

LET THIS BE A DIFFERENT LENT

Mark wrote his gospel for persecuted Christians living in Rome. These early believers lived in fear of being thrown to the wild beasts in the public square; their cruel and agonising deaths a source of grotesque 'entertainment' for Rome's citizens!

Interestingly, today's gospel situates Jesus with wild beasts in the wilderness, where Mark says that he was tempted by Satan. The word satan in Hebrew means an opponent, and in the Old Testament, it typically referred to human opponents. In time, the word also came to be understood as a kind of 'public prosecutor', someone who accused people before God.

Eventually, it came to mean God's adversary; a demonic spirit opposed to God. So, in the New Testament, Satan was seen as the powerful spirit of evil, engaged in a great tussle against God. By Jesus entering the wilderness, he 'took on' Satan on his home ground; an encounter which Jesus clearly won!

But when Jesus leaves the wilderness of temptation, we know it's an experience that he will encounter again and again at various stages throughout his public life and ministry, including those last hours in the garden and on the Cross.

For example, recall when Jesus tells Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's." So, in his preaching, Jesus, who is the way to God, urged his followers to see that the time had come for them to embrace God's way, to allow God to guide and direct their lives and to allow the Good News to illuminate their minds, hearts and actions. But for that to happen, they need to repent and believe.

For us, too, temptations and evil are part of our lives. Selfishness, greed, dishonesty, jealousy, revenge, resentment, control and power constantly surround and seduce us. But the true value, worth and beauty of life, comes with building and fostering a loving and just society, founded on Jesus the Way to God, and his Good News of truth, integrity, love, compassion, freedom and peace.

That's why we need this purifying period of Lent every year. If, in recent years, we let it pass us by largely unnoticed, let this year be different. Let it be a time to review our lives, reflect upon our thoughts, words and deeds, and concentrate our efforts more fully on the things of God, and to repent and believe.

At the beginning of Lent, the Church always takes us into the wilderness with Jesus, to confront the powers that are contrary to the gospel. The good news is that we face this lifelong task under the guidance, strength and inspiration of the Holy Spirit and with the powerful nourishment of the Eucharist, and together with the support and encouragement of our fellow pilgrims of faith gathered here with us today.

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18th February, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Year B

Violet

Today's Readings

Gen 9:8-15

1 Peter 24:4-9

Mark 1:12-15

25th February, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Year B

Violet

Today's Readings

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

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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 Friday 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

Feast Days this Week		
Feb 21	Wed	St Peter Damian, St Robert Southwell
Feb 22	Thu	St Peter's Chair
Feb 23	Fri	St Polycarp



Stations of the Cross
7.00pm
Every Friday

Lenten Program

2024



In the foyer today!

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Rose Chatron

Death Anniversary

Andy Giglia, Calvin LeGuay, Fr John Liszka,
Veronica Potter

Deceased

Anne Elizabeth

Our Sick

Owen D'Souza,
Fran Vallis, Pat Simm,
Ammini Jose, John Breag,
Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine,
Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra,
Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee,
Dolly, Elvira Panici-Allen,
Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath,
Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen.



On The Bulletin Board

Please have a look on our bulletin board for more information.

Rosters for 17/18 February, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Volunteers	Ayden Ratnasekera	Natasha Pinto	Martin Loh	Miriam Villan Sandra Wren	Melanie Beacher, Athena Calupig Jacob Malou
Sunday 7.30am	Volunteers	Jack Roach	Inoka Ratnasekera	Aruna Ratnasekera	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw, Scott Tido, Caleb Watkins
Sunday 9.30am	Volunteers	Tiffany Mitchell	Helen Magness	Lenny Dcruz	Silvana Sciorilli Robert Szelezak	Aung Kintha, Gei Long Ya Kintha Alisha Liyanage, Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Julia Marano, Patrina Paesu
Tellers this week: Jim & Anne Brink, Kerry Keys				Tellers next week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes		

Rosters for 24/25 February, 2024

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Volunteers	Aydriel Ratnasekera	Pam Davies	Volunteer	Remi Biju Carina Limgenco	Joshua Manda, Kyle Marquis Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Volunteers	Sr Savarie	Ronan Roach	Clint Barnes	Chloe Pereira-Smith Inoka Ratnasekera	Callie Abogado, Jake Antu Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan
Sunday 9.30am	Volunteers	Bec Malagui-Hicks	Ciara Malagui-Hicks	Dan Hewitt	Evelyn Yozzi Joe Yozzi	Justus Shilo, Martin Yatar, Carl Borlongan, Florian Christstar, Leslie Dcruz, Angel Gravavillas

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First Sunday of Lent

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world *for all future generations*.



Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations. **Please donate to Project Compassion.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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.

Good News - Priestly Ordination of Deacon Errol Lobo

You are invited to the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Errol Lobo on Friday, 19th April 2024 at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth.

You are also invited to attend Fr Errol's Masses of Thanksgiving at St Francis Xavier Church, Hilbert on Saturday 20 April at 6.00pm and on Sunday at 7.30am, 9.30am and 6.00pm and his thanksgiving Mass here at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church on Saturday 27 April at 6.00pm

New Rosters - Extraordinary Ministers and Acolytes

A new roster is soon to be drawn up. If you are aware that you will be away for any extended period during the coming months, please contact the Parish Office so new rosters may be ready for collection early March. Phone: 9398 2331 or email: secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au

Parish Religious Education Program 2024

After school classes for Children attending non-Catholic Schools are conducted each Wednesday, during School Term, from 4.30pm - 5.30pm to prepare children for reception of the Sacraments. For enquiries please phone Genevieve De Souza (RE Coordinator) 0408 717 809 or Parish Office 9398 2331.



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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Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 20th February from 9.00am. BYO lunch. Bingo from 12.15pm. For all parishioners 50 years and over to enjoy card games, carpet bowls, fellowship. New members are always welcome. Attendance Fee is only \$2.00. More information from Rose Heald 0418 948 245.

Your Vinnies have only a few Columban Calendars left for sale - now at a one off reduced price of \$5 each. These calendars are a valuable, liturgical diary and your generous contributions assist us in helping others in need. Please use the envelopes provided and leave them in the Poor Box. God Bless.



Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue needs homes to go to. Please choose a week and put your name down in the booklet provided in the foyer. If you would like to invite other parishioners to your home for the Rosary, please indicate in the space provided.



From the Parish Archives

We would dearly love to have more photos of parishioners and/or parish functions that have been taken over the years included in our parish archives. If you are able to share, please provide the date and details of functions and names of parishioners included in the photo. Parish Privacy Document is available if required. Please email digital prints to archives@gosnellparish.org.au or leave hard copies at the Parish Office. Thanks, Maureen Byrne, Parish Archivist



FAST24 Perth 2024

Fast24 is a beautiful experience of Catholic community journeying together for 24 hours, from the Eucharistic Fast to the Eucharistic Feast during the season of Lent. From Friday evening 1st March 2024 till Saturday evening 2nd March 2024
Venue: John Luemmen Hall, Our lady Queen of Apostles Parish, 55 Tudor Ave South, Riverton WA.
SIGN-UP ONLINE catholicyouthapostolate.com/fast24 by 26 February. Leaflets are

Lent 2024 With The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!
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<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

Personal Advocacy Service

Personal Advocacy Service is an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth and is committed to the inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities. We have a place in our Sacred Heart Thornlie group for volunteer to become a catechist to a friend with intellectual disabilities. We meet every Monday 6.30pm-8.30pm (during school term) in the Foley centre. Please explore our website www.paswa.org.au, contact





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