

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

First Sunday of Lent - Year C

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Christ our Anchor

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protect you from harm.' The Tempter voices the inner doubt Jesus, and all of us experience, when we consider the overwhelming and incredible love of God for us. Could God really love me? One way to escape from doubt is to look for a sign of assurance of that love. In the temptation scene, the signs of assurance are presented as food, power and safety. Sometimes we might think that if God really loves me, then bad things will never happen; or conversely, when bad things do happen, then we read these as signs that God does not love us. This is a real human and spiritual struggle – to plunge into raw faith in God without demanding signs.

In the rhythm of the Church year Lent is the time to stop and look within, facing the inner truth of our lives. The ashes of Wednesday remind us of the stark reality of our humanness, our finitude. Our identity is shaped by our mortality and yet in the busyness of our lives we can try to deny this. 'I am invincible!' we cry with our new technologies, and new medical triumphs. This is the core human temptation – to deny our humanity and forget our utter dependency on the God who holds us in life. Our life is not our own. It is God-given. It is lent.

The Gospel shows us Jesus facing similar temptations. The first and third scenes begin with the words, 'If you are the Son of God...' The Tempter is questioning Jesus on the very central fact of his life, his identity as Son. Prior to this scene Jesus was acclaimed by a heavenly voice at his Baptism, 'You are my beloved Son.' Luke then traced Jesus' ancestry back through the generations to 'the son of Adam, the son of God.' Jesus' identity is shaped by his relationship with God and this is what the Tempter strikes at. 'Do you really believe you are God's beloved? Do you really believe you are God's son? If you are, then you could turn these stones to bread; if you are, then you could leap from the pinnacle of the Temple and God would

In this section of Paul's letter to the Romans, he is insisting that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus make salvation available to all. God's covenant, once given to the people of Israel is now opened to bring blessing to all nations. He draws upon Israel's scriptures in his teaching. In the book of Deuteronomy, as Moses is about to die, he speaks to the people, assuring them that even though he will not be with them into the future, God's word will always be with them. 'Surely this teaching that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor too far away. It is not in the heavens so that you should say, "Who will go up to the heavens for us, and get it so we may hear and understand?" Nor is it beyond the sea ...No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.' (Deut 30:11-14) Paul paraphrases these words of Moses to emphasise that through Jesus Christ, God is now near to all people.

As we begin this time of spiritual rigour, I suggest we spend time with the teaching of today's readings – that God is very near to us; that we are God's beloved and that we do not need to seek external signs or go to extraordinary lengths to find God. The word is very near to you; it is in your heart.

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Br Basil Hickey
	Sun 9.00am	Br Rod Ellyard	John Collins
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Kas Luczak, G Shankar	Terry & Meagan Scanlan

Parish Calendar		
Mar Mon 7	8.00am	Communion Service (First week of Lent) Church
Mar Tue 8	8.00am	Mass (First week of Lent) Church
Wed 9	8.00am	Mass (First week of Lent) Church
Thu 10	8.00am	Mass (First week of Lent) Church
Fri 11	8.00am	Mass (First week of Lent) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 12	8.00am	Mass (First week of Lent) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Second Sunday of Lent - Year C) Church
Sun 13	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Second Sunday of Lent - Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Second Sunday of Lent - Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Second Sunday of Lent - Year C) Church



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This carwash fundraiser will raise money for our Quest Youth teens to go to world youth day and to continue building a resource base to run events for our teens. This event will also help to develop the cooperation between leaders and youth members, and for them to provide a service to members of the church. The carwash will entail pressure washing, washing with soap, waxing and a drying service, for just \$20 for hatchbacks and sedans, and \$25 for SUV's. There will also be a bake sale.



First Sunday of Lent 5 & 6 March



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

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

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.)
4. 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

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 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. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The Hebrews were not happy with their slavery in Egypt. But they were not thrilled with being isolated in the desert either. In some ways, that was worse. But Jesus actually chose to retreat into the desert. He followed the guidance of the Holy Spirit in his life and ended up in the desert for a long time.

Have you ever felt as if you were in a desert, alone and isolated – escaped from an old place perhaps, but not yet arrived at a new place? Which was worse – the place you had escaped from or the desert place? Why? What moved you to get on with your life journey in order to actually arrive at the new place? Or are you still in the desert? How do you know?

Jesus retreated to the desert because the Holy Spirit led him there. Has the Spirit ever led you to a place that ended up being a desert? Did you ever do 'the right thing' and end up alone and isolated? What happened? Were you surprised? angry? at peace? How does the bareness of desert-life give way to the rich fullness of growth-life?

Is there anything good about a desert experience? Without other distractions, all you have is yourself and God. In that situation, is it easier or harder to get closer to God?

Is it possible to become more in touch with God and not become more in touch with yourself? Why or why not? How does being in touch with yourself help your relationship with God? How do you get in touch with yourself?

Next Sunday Readings

13 March 2022

Second Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36



Manning Parish Youth

Quest Youth Ministry

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