

RESISTING TEMPTATION

As we begin the season of Lent, we hear Luke's version of the three temptations of Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry. His responses will determine the direction of his mission.

The first temptation is about food. *"Turn this stone into bread."* After being without food for forty days it would have been simple for Jesus to satisfy his hunger by turning stone into bread by using his divine power. Jesus does not succumb to self-gratification but quotes the Book of Deuteronomy reminding the devil that we do not live "on bread alone."

Today, the temptation to self-indulgence is not simply about food, but it may be about a lifestyle where our personal concerns are prioritised above the needs of others.

The second temptation is about power over others when the devil invites Jesus to exercise authority over nations. This is a seductive temptation for power and control is an aphrodisiac, and Pope Francis constantly warns us against the abuse of power when we use our roles in church and society to aggrandise ourselves rather than promote the concerns of those less fortunate. Jesus calls us to promote not ourselves but commitment to the needy as evidenced in the ministry of Jesus.

The third temptation is for Jesus to do something amazing by throwing himself off the top of the temple and asking the angels to catch him. Jesus resists the temptation to do something spectacular and reproves the devil by quoting scripture to confirm God's love for those who are faithful. Success is not everything as Mother Theresa famously put it: *"God has not called us to be successful but to be faithful."*

This does not mean that our lives will be free from temptation, but scripture teaches us that Jesus overcame the devil and won the battle for us and for our world. In the wilderness and on the cross Jesus resisted the devil's temptations. He did not listen to Peter, who tried to convince him to stay away from Jerusalem and certain death. He did not call on an army of angels when arrested in the garden of Gethsemane. Even crucified on the cross, Jesus refused to save himself.

We do not have to fear the devil because Jesus has defeated him. Which means that no matter what is happening in our lives, no matter the temptations, trials and tests we might be going through, we can turn to Jesus, and he will be there for us, to lead and guide us along the way.

We will not be challenged as Jesus was, but we will be tempted to live for ourselves, to exercise power and control, and to focus on success rather than faithfulness. Jesus teaches us that through prayer, scripture, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and service of others we will be able to resist temptation and be missionary disciples proclaiming the good news by word and deed.



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9th March, 2025

1st Sunday of Lent
Year C
Violet

Today's Readings
Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

16th March, 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent
Year C
Violet

Today's Readings
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
Luke 9:28-36

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Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - (1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing) Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Wednesday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

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Praying For You



Deceased

Roxanne Pickering

Death Anniversary

Kaye Ballantyne, Philip Pereira,
Edward Victor, Michael Curran

Our Sick

Alfredo Barbuza, Kathleen Mansfield,
Maria Siciliano, Susanne Carroll,
Fran Vallis, Pat Simm,
Ammini Jose, John Breag,
Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine,
Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra,
Dolly, Elvira Panici-Allen,
Annabelle McNess, Erika Magness,
Abby Magness, Richard Bisnath,
Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen

Baptised Recently

Evangeline Marie and Anastasia Maria Volikov
Daughters of Yuriy and Samantha



Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, 11th March Parish Centre, 6.45pm

Vinnies

Wednesday, 12th March Parish Centre,
7.30pm

Rosters for 8/9 March, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Jemima Pinto Mary Ann Bombita	Carina Limgenco	Volunteer	Richard Serrano	Bridget Soh Ludette Van Der Spil	Joshua Manda, Clinton Matthews Kyle Marquis, Aydril Ratnasekera
Sunday 7.30am	Vilma Lyra Inoka Ratnasekera	Jack Roach	Sr Savarie	Gerard Peters	Pay Tru Diana Chong	Bionney Bangayan, Ethan Nguyen Diobett Bangayan, Richardson Saw Rosemary Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Debora Ayeni Veronica Ayeni	Ciara Malagui-Hicks	Bec Malagui-Hicks	Dan Hewitt	Silvana Sciorilli Robert Szlezak	Leslie Dcruz, Angel Garavillas John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Austin Jacob, James Jacob
Tellers this week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes				Tellers next week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Faye Rodriguez		

Rosters for 15/16 March, 2025

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Joshua Mahamu	Clarence Pereira	Graham Maher	Mark van Ingen Miriam Villan	Jacob Raymond, Carl Agus Lacey Beacher, Melanie Beacher
Sunday 7.30am	Sandra Reid Shania Tido	Bionney Bangayan	Diobett Bangayan	Aruna Ratnasekera	Sue Frawley Rod McAtee	Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins Callie Abogado, Jake & Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Anne Brink Maureen Byrne	Jerlyn Patrick	Tiffany Mitchell	Phillip Magness	Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi	James Jacob, Kripa Jojo Thejus Jojo, Olivia Justin Aung Kintha, Gei Long Ya Kintha

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1st Sunday of Lent



Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-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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The Stations of the Cross

Also known as the Way of the Cross and the Way of Sorrow (*Via Crucis* in Latin), detail fourteen different moments on the day Jesus died. This prayer pilgrimage is a powerful way to grow closer to Jesus at any time of the year, most popular during Lent. Stations of the Cross 7pm in the Church every Friday during Lent.



