

1st Sunday of Lent - Year C

9th - 10th March 2019

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall then 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 a 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, the 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

The Word of the Lord

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

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

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

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 his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives by 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

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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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Our celebrity doesn't reveal God's greatness.

Only a life of humble service to those in need manifests and spreads God's Love.



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Lent a Call to a Change of Heart

The season of Lent is a gift. It offers us time and space to stand back from day to day distractions and look at the "big picture" of our human condition within the horizon of divine Love. Through the Liturgies of Lent over the three year cycle, we survey the whole story of salvation from the dawn of creation to the climax of Jesus' mission amongst us. Lent is a time for personal as well as group reflection and renewal; a time of entering into the "wilderness" or "desert place" and grappling with the mysteries of life. While deserts are often depicted as uninhabitable, threatening places devoid of the comforts and supports that sustain life, there is another side. A venture into the wilderness can be an opportunity to come to a deeper understanding of our relationships with God and with our fellow human beings.

In Israel's story, the wilderness was a place of testing for God's people, but also a journey towards a new communal life.

Luke's gospel today tells how Jesus, having been baptised by John, is led by the Spirit into the wilderness – there to be tested. The testing is about proper exercise of power and living in the right relationship with the earth and the human family. In the last test Jesus resists the challenge to call on God to deliver him from the trials of life that are to come. He, as God's anointed one, chooses not to be a person of power but a servant of God's people.

The temptations Jesus faced urge us to look beyond our superficial problems, indulgences and ambitions, to face the root causes of these failings that can close our hearts to the mercy of God and the hurts and sufferings of others.

We are called as individuals, as a community and a broken church, to open our hearts to the Love of God that is ever present within us and with minds, hearts and courage of Christ Jesus, be servants of this Love and compassion to God's suffering ones.

Yes the time of Lent is a gift.



Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

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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) & Friday (Italian) after

9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday

7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Welcome to Fr. Alfonsus Nahak SVD

Fr Alfonsus is a Divine Word Missionary from Borneo, Indonesia. He came to Australia about 5 years ago. He worked in the Diocese of Parramatta for 2^{1/2} years. Currently he resides in the SVD Community in Epping, Sydney, whilst awaiting a new placement in the Australian SVD Province. Fr Alfonsus will serve in our parish while Fr Jan will be 'out of action' after his surgery. We welcome him to Preston and wish him all the best.



Sacred Heart Primary School Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2020 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: Wednesday 20th March at 9.30am – 11.00am and 12.00pm – 1.30pm

Project Compassion 2019 Caritas AUSTRALIA

For over fifty years this Appeal has been an important means by which the Australian Church has shown its solidarity with those in need around the world, providing funds for development and emergency aid, and increasing our awareness of the work of Caritas Australia. Pope Francis said: "Caritas is the salt, the leaven and the light that provides a beacon of hope to those in need". This year's campaign theme is Give Lent 100%. Envelopes and boxes for your donation may be picked up in the foyer of our church. You may return your donation any Sunday in Lent. Thank you for your generosity.

Dates to Remember

- All Fridays during Lent:** Stations of the Cross - 7.30pm
- Sunday 17th March:** 10.30am - Children's Mass & commitment for children preparing for Reconciliation
- Sunday 17th March:** 11.30am - in the presbytery Meeting for Parents/Guardians of children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Sunday 17th March:** After 10.30am Mass Parish Picnic in School grounds

Last Week's Collection: 03/03/19
 1st Collection for our Church: \$1094.40
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$654.65
 Thank you for your kind generosity!



From the Archbishop's Office:

Dear friends, this is a challenging time for the Catholic Church in Melbourne. We will all have different ways of both responding to the news about Cardinal George Pell and making sense of it. For some it heralds another chapter in the already painful journey that Catholics have been a part of over the last few years. Some of us may feel upset and saddened by the news. Some of us may just feel very wary about the way our Church is being portrayed in the media. There are those in our community who have been abused and the story touches on and may re-open already raw wounds. On this, the last Sunday prior to Lent, we gather around the table of the Lord. We pray that God will continue to journey with us as we search to understand, accept and acknowledge the challenges of our times. We hold in our thoughts and prayers all those who have suffered abuse within the Church.

Lenten Program - The Person of Jesus 5th March - 9th April 2019

Presenter: *Fr. Phuong Vu, SVD*
 Venue: Sacred Heart Preston
 Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm



- Topics**
- 12th March** - Jesus is the Compassionate God
 - 19th March** - Jesus is the Free Man
 - 26th March** - Jesus is the Healer
 - 2nd April** - Jesus is the Teacher
 - 9th April** - Jesus is the Redeemer

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer:** for e.g., Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- (b) **Self Denial:** for e.g., not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- (c) **Helping Others:** for e.g., special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.

Lenten Prayer / Reflection Group

If you would like to join the weekly prayer/reflection group during Lent, please come to join Faye and her family at 657 Gilbert Rd, Reservoir, on Saturday 9th March at 4pm. You may contact Faye on 0413713973.

Parish Picnic

Come and join other parishioners for our St Patrick's Day Family Picnic. When: Next Sunday, 17th March 2019 at 11:30am at the Sacred Heart Primary School Garden. What's happening at the picnic? Games, tea & coffee, desserts and for kids and seniors, a free sausage sizzle!



Movie at the Westgarth - "Stan & Ollie"

Date: Thursday 21st of March
 Please leave your name and contact number today on the sign up sheet if you haven't already. \$15 payment is due by Sunday 17th March if possible or contact Eileen 0402 448 652 or Pauline 9484 2445.



Combined Parishes Liturgical Formation Opportunities: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion During Mass Workshop – Eastern Region

Thursday 14th March 7pm–9pm, light refreshments from 6.30pm
 St Peter's and Paul's Parish, 23 Leeds Street, Doncaster East
 Registrations: Cheryl Tay on 9842 1480

Commitment Mass

Next Sunday at the 10.30am Mass, children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will make their commitment at the beginning of their preparation program. After Mass their parents/guardians will have an information meeting with the program co-ordinator, Judeline Wadhvani. It will be held right after Mass in the presbytery.

Like to join Sacred Heart's Music Ministry??
 Contact Priscilla on 0415061781



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 16th March 2019
 Anna/Lizzie
 Thank you for your help!



Church Cleaning Volunteers
 Again, we invite parishioners who are willing to help clean our church, only once a year, to please sign your name and contact number on the roster placed in our church foyer. Thank you for your help!



WE PRAY FOR:
 The elderly and the sick
Peter Bourke, Brian Donnellon, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Fr Jan Szweda
 Those who have died
Liberato Follacchio
 O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as we move from station to station. At each station, we recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, and then we move to the next station until all 14 are complete. The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images. They can also appear in church yards arranged along paths. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred. Please join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7.30 pm.

'Gifts Differing'

Our graced selves, praying, communicating...This is a Myers Briggs reflection day. Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on that day. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc, the seminar runs from 10am-4pm on 23rd March 2019, at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Box Hill. Cost \$60. (BYO Lunch)
 For bookings: Phone 9890 1101 or Email: holsc@bigpond.com

Roster for weekend of 16th - 17th March 2019			
	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Renato Tonini Marlene Vergou	Peter Bourke Terry Murphy	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Mancini L.	Malavisi I. Mendolicchio A.	Mancini M.
Sun 10.30am	Mata Unian Eileen Stevens	Alan Castles Pauline Veamatahau	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Anna Liggieri Ylenia Useli	Benedicta Arhatari Margaret Bannon	Jessica Suppiah