

Sunday 21st February 2021

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN PRAYER**

Baptism

Grace Kealy

Sebastiano Giorgini

Callum Hansen



Recent Death

Joseph D'Cruz

Anniversaries

William Crawford, Michael Senn,
Bernard Marron, Rosina Penso,

Mona Brasier,

Peter Vuong-Tran



Have you thought? Temptation?

When we adopt a view of Jesus as the Son of God, it is hard to imagine him even facing temptation, let alone the possibility of him giving in to it. However, when we see Jesus as also being fully human, we realise that he was just as likely to face temptation as we are. But what might have tempted Jesus? Was he tempted to simply go back to his life in Joseph's carpentry business and not respond to God's call? Was he tempted to display his power in flashy demonstrations for all to see? Was he tempted to despair at what lay ahead of him?

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Lenten Appeal 2021

Project Compassion theme for 2021 is "Be More and transform lives".

You can also donate through Parish boxes and envelopes located on the tables in the Church foyer or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.





FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

21st St Peter Damian

22nd The Chair of St Peter

23rd St Polycarp

24th Blessed Constantius of Fabriano

25th St Walburga

26th St Nestor of Magydos

27th St Leander of Seville



Pope Francis' message for Lent 2021: Let us renew our faith

In his message for Lent 2021, Pope Francis says that Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to "make his dwelling" among us (cf. Jn 14:23). The Holy Father reminds the faithful that the Lenten practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity, thereby sharing in Jesus' mission of the salvation of the world.

28th Feb	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Julie McInerney	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer
Minister	Carmel Cristiano	Mary Callea	Teresa Myer
Counters	TBA	TBA	TBA
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer

MASKS MUST BE WORN IN CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



Communion Antiphon

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

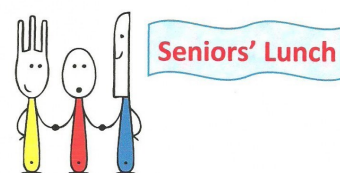
All Welcome..... SENIORS LUNCHEON

When: Tuesday, 9th March, 12 noon

Where: Brighton Beach Hotel (Milanó's), 4 Esplanade, Brighton

Please phone Sue Sharry 9592 7229 or 0458 086 602

Joan Hamilton 9592 2498 or 0432 449 122



Healing Mass, Tuesday 30th March, 11am

Lunch to follow in the Marian Room

This mass will also be dedicated to those who passed away during covid lockdown.

Please provide names to Joan or Carmel so that we can remember them on this day.

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE 1.5M PHYSICAL DISTANCING RULE AT ALL TIMES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.