Real men do not do Church wrong....

....But living out your faith can be pretty tough, and most of us need help. If you are a bloke over 18 years, consider this. On the 15th & 16th March 2025 experienced leaders from Men Alive Team will be running a menALIVE weekend here at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, in the Parish Centre for Catholic men. Come along and be inspired, encouraged and rediscover God's purpose for your life. Details and registration forms are available in the church foyer. For further information and enquiries, please contact: Daniel Tomlinson, 0403 988 181, danieltomlinson@gmail.com; Vincent Watson, 0406 831 972, vincewtsn@yahoo.com.au; Clement Ayeni, 0420 666 355, clementayeni@gmail.com or Phil Magness, 0424 829 548, philipmagness1956@gmail.com

St Patrick Feast Day Mass

St Patrick's Feast Day Mass will be celebrated Monday 17th at 8am.

Rite of Sending

This weekend, the parish acknowledges Piper Adames on her RCIA journey preparing to celebrate the sacraments at Easter. Commending her decision to become a disciple of Jesus and dedication to exploring what that means, we embrace them. Catechists and sponsors affirm their readiness for reception into the Church. The parish community is asked to give support through prayer and friendship. At St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday evening, the Archbishop will formally welcome over a hundred people embarking on the final stages of preparation towards full communion with the Catholic Church. All will be greeted personally by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe or another senior cleric. We thank Piper Adams for her faith in Jesus and desire to become part of our parish community.

RCIA

'Come and See' This response of Jesus to the men who asked where he lived, was an invitation to discover who he is and what he might do for them. You, or anyone amongst your family and friendship circles who may have been wondering for a while about being a Catholic is invited to Come and See what the journey is like. By dipping your toe in the water, you have nothing to lose, but so much to gain. Speak to Fr Brennan, contact the parish office, Gen De Souza 0408 717 809 or Anne Kennedy 0426 561 328 to find out more.



Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Phone 0432 398 973 or email safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au



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Youth Night

Join us for our Youth Night Saturday, 22nd March from 6:30pm to 9:00pm for those in high-school. Register via the sign up sheet, text, email or Instagram. Youth events during Lent will be held on Saturdays. The theme of the night will be Lent, so we encourage everyone to wear purple as it is the corresponding liturgical colour. Expect another fantastic time filled with fun activities, faith discussions and great food. We are also looking for readers for the Youth Stations of the Cross on the 4th of April at 7pm. Let us know if you are interested. It would be great to have young people on this initiative.

St Vincent de Paul

Last month, we welcomed a new volunteer to our Vinnies' Team. If you have a couple of hours to spare a week or a month, please join us at our next Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12th March to explore the various options open to assist us with the Good Works of the Society. Please note : there is NO tele-marketing or fund raising involved. God Bless



Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 11th March with indoor activities from 9am and monthly meeting at 10.45am. BYO Lunch. Bingo at 12.15pm! All parishioners, 50 years and over are welcome.



Wanted: Your Old Palms

Please bring your old palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration. These will be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday. A box is in the foyer to receive the palms.

Men's Mental Health with Derek Boylen

We are pleased to offer two sessions on Men's Mental Health, facilitated by Derek Boylen. These sessions aim to provide valuable insights and support for mental well-being: **Evening Session:** Monday, 17th March at 5:30pm, St. Mary's Cathedral – Parish Centre, Victoria Square, Perth. Book here: <https://go.kscwa.au/kscwa-mens-mental-health-17-march-2025>. Please contact John on 9368 2503, email seo@kscwa.org.au or visit <https://www.kscwa.org.au>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Would you like to give yourself and your spouse quality time over a weekend that will focus on love, communication and relationship? We invite you to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Coming Weekends:

- 22/23 March at Mary MacKillop Centre, South Perth (Live-out). This is an Indonesian Language Weekend.
- 24/25 May at Corpus Christi College (live-out)
- 26/27 July at Bunbury Catholic College (live-out). Give yourselves a "just us" weekend away.
- 7 - 9 November at the Vincentian Retreat Centre, Karrakup (live-in)

A WWME Weekend may be the best gift you can give to each other. For bookings or more information about coming Weekends contact Brendon or Valerie on 0493 534 865, email WAbookings@wwme.org.au or visit www.wwme.org.au

Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session. This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish.

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