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Wednesday 9am - 2pm

9 March 2025 | First Sunday of Lent Year C

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Deut 26:4-10, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Giovanni Presiga

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Sandra De Nardi

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Marian Catholic College

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Acting Principal: Ms Melinda Breakspear

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

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

Children's Liturgy during school term

Weekday Masses

9:15am Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45am - 10:15am Fridays - Adoration

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

at 11:30am

(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment



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GOSPEL: 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.

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COMMENTARY: Throughout human history, and especially within the great monotheistic religions, spiritual impulses of great power have sprung from the desert. In the wilderness issues of good and evil are basic and clear. With comforts, supports, and delusions stripped away, human beings must confront the conflict that is continually engaged in the depths of their being, determining motivations, choices and action. Appropriately, the readings for the First Sunday of Lent each year present Jesus in this situation at the start of his ministry. He goes to the wilderness to confront the choices that lie before him if he is to be the Messiah that the Father is calling him to be. Lent is a time when we are invited to go into the desert with Jesus: to share both his conflict and his victory, to feel something of our own weakness and temptations, to know the depth of our reliance on God's grace. Only so can genuine conversion occur.

THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS The three temptations of Jesus in the Gospel, Luke 4:1-13, all bear in some way on the nature and direction of this mission. Following his baptism by John, he has just been reminded of his unique status: "You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you" (3:21-22). Each temptation suggests a compromise that would not only make the mission less burdensome but would also seem appropriate in view of the special status that he, as Son of God, enjoys. The temptations, then, are subtle. Like all temptations to which people, otherwise basically virtuous, are vulnerable, they come under the guise of good. So, in first place, since Jesus is extremely hungry, it seems reasonable that he should use his miraculous powers for just one moment of self-interest. His response is sharp and clear: his powers are solely at the service of others. The second temptation conjures up possession of political authority and power throughout the world. Again, within the ambit of conventional messianic expectation, this is not an inappropriate ambition for the messianic Son of God. The issue is whether he should gain such authority now by worshipping the one (the devil) who claims to be able to give it or whether he should not wait to receive it from the hands of God. The first is an easy and immediate path to lordship, but choosing it will simply preserve the present situation where rulers exercise authority in the world in oppressive and violent ways (cf. 22:25). The alternative is to embrace the path where the authority to be exercised is one that serves rather than dominates (22:26-27). If God alone is to be worshipped and all humanity made to feel at home in God's house, this is way God's Son must choose. The final temptation, to cast himself down from the Temple pinnacle, rests on a divine pledge of protection for the messianic king contained in Ps 91:11-12. What an effective way to launch a messianic career. Jesus, however, rebuts such a test of God. What he will experience in Jerusalem will be rejection, shame and humiliation. But God will indeed "bear him up": raising him from the dead and making him "Lord of all" (Acts 10:36; Phil2:9-11).

JESUS' MISSION IS SET So, Jesus emerges from the conflict with the true direction of his mission irreversibly set. Son of God though he is and "special" beyond all other human beings in this sense, he will not be exempt from treading the ordinary path of human life. Obedient as God's Son to the pattern of divine love and grace that drives him, he will enter fully into the pain and evil of the world to transform it from within and thereby reclaim it for true humanity. Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Selina Calleia, Joan Sattler & Alexandra Mifsud

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chacal

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

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Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Sally Coppini

Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias

Safeguarding Champion: Brendan Ford

Congratulations to all our newly baptised children:

Aiden Bowen, Lachlan Bradshaw-Dunn, Anastasia & Angus de Groot, Jade Deluca, Ryan Fairbrother, Matilda & Jackson Finn, Emerson & Ayrton Shepherd and Millie, Joshua & Lucy Silvester

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~St John Paul II~*

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

RECONCILIATION

Parent Information evening
Tuesday, 11 March.
Commitment Masses 15 & 16 March.
Preparation Sessions Thursdays, 20 & 27
March and 3 April at 7pm.
2nd Rite of Reconciliation Wed 9 April 2025

FIRST EUCHARIST

Enrolment forms will be available in April and are due on Tues, 6 May 2025.
Parent Information Evening Tuesday, 13 May.
Commitment Mass 17 & 18 May. Preparation Sessions Thursdays 22 & 29 May and 5 June.
Holy Communion Masses 15 and 22 June 12noon.

CONFIRMATION

Enrolment form available in June.

For any queries Sandra 0410 587 735
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Remember to be slavery free when you purchase easter eggs this year, Aldi has a good range. Our CRISP refugee journey is progressing with Rabab coming into Australia from Lebanon in the first week of April. From Brisbane Diocese Eco Lenten ideas: Lent is the perfect time for an epic hunt through the depths of cupboards and the bottom of the freezer. With a few on-hand herbs and spices, you'll be amazed what culinary joy can be created from an apparently empty kitchen. Lent an opportunity each year for Catholics worldwide to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ as the redeemer of the whole cosmos, of all creatures, of all creation.

