



Sunday 21st February 2021

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Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am
Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am
Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm
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Sunday: Mass 9.00am
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Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday: Mass 10.30am
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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 27th & 28th February

SACRED HEART 9.00am

Special Minister: C. Ledda, P. Keenan
Reader: Y.O'Brien

ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am

Special Minister 6.00pm: D. Haelser, L. Leahy, M. Sturmar

Special Minister 10.30am: B. Iacobucci, C. O'Brien, E. Sutherland

6.00pm: Reader: T. Corcoran **Commentator:** B. Bedford

Set Up: M. Mc Kenzie

10.30am: Reader: F. Landy **Commentator:** M. Kenny

Set Up: C. O' Brien

Counters: Denis Bonello, Sandra Bishop, Brian Carr **Cleaners:** Marg McKenzie, Glenis McDonald, Lyn Stephens (13th March)

Mass will still be recorded and uploaded onto our Websites

*******NO MASSES AT ST PETER'S UNTIL DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS ARE REMOVED*******

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Bridie Burke, Bernice Burke, Elaine Chapman, Miran Kasalo, Martin Leonard, Joan Moran, Catherin Leonard,
Tony Ledda, Sarah Drummond, Wimal Piyumsiri

We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of February that they enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom

Nese Roberts, Leanne Lynch, Ursula Morrissey, Judy Vincent, Fr Peter Fulton, Mary Crothers, Francesca Serrao, Reginald Chircop,
Sanico de Carlo, Brian Kenny, Nick Buttifant, Giuseppe Piccolo, Eddie Scully, Leslie Lowe, Kevin Phin, Rosemary Schneider,
Alfonso Nguyen, Maria Nguyen

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS: We welcome everyone along to our planning meeting on Wednesday 3rd March 12.00pm in Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Please do not bring food to share, as a light lunch will be ordered. Disposable cups and plates provided, or byo drinking cup. 55+ year olds. Everyone is welcome. Your will be required to sign in on arrival.

MORNING TEA VIA ZOOM: These Zoom catch ups for morning tea for members of our partnered parishes, have been such a great initiative. Now that we are venturing out and about, the need is not so great for us to be finding ways to see and speak with others. However, the group who has been gathering doesn't want it to simply stop, so we have decided to meet on the first Friday of each month at 10.30. This gives people who go to morning mass, time to get back home and settle in for morning tea. This is a great way to get together with old friends and meet new people. If you are interested please contact Jacinta Bright at Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au or call the parish office at St Mary's on 9435 1543.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: We wish to advise all community groups that should you wish to have an event listed in our Weekly Newsletter the deadline is the 2.00pm on the Wednesday prior. Should you have any queries please contact Lisa in the Parish Office.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK WITHIN OUR PARISHES: It is time again to update those who we have been praying for within our Parishes. If you wish to have anyone added to the prayer list could you please notify Pat 9401 6361 or Lisa 9434 7373 or email greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

RCIA: A small group, for adults, is commencing for those interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith. We warmly welcome anyone who is interested in joining this group to contact either the Sacred Heart or St Thomas parish office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION: To complete the recent course on the Eucharist we have an extra session to which you would be welcome. "What does Raphael have to teach us about the Eucharist?" Course presented by the Catholic School of Evangelisation. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/79611838040> 7.15pm Monday 22nd February For further information contact Sandra Bishop sandraebishop@optusnet.com.au



Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. She was forced to flee the armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and her eight-month-old baby.

With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support, and learnt sewing skills to help her earn an income.

Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia," Jamila says.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

HEART OF LIFE: 'Let the Heart Listen' is a 15-week formation program on Thursday mornings for people involved in listening to and supporting others. The program includes: the principles of listening and discernment, facilitated group participation, guided reflection etc. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm, the program begins on 25 Feb 2021 at Heart of Life, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern or online. Cost \$680. For more information or application form, contact info@heartoflife.melbourne or phone 9890 1101."

PALMS AUSTRALIA:

THE NEED IS ACUTE!

Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to [enquire now](#).

To find out more: Ross House, Mezzanine-Sue Healy Room, 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne.

Saturday 20th February @ 10.00am palms.org.au



Palms Australia
Reach Beyond

EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS

In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts,

The Presbytery collection/account (1st coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest.

