

1st Sunday of Lent - Year A

29th February - 1st March 2020

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under the pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

R/ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12, 17-19

When sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 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.

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Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

The three temptations the devil puts to Jesus take up each area in turn: food, protection, possession of the land (understood now as lordship of the entire world). In all three areas God has allowed the Son to be placed in a situation of test. Citing texts from Deuteronomy, Jesus dismisses the suggestion in each case, displaying complete trust in the goodness and providence of the Father.



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**“Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things, with great love.”**

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

In today's readings we reflect on the experience of Jesus in the desert for 40 days, which parallels the Israelites' experience and journey for 40 years in the desert. The wilderness is a place of hardship and struggle, a place to reset the compass of our lives by asking who are we, where did we come from, where are we going? Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to his mission and avoided the temptations presented by the devil; rejecting power and material comforts to live more simply. The temptation for Jesus was to use his powers for his own gain, but he chose not to do this. Rather than turn stones into loaves he remained strong. We are all tempted to selfishly use the gifts God has given us - but we can instead choose the path of generosity and service.

Shirley is an Indigenous woman from a remote community high in the hills of the Philippines, who has experienced lifelong discrimination. By participating in the Caritas Australia supported program, Shirley has courageously learnt new healthcare skills to enhance her local community. As Chieftan of her village, Shirley has stood up in a leadership capacity to improve the health and status of others.

Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

This Lent, how will we answer God's call to go further together with Jesus into the desert, to challenge our understanding of our mission and trust in God's vision for our global community?



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Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

Priest in Residence:

Fr Ennio Mantovani SVD

Parish Office: Cristina Agius

School Principal: Mark Tierney

School Phone: 9487 1001

Sacrament Co-ordinator:

Vacant

Child Safety Officer:

Kay Dufty: 0431 376 212

Child Safety Committee:

Teresa Dang, Kay Dufty, Robert Dullard (Chair), Mary Harb, Sharron Kotz, Pauline O'Day, Fr Jan Szweda

Parish Council Members:

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson), Kay Dufty (secretary), Tony Eley, Gerard Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Solomon Konchakara, Natalie Baran

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Pauline O'Day (President)
Ph: 9484 2445

Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (*Italian*),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Legion of Mary: Thursday 7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Caritas AUSTRALIA **Project Compassion 2020**
Go further together is the theme for this year's Project Compassion, which was officially launched on Tuesday at Catholic Regional College in Caroline Springs. Every year, millions of Australians take part in Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, standing in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Envelopes and boxes for your Lenten donations are in the church foyer. Take one and return it in April. Your donations are tax deductible. Just fill in the necessary information.

Laudati Si at Sacred Heart
 Our Parish Council invites you to explore Pope Francis' encyclical as a special focus in 2020. Here's an example from the encyclical.
 "We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental."
 — Pope Francis, Laudato Si --Praise Be to You: On Care for Our Common Home
 Contact Stephen Costello if you would like more information or to help to develop our program. ph 0432405417 email: cosgle56@gmail.com

Sacramental Program for 2020

Reconciliation
 Commitment Mass: 15th March
 Celebration of Reconciliation: 26th May

Holy Communion
 Commitment Mass – 26th July
 First Holy Communion – 13th September

Confirmation – 9th August



Dates to Remember

All Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross - 7pm


Thursday 5th March: Mass at 1.30pm
 Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, 8th March: Children's Liturgy - 10.30am

Sunday, 15th March: 10.30am - Commitment Mass for children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Last Week's Collection: 23/02/20

1st Collection for our Parish: \$1830.95
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$810.00
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sacred Heart Primary School Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2021 school year are open. For a school tour, contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website: <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

Open Day: Thursday 19th March at 9.30am – 11.00am and 12.00pm – 1.30pm



Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2020
 can be accessed on Google at:
[Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2020](#)

Effective Safeguarding Committees: Training Sessions

These sessions, facilitated by staff of the Professional Standards Unit of the Archdiocese, are designed to assist anyone who is involved in the implementation of child safety policies and procedures within a Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne parish, agency or entity. The sessions will be most useful for: Parish Priests, Agency or entity leaders, Safeguarding Committee members, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries, and Youth Ministers or Leaders.

Safeguarding Risk Management Fundamentals: Training Sessions

Focusing on promoting the safety and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults within parishes and entities, this introductory workshop will provide an overview of the fundamentals of risk management.

Safeguarding Children and Young People @CAM: Induction Sessions

These interactive induction sessions are designed to introduce newly appointed clergy, staff and interested volunteers to the Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM). We strongly encourage newly appointed persons to attend to develop their understanding of child abuse, responding and reporting child abuse and child-safety related misconduct, child safety legislation in Victoria, safeguarding requirements within CAM parishes, agencies and entities.

Children's Religious Formation Sessions

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a weekly religious formation program for 3-6 year old children. "The Atrium" is a unique hands-on environment filled with sensorially rich materials for the children's faith formation. The materials are focused on scripture and liturgy and based on the Montessori Method of Education. Sessions run on Thursday mornings at St Pius X in Heidelberg West. Contact Julie 0404 658701

Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich...

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](#) will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine. Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email palms@palms.org.au



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND


Invest in your most precious asset... Your Marriage!

The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.
Dates: 17th-19th April 2020 in Melbourne
Other dates: 17th-19th July and 13th-15th November 2020
Starts 7pm on Friday, ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.
 Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James on 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
 Website: wwme.org.au



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 7th March 2020

Anna/Lizzie
Thank you for your help!



Roster for weekend of 7th - 8th March 2020


	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Mary Harb	Marlene Vergou Barbara Fitzgerald
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Paiano T.	Mendolicchio A. Ilardi L.
Sun 10.30am	Alan Castles Ivana Lo Bello	Tony Eley George Mc Brien
Sun 6.00pm	Jessica Suppiah Anna Liggieri	Damian Casamento Robert Dullard

WE PRAY FOR:
The elderly and the sick
Lopisoni Amato, Alan Castles & Fr Jan Szweda
 Those who have died recently
Maria Cigagna in Basso (Italy), Dominic D'Silva & Leonora Perez
 We Commemorate
John Borowicki, Alejandria Domingo, Annie D'Souza, Liberato Follacchio (1st Anni.), Remedios Mendes, Domenica, Francesco, Giuseppe & Mario Rizzo and all deceased members of the Gelain & Rizzo families.
 O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Stations of the Cross

The devotional exercise of visiting and praying in front of each of the 14 stations and meditating on the Passion of Christ stems from the practice of early Christian pilgrims who visited the scenes of the events in Jerusalem and walked the traditional route from the supposed location of Pilate's house to Calvary. The number of stations originally observed in Jerusalem was considerably smaller than 14. In the early 16th century, Ways of the Cross were established in Europe, and the tradition of 14 stations probably derived from the best known of them, that at Leuven (1505). The Franciscans long popularized the practice, and in the 18th century they bowed to Western Christian devotional feeling and provided 14 stations in Jerusalem. During Lent you are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross in our parish church **every Friday night at 7 pm.** Make a point to attend at least one time this year!



'The Seasons of Our Life' is an opportunity to explore your creative expression in relation the natural seasons of our life – Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer. The program includes: a time of quiet and reflection, support and encouragement with the wisdom of others, etc. Facilitated by Marlene McGrath, the program begins on 7 March 2020 at Heart of Life, 296 Glenferrie Road, Malvern. Cost \$140 for four, or \$40 per session. For more information or an application form, contact: info@heartoflife.melbourne or phone 9890 1101.



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