VOLUNTEERS Please contact the office if you are able to assist

- with flower arrangement on a Friday morning.
- Cleaning on a Saturday morning
- Donating flowers on a one-off or regular basis

kenthurst@parracatholic.org
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**Congratulations
to Teanna Vitols &
Ryan Alvarado
on their wedding this weekend**



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

For the dearly departed: Antonio Gerometta, Rosa Paolucci, David Piper, Rita Franceschina, Giuseppina & Pietro Luigi Fuda, Benito Sabellano, Harold & Olive Burns, Warwick Rule, Lino Russo, Ortensia & Aldo Russo, Giovanni & Giuseppina Scarpin, Fulvio & Giulia Russo, Domenica Scarpin, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Maria & Giacomo Battaia, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Rena Hooper, Percy Hooper, Patricia Bryant, Sr Rona Collins, Michael Hooper, Nelly Castanares, Benito Sabellano, Joseph & Louise Bonello, Karen Bartolo, Frank Bucceri, Sr Maria Eufemia Buhagiar, Ramon Preller, John Spencer, Michael Bourke, Domenica Franceschina, Frank Agresta, Louis Sammut, Antonio Votano, Nancy Held De Miranda, Maria Giuseppina Panetta, Adalgisa Verteramo



Please pray for the sick: Maureen Burford, Magda Marconato, Aura Krakowszky, Judith Preston, Tony Mannah, Vlado Mlinac, James Hann, Faye Wong, Cutrone family, Joe Luezzi, Kalem Saras, Anthony Attard, Roy Cutrone, Frances Perri, Pat Brush, William Chapman, Rocco Scardino, Kia Benete, Nathan Luezzi, Greg Lambert, David Tierney, Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Henry Field

PRAYER AT ST MADS

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Tuesday at 10.30am via Zoom.
Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813
or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com



PRAYER GROUP



Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre: Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel, Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

ST MAD'S BOOK CLUB

To register contact Careyanne on careyannemoylan@hotmail.com



RCIA

For enquires contact the Parish Office



ST MADS ROSARY

Thursday after morning Mass
Monday Rosary Via Zoom Contact Lydia Ceccato 0400 372 561



BAPTISM PREPARATION

First Saturday of the month in the St Madeleine centre: Ring/email Parish office for booking 9654 2260
kenthurst@parracatholic.org



PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Please ensure your details are kept up to date

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. You can drop off the envelopes at the weekend Masses or the parish office or you can do it electronically to:

Account Name : Kenthurst Catholic
Church BSB : 067950
Account Number : 100000064

Parishioners wishing to donate or pledge their giving via direct debit, please pick up the form at the church for completion and return to the office.

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,918.05
2nd Collection (for Parish) = Envelopes = \$866 Loose = \$1,491.40

Our Community

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

(CONFESSION)

will take place on
Wednesday, 9 April 2025
 Time: 7pm

LENT AND EASTER MASS TIMES FLYER

available in the Church

Pope Francis' new encyclical "He Loved us" on the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be found at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html>



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Lenten Programme:

The parish will be running a Lenten program to help us prepare well for Easter. The program includes a number of scriptural reflections, audio commentary, artwork and time for prayer and reflection.

Join us on **Wednesday nights** during Lent at 7pm, in the St Madeleine centre.

Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday 12th of March.**
 Hope to see you there.

FRIENDS OF ST MADELEINE'S

Please join us every second Friday in the St Madeleine Centre for a casual morning tea. Perhaps meet up with some old friends - or make some new ones. Everyone is welcome.

Next date: **Friday, 21st March 2025 at 10am.**

If you would like to come but require transport please contact the parish office on 9654 2260.



Parish Lent Breakfast **Saturday March 15th** **8:30am Parish Centre**

James is passionate about human rights and the right of people to have an equal opportunity in our society.



James Atanasius Mission Enhancement Team (MET) Parramatta Diocese



The Season of Lent – Music

The Gloria will not be sung or said during Mass

The Alleluia will not be sung – there will be alternative acclamations

All music will be sombre and reflective during Masses



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PROJECT COMPASSION

First Sunday of Lent **8th and 9th of March 2025**

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet Toefuata'iga - (Toy-fooh-ah-tah-ing-ah) from Samoa, Lam from Vietnam and Irene from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

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 this Lent



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2025 A Jubilee Year for our Church themed "Pilgrims of Hope",

As we pray for Pope Francis, we immerse in the Jubilee Prayer

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

A Holy Door is a door of a basilica that is only opened on the occasion of a Jubilee. It has a very precise meaning: it is the symbol of the passage that every Christian must make from sin to grace, thinking of Jesus who says "I am the gate" (John 10:7).

LIFTED SPORTS DAY



ST MAD'S YOUTH will be joining a sports day at Parramatta Marist, on **Saturday March 15**, organised by Catholic Youth Parramatta. Join us for a fun day of soccer, volleyball, touch football and basketball, where we will play with other teams from parishes around our diocese. Lunch is provided. All young people are welcome to come along. Come and help us bring the trophy home and make some friends too. Sign up forms are at the back of the church.

PIETY SHOP We now have **EFTPOS available** We have an ever changing array of gifts and religious items. Special orders are welcome too. We are open after every weekend Mass. Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413272400 for any special requests.

PLAYGROUP Bunnings will be providing craft for our playgroup on

Thursday 3 April

If you would like to attend with your little one please RSVP to kenthurst@parracatholic.org

Catholic Schools Parramatta has partnered with **Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation** to provide Truth Telling experiences for all staff and senior high school students. Thousands of Aboriginal children were forcibly taken from their parents causing untold trauma and family breakdown. Survivor uncles use Truth Telling to educate Australians about what happened to these boys.

Parishioners are invited to attend.

Date: Monday, 17 March Time: 4pm in the Hall, Marian Catholic College RSVP ashaw2@parra.catholic.edu.au

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	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Margaret M	Sue Martin Karla Quinn	Lidia Ceccato
	JNR MINISTERS	Christian, Harry, Kerstin		Anneliese & Evangeline	Grace & Luciana
	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris	Joan	Merle	
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Pauline Chaccal
	FLOWERS	Lent		ALTAR LINEN	Catherine Diekman
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	MUSICIANS	Rebecca & Chris			
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