The Church collection/account (2nd coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish.

LENTEN THEME 2021– ‘God has come near’

Lent is the liturgical season for prayer, reflection and contrition for any wrongdoing we have made in our lives as we prepare for the joyous season of Easter. The theme for Lent 2021 has been taken from the Gospel of Mark. In chapter 1, Jesus came into Galilee after spending 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan, and there He uttered His first words in public ministry:

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is near; repent and believe in the gospel.”

The world has experienced a great upheaval because of the coronavirus which has shaken our sense of certainty and expectations of the future; all of our lives have been disrupted and changed; our livelihoods may have been adversely affected, our health and those we love may have been compromised; we may have suffered loss and grief, periods of time filled with fear, anxiety and uncertainty; we may have been challenged to find hope and peace in our lives. This theme reaches out of each of us, to remind us that God is always with us, offering us a way back from the wilderness into God’s love and care and a way to live, through the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel. Let us embrace God and each other and allow the love and peace of God to fill our hearts.

LENTEN WEEKLY REFLECTION.

WEEK 1 Beauty in the Wilderness

Today is the first weekend of Lent and we pause to reflect.

Wilderness is an important concept in the Bible – for example, Moses led the Israelites into the desert to wander for 40 years; Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness preparing for His public ministry. The wilderness presents different faces: there may be immense beauty in places undisturbed by humans; places of quiet and stillness, where we have time for reflection and renewal.

The wilderness may also be a place that challenges us, that confronts our beliefs and sense of self, that causes us to draw on all our personal resources, faith and hope to find a path forward. Let us gain strength from the beauty and challenge of the wilderness as we move through the 40 days of Lent, seeking the closeness of our God.

HELP NEEDED FOR BAPTISMS.

As you are all know last year virtually all of our Baptisms were cancelled due to Covid19 restrictions. We now have a substantial amount of Baptisms to get through.

Michael Bates has been assisting with Baptisms for quite a few years now and has performed a sensational job. Unfortunately due to personal reasons he will be unavailable to assist for a little while. **This is where you come in!!**

This year I am in desperate need of **your** help as we navigate through this rush of Baptisms.

We are in need of some loyal parishioners to assist on the day only, duties include:

- Greet the families & Guests
- Mark off their names on arrival
- Assist Fr Tao with the Baptism & Set-Up

You would be only required from 11.30am for up to 1 hour.

We are already booked out for Baptisms from February to May.

Baptism dates for 2021 are as follows:

- ◆ **28th February**
- ◆ **28th March**
- ◆ **18th April**
- ◆ **23rd May**
- ◆ **27th June**
- ◆ **25th July**
- ◆ **29th August**
- ◆ **26th September**
- ◆ **24th October**
- ◆ **28th November**
- ◆ **19th December**



If you are able to assist please feel free to call me. I will run you through the process and there is a list of what needs to be done in the Church to assist.

Lisa

A classical-style portrait of Jesus Christ with long brown hair and a beard, looking slightly to the right.

Simply Jesus
Reflect. Renew. Recommit.

Dear Jesus,

As I journey through this Lenten time with you,
still my mind, fill my heart with your peace,
and help me to reflect honestly on my life.

I invite you to renew me: reorientate my thoughts,
refresh my spirit, and equip me for service.

Accompany me
as I boldly recommit myself to this path of discipleship,
and as I witness to your hope and love
in my family, my community and the world.

Amen.

The logo of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, featuring a shield with a cross and other symbols, with the text 'CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE' below it.

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First Reading Gn 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness,
O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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.**

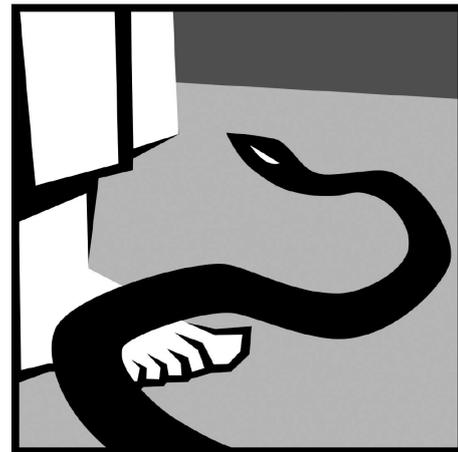
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Gospel Mk 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

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