers. Morning tea to follow.*

We need a few more volunteers to help with **welcoming and morning tea at the 10am Masses**. If you are interested to help once a month, please contact the parish office by email [stmads@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stmads@yahoo.com.au) or by leaving a note with your details in the locked letterbox outside the office. Thank you so much!

### OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

#### LENTEN GROUP

Sr Anna Conway will conduct a group at her convent, 31 Woodhill St, Castle Hill, during the Fridays in Lent, commencing on 6th March, from 10:30—12.

The theme is "Christians in the 21st century"

Kindly book in on 96596331 or email AnnaC@parrasom.org.au

#### LOOKING FOR A GRANNY FLAT

Young married couple, both local teachers, seeking granny flat rental accommodation ASAP. Please contact Vivienne Boddy on 0421 173 136.

#### YOU'RE INVITED TO THE SANTA SOPHIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE (BOX HILL) OPEN DAYS

Secondary: March 4th, 4pm-7pm; 85 Hambledon Road, Schofields

Primary: March 11th, 4pm-6pm; 1 Wellgate Ave, Kellyville

Now enrolling for 2021 <http://www.santasophiaboxhill.catholic.edu.au/>

#### LORETO NORMANHURST OPEN DAY

Open Day, from 11am – 3pm on Saturday 7 March 2020, is a wonderful opportunity to experience a day in the life of Loreto Normanhurst and we look forward to welcoming current and prospective families to our school.

#### ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL RELICS OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX VISIT: 4 MARCH

As part of a four month pilgrimage in Australia, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, will visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for overnight veneration from 9.30pm on Wednesday March 4. The relics are expected to leave the Cathedral the following day for the Diocese of Broken Bay at 6.15am. Books and various items will be available for purchase.

#### INSTITUTE FOR MISSION REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM: STARTING MARCH 10

If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved, this program gatherings will nurture your relationship with God and further equip your purpose and serving! Sessions start on Tuesday 10 March and will run every Tuesday night for twelve weeks. To register, please visit

<https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or for more information, contact Sr Grace on (02) 9296 6369 or [grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au).

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#### PARISH TEAM

##### Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

##### Assistant Priest:

Rev Jessie Balorio

##### Parish Secretary:

Lisa Echevarria

##### Sacramental Coordinator

Sally Coppini

##### St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

##### Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

#### PARISH SERVICES

##### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

##### Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

##### Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

10-10:30 Fridays - Adoration

**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.00pm

**Baptisms:** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:20,

or during 10am Masses

**Weddings:** By appointment

#### THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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- ◇ Eileen's cause opens
- ◇ Western civilisation scholarships commence
- ◇ New VC sworn in
- ◇ The doctor of miracles
- ◇ Movie review: *The Call of the Wild*
- ◇ Almsgiving: Not optional

*Whenever assailed by humility, the devil loses his power. Humility is like a plank in a flood. We cannot cling too tightly to this virtue.*

*-St Madeleine Sophie*

#### PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

##### Welcomers Coordinator:

Music Coordinator: Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

##### Playgroup Coordinator:

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Peter Balnaves/Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

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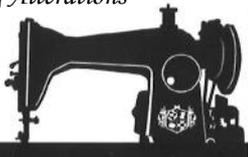
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	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Emilie & Jacinta Mifsud	Catherine Diekman Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Sue Martin	Jan Schroder Gael Carpani
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud	Bailey & Casey Gambrell	Christian Maait Elizabeth Cauchi	Tiago Gregory Hannah Tran
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Anucia & Friends	Bobby
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Franc & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Lisa Gerrard
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	NO FLOWERS DURING LENT		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Sonali Arnold

<b>7/8 MAR</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino Doreen Saggars	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Nicole & Joseph Spina
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	John Puleo		Phyllis Hannah	HJS—Akash Arnold
	<b>READERS</b>	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Tony Hooper Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Simmy Cesamolo Frederick Kyngdon
	<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>		Tricia Spencer		Jason Hatcher
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang	Thomas Foxall Saniya Arnold
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Bobby
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	Sandra Tabone & Zakia Touma		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Kim Parslow
<b>FLOWERS</b>	NO FLOWERS DURING LENT		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Marian Piper	