

**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

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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First Sunday of Lent, Year C**6 March 2022****First Reading Dt 26:4-10**

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

*(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am
in trouble.*

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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 Lk 4:1-13

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

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.'

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Frank Schipano, Maria Tripodi, Concetta Di Mauro, Fay Slattery, Vittorio Piacentino, Fr Kevin Mogg, Anne Salamito

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Spiteri, Fred Sarsero, Aloysius & Katerina Grbac, Soosai Amalraj

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 6 March 2022

Aston East

Maximus Antypas

Xavier Ruberto

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Please call Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

If you would like to join our Stewardship Program (Parish Thanksgiving), Pledge cards are available in the narthex. Please contact the Parish Office if you require further information.

PARISH REQUEST Anyone using wipes to clean pews are requested to please put the dirty ones in the bins found at the back of the Church. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD – Commencing Friday 11th March

We will commence our 24 Hours for the Lord Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, 11th March after the 9.15am Mass, from 10.00am, and end with the 9.15am Mass on Saturday, 12th March. Come for 30 minutes, an hour or longer if you wish. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome (at least 2 people are required each hour). **There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to add your name, contact number, and the time you will be attending.** Tea & coffee will be available.

LENTEN PROGRAM - REMEMBER

AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, KEILOR EAST
For 6 weeks on Tuesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March and 5th & 12th April. From 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Church. This weekly program consists of Prayer, Scripture Readings, and Reflection. Led by Guest Speakers. Please see clipboard in narthex for expressions of interest for attendance, or email the Parish Office with your name and contact number. All Welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm followed by Mass.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION

This weekend we pray for David Lumsden and Sara Cardenia-Sanders who will attend the Rite of Election at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon in preparation for being received into the Church at Easter.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

New Thanksgiving envelopes and receipts are available for collection in the narthex. Please take a moment after Mass to collect your new set of envelopes which **commence 20 March**. For those who give by credit card, direct debit, or directly online, please find your envelope with your receipt. These are kept in alphabetical order. *If your envelopes or receipts are not found, please contact the Parish Office.*

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2022 "For All Future Generations" Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes.

1st Sunday of Lent

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.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

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

PERMANENT DIACONATE - DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE? The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. For more information:

A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below (copy, then paste) are working.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons
<https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons

<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read **More:**
<https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

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Administration: Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry and Brenda Wedge

SCHOOL NEWS

2023 PREP ENROLMENT – OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 10th

March from 9.30am-10.45am

Please contact the school on 9337 4111 if you have any questions.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.