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As a Community We Serve God

First Sunday of Lent, Year C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel Acclamation:

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: Luke 4:1-13

Communion Antiphon:

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

Congratulations To



Gypsy Sweeney, Macy Thorncraft and Amelie Burton whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through his Baptism we pray they will love and serve the Lord always.

Please be aware that all relevant Archdiocese Policy, Protocols and guidelines for safeguarding children, are public documents and are available on the Sydney Archdiocese website.

Reflection

We begin our Lenten journey in the wilderness.

In the First reading, Moses reminds the people of Israel of the story of how they became a mighty nation. He tells of their years of slavery in Egypt, and how the Lord heard their cry. God's people were led through many trials in the desert to the promised land.

The Psalm is a song full of confidence in the power of God, to help us endure the difficulties of life. We can imagine Jesus taking comfort from praying this psalm when he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. And yet it is a verse from this very same psalm that the tempter in the desert uses to test Jesus's trust in God. The psalm reminds us that God is always with us, whatever trials we may face.

Luke's Gospel account of the testing in the wilderness sees Jesus being tempted to use his divinity for his own needs, and of the possibility of seizing earthly power. Jesus shows that true power comes from centring your life on God.

The Second reading reminds us of this teaching, and tells us that the Word of God is close to us. It is deep within our being for all who believe in the saving love of Christ. We are all equal in that love, and we are called to proclaim this message of love in our lives. When we call on the Lord for help in our daily struggles, God will be with us.

Let us hold each other in prayer and pray too for our communities, that we may grow in our trust in God and deepen our prayer life in the coming weeks of Lent. What do I want to share with God? Calling on the name of the Lord, I end my prayer with words of gratitude.

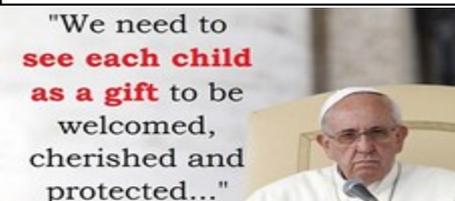
Reflection

I prepare to pray this Gospel by slowly saying, 'Oh come, Holy Spirit, and enkindle within me the fire of your love ...' or perhaps some other similar favourite words to the Spirit. I allow myself to become still in the Lord's presence. Slowly, and with great care, I read the Gospel passage. As I re-read the text, I enter into the wilderness with Jesus, and imagine being with him in the long days of silence and hunger.

How does this affect me? As Jesus is challenged by the devil in this wild place, what do I notice about how the Lord responds? What are the values that Jesus stands for and upholds? Am I able to share these values, or am I drawn more to the 'quick fixes' and power that the devil offers to Jesus?

I share my feelings with Jesus, knowing that his spirit will always be with me. As I start my Lenten journey, I ask Jesus to fill my heart, my intentions, and my whole being with his values of compassion and love. I share my personal Lenten commitment with the Lord, knowing that we will journey together throughout these sacred weeks of Lent.

Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham



Friendship across the sea

The St Aloysius Parish Community Cronulla
linked in friendship with
St Joseph Parish Hato Udo Timor Leste





First reading: Deuteronomy 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.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90:1-2, 10-15 ::::

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

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: Romans 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Luke 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.'

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Volunteers are needed for Readers at the Masses and Communion Ministers. Please contact Kim in the Parish Office.

Is anyone been able to help count the money once a month on a Tuesday? It is only an hour of their time once a month. Please contact Kim in the Parish Office.

Lenten program ::::

A Lenten program focusing on the Gospels of Lent, prayer and the conversion story of St Augustine will be held on Tuesday nights at 6pm in the Chapel commencing 5th March. The sessions will last for about an hour and there is no cost involved. Please contact Vicki Rolland on 0414523449 if you require further details. Please note I would be also happy to email the sessions each week to those interested.

Social Justice Group ::::

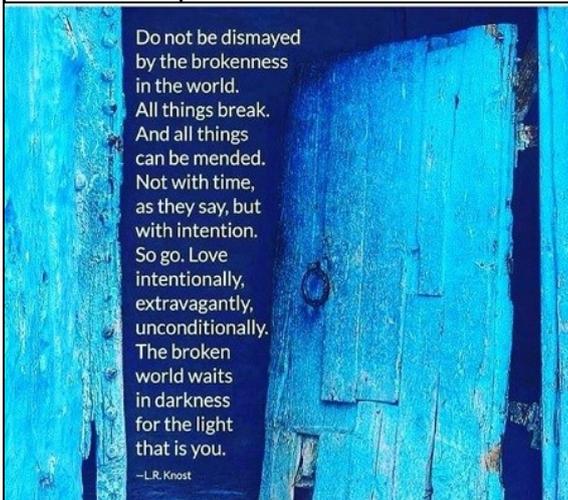
The Social Justice Group will be hosting Lenten sessions again this year. We will be using the St Columban Mission Society Lenten Reflections. This year's theme, in line with the Lenten readings for Year C, is again based on the Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Laudato Si', "**The Grace of Place**".

