

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

First Sunday of Lent - Year C
9th March 2025



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Scripture Commentary by Brendan Byrne



Again, within the ambit of conventional messianic expectation, this is not an inappropriate ambition for the messianic Son of God. The issue is whether he should gain such authority now by worshipping the one (the devil) who claims to be able to give it or whether he should not wait to receive it from the hands of God. The first is an easy and immediate path to lordship, but choosing it will simply preserve the present situation where rulers exercise authority in the world in oppressive and violent ways (cf. 22:25). The alternative is to embrace the path where the authority to be exercised is one that serves rather than dominates (22:26-27). If God alone is to be worshipped and all humanity made to feel at home in God's house, this is the way God's Son must choose.

The final temptation, to cast himself down from the Temple pinnacle, rests upon a divine pledge of protection for the messianic king contained in Psalm 91:11-12. What an effective way to launch a messianic career! Jesus, however, rebuts such a test of God. What he will experience in Jerusalem will be rejection, shame and humiliation. But God will indeed 'bear him up': raising him from the dead and making him 'Lord of all' (Acts 10:36; Phil 2:9-11).

So Jesus emerges from the conflict with the true direction of his mission irreversibly set. Son of God though he is and 'special' beyond all other human beings in this sense, he will not be exempt from treading the ordinary path of human life. Obedient as God's Son to the pattern of divine love and grace that drives him, he will enter fully into the pain and evil of the world to transform it from within and thereby reclaim it for true humanity.

The three temptations of Jesus in the Gospel, Luke 4:1-13, all bear in some way upon the nature and direction of this mission. Following his baptism by John, he has just been reminded of his unique status: 'You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you' (3:21-22). Each temptation suggests a compromise that would not only make the mission less burdensome but would also seem appropriate in view of the special status that he, as Son of God, enjoys.

The temptations, then, are subtle. Like all temptations to which people, otherwise basically virtuous, are vulnerable, they come under the guise of good.

So, in first place, since Jesus is extremely hungry, it seems reasonable that he should use his miraculous powers for just one moment of self-interest. His response is sharp and clear: his powers are solely at the service of others.

The second temptation conjures up possession of political authority and power throughout the world.

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm
Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service
Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass
(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

Sacrament of Baptism

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Our Motto

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School, the values lived by Jesus Christ are the foundation for everything we do

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

Second Sunday of Lent

16 March 2025 - Year C

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

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

CHILDREN'S CORNER



After Jesus was baptized the Holy Spirit sent him into the desert. He stayed there for forty days and was tempted by Satan. Draw Jesus in the desert.



ROSTER		Weekend of 8/9 March	Weekend 15/16 March
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Edith Handojo	Edith Handojo
	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Nancy Eliezer
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Pam Vincent	Susanna Hooper
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Mitchelle Cota
	Sun 9.00am	Rosa De Nobrega	John Collins
Ushers	Sat 6.00pm	Susanna Hooper	Chris Francis
	Sun 7.30am	Marie Chaperon	Marie Chaperon
	Sun 9.00am	Marie Claire Law	Mary Fernandes
Counters		Janine Stanley, Marie Claire Law	D & B Molony

St Pius X Church Masses		
Mar Mon 10	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 11	8.00am	Mass (1st week of Lent)
Wed 12	8.00am	Mass (1st week of Lent)
Thu 13	8.00am	Mass (1st week of Lent)
Fri 14	8.00am	Mass (1st week of Lent)
Sat 15	8.00am	Mass (1st week of Lent)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (2nd week of Lent)
Sun 16	7.30am	Mass (2nd Sunday of Lent)
	9.00am	Mass (2nd Sunday of Lent)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (2nd Sunday of Lent)

2025 Sacraments Schedules First Holy Communion

Commitment Mass
17 May 2025 Saturday 6.00pm
(Workshop Wednesday 28.5.25 at 5.30pm)

First Holy Communion Mass
22 June 2025 Sunday 9.00am

**Sacrament of Confirmation
Commitment Mass**

9 August 2025 Saturday 6.00pm
(Workshop Tuesday 26.8.25 at 5.30pm)

Confirmation Mass
14 September 2025 Sunday 9.00am

**First Reconciliation
Commitment Mass**
18 October 2025 Saturday 6.00pm
(Workshop Tuesday 14.10.25 at 5.30pm)

First Reconciliation
28 October 2025 Tuesday 5.00pm

**For further enquiries
please see Fr Anthony Vu**



Let us Journey Together in Hope

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend two uplifting presentations by Father Conor Steadman to enable Manning Parish to prepare for the Lenten season and enrich our lives spiritually.

Our two Jubilee talks offer a unique opportunity to explore the deep connection between the Lenten season and the extraordinary grace of this Jubilee year.

Presentation 1

Thursday 13 March 2025
Parish Hall 7:00pm

Hope's Horizon: Embracing the Jubilee Promise: This Lent, embark on a profound spiritual journey where the path of sacrifice meets the promise of renewal.

About the presenter: Rev Father Conor Steadman

Born in New Zealand but raised in Australia, Father Conor was ordained on the 1 August in 2015.

In 2011, he was sent to Rome by now Emeritus Archbishop of Perth Barry James Hickey to the Pontifical North American College in Rome and to further his theological studies at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas, also known as The Angelicum.

After his ordination to the priesthood, he returned to Rome for one year to finish his Licentiate in Moral Theology and more recently completing his Canon Law studies there.

For catering and for seating arrangements please confirm your attendance to Presentation 1 on the Registration Form in the Church foyer.



Stations of the Cross

7:00pm each Friday during Lent

Beginning Friday 7 March and concluding Friday 11 April

Stations of the Cross will be held at 10:00am on Good Friday 18 April

First Sunday of Lent

8th and 9th of March 2025

This Lent, we're invited to Unite Against Poverty with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - a time of renewal and solidarity. Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories and 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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