This year the sessions will be presented differently and be facilitated by one of our resident retired religious brothers, Br Phillip Elwin fsc. Starts Monday evening, 11th March, at 6:30 in the church foyer and then each Monday evening during Lent.



Calendar for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 4.00pm at the Chapel. Finance Committee meeting: 6.30pm.
Wednesday:	Care and Concern coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. St Aloysius Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall.
Thursday:	No notice.
Friday:	Stations of the Cross 12pm
Saturday:	No notice.



Pastoral Council Meeting.....

Last Tuesday evening the newly formed Pastoral Council met for the first time for 2019.

High on the agenda was the results from the two parish meetings held recently. Please find below the outline of key issues discussed at the pastoral council meeting:

- Engage Youth more within our Parish
- Use of more Social Media to extend our message of the Gospel.
- Build more community, social events, retreats, fundraising.
- Revitalise our existing parish ministries
- Work with Parish schools to engage families with our community.

Our next meeting scheduled on 30th April will be focusing on these issues. Kerrie Farrugia is the Chairperson for the Pastoral Council and she can be contacted through the Parish Office.

Sacramental Program Dates 2019

Families with children making the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are asked to make note of the following important dates.

**Registration afternoon and Commitment Mass:
First Reconciliation and First Communion 17th March
5.15pm**

Reconciliation 2019

Session One: March 26th 6.30pm

Session Two: April 2nd 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 9th April

First Eucharist 2019

Session One 4th June 6.30pm

Session Two: 11th June 6.30pm

Retreat Day 19th June 6.30pm

Sacrament of First Eucharist Sunday 23rd June / Feast of Corpus Christi

Confirmation 2019

Registration 5th May 5.15pm and 6pm Mass

Commitment Mass Pentecost Sunday 9th June 6pm

Session One 3rd September

Session Two 10th September

Thank you Father Kelvin

We sincerely thank Father Kelvin for his time and caring administration of our Parish for the past six weeks whilst Father Tom was on sick leave. Father Kelvin will return back to his Parish at Watsons Bay, and also continue with his duties as the Vicar for Clergy. We have been so very blessed to have Father Kelvin within our Parish Community for this time and we ask for God's richest and most abundant blessings to be upon him.

Mosaic Morning Save the date

Please save the date Saturday 13th April at 10.30am in Thornton Hall for another mosaic session. We have had many people that attended our last session ask can we do it again? So here we go.....a new project to start, new skills to learn, and new friends to meet.

Project Compassion

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

This week in the Catholic Weekly

* The school with no exams

* New ACU campus for Blacktown

* The Pell verdict: Monica Doumit, Peter Westmore, Greg Craven, Fr Flader, George Weigel

* Called to be a Knight

* Movie review: *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*

* What Francis's Summit meant



Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 16th and 17th March

Masses Cronulla	Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00pm	8.00 am Sunday	10.00 am Sunday	6.00 pm Sunday	Bundeena Sunday 9.00am	Nursing Home
Acolyte						Frank
Communion Ministers	B. Salmon I. O'Neill M. Remedios M. Boyd	F. Schembri P. Elwin M. Hennessy G. Downes	M. Sakowicz B. Slamon K. Vitenov K. Croxson	I. Ison G. Durante L. Ison P. Morris		
Ministers Of the Word	C. Henry M. Boyd	M. Hennessy P. Elwin	K. Vitenov C. Henry	O. Wright C. Snow	R. Watts B. Shanahan	
Prayer of the Faithful	M. O'Connor	F. Schembri	S. Schembri	C. Sammut	M. Venn	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Kerry	
Cleaning (Saturday)	G. Vitano K. Gothard					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 2 B. McWilliams, C. Sola, K. Burke, D. Symes		Next Week Group 3 J. & A. Palumbo, K. & C. Scarra			

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Mass and other Liturgical Schedules**Sunday:**

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla Vigil Mass: Saturday 5.00pm. Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Sunday Mass 1st Sunday of the month

Weekdays: This week:

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla: Monday: **(No Mass)**
Mass Tuesday to Friday: 7.00am **and** 9.30am
Mass Saturday: 8.00am

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) **St Aloysius Church, Cronulla:** Sat 4.00pm (or on request)
Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Before Sunday Mass.

Baptisms: By appointment. **Morning Prayer:** Before Weekday 7.00am Masses. **Rosary:** After the weekday Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: To be advised.

Anointing of the Sick in Mass: To be advised.



We pray for **Dominic Mandile, Fr Graham Kings, Beryl Huntingdon and Rita Johnson** who died recently. We pray for **Grace & Giuseppe Casaceli** whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Jozef Kovac, Aileen McAlister, Morgan McNamara, Barbara Wells, Alfred Zammit, Barbara Burke, Brian Small, Harold Newcombe, Joseph Anthony Casaceli, Helen Forbes, Mary Mullins and her sisters Monica and Julia, Jean & Jim Quinn, Paul & Jean Givney, Allan & Laurel Howarth and Megan Howarth.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE

Your Contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your Parish. To become a regular contributor please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office or place it on the Sunday Collection Plate.

'It is in giving that we receive'

Planned Giving Envelope Request Form

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