

**GOSPEL**

Lk 4: 1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

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.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / C

9 MARCH 2025

## FIDELITY TESTED

Today we begin our journey through Lent, the liturgical season leading to the holiest week of the Church's year and Easter. We begin with Luke's story of Jesus' temptation initiated by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is in the wilderness, the place of solitude, the place of 'no place'. Jesus is here for forty days, alone with God.

The scene is reminiscent of Israel's 40-year wilderness sojourn in which its own covenant fidelity to God is tested. The parallel between Israel and Jesus is unmistakable. Moses, given the three encounters with Satan that Jesus has. Each is found in Deuteronomy in which Israel fails in its covenantal loyalty and trust in God. By contrast, Jesus is not seduced by food, power or status. He remains loyal to God despite Satan's best efforts to seduce, tempt and manipulate Scripture to woo him into reconfiguring his loyalty away from God.

Satan was originally a member of the heavenly court (as, for example, in the Book of Job) whose principal task was to test the loyalty of God's people. Later, under the influence of Near Eastern myths and traditions about winged beings separate from and warring against the gods, Gospel writers have Satan take on a more sinister mission—to tempt people away from God. Jesus is Satan's focus here and, though he leaves the scene completely disempowered by Jesus' commitment to God, will return at the time of Jesus' passion and death. Lent becomes our time to be with Jesus, to enter our Lenten wilderness, to identify what seduces and draws us away from God.

Fr Michael Trainor

## FIRST READING

Deut 26: 4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP 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

Rom 10: 8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*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 for 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 on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

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



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**MASS TIMES**

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

**1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent YR C**

- 09 Sun:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
- 10 Mon:** No Mass
- 11 Tues:** 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent
- 12 Wed:** 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent
- 13 Thu:** 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent
- 14 Fri:** 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent
- 15 Sat:** 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent/ Vigil 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent YR C

**SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS**

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.00pm
- \*For Baptisms & Weddings\***  
Please call the Parish Office

**PARISH FAITH FORMATION**

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

**PARISH SCHOOLS**

- **Notre Dame Catholic Primary**  
360 Daly Street, Cloverdale WA 6105  
6272 7100 | [www.nds.wa.edu.au](http://www.nds.wa.edu.au)
- **St Maria Goretti's Catholic School**  
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**WELCOME TO MASS!** A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C**

*TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL. The temptations experienced by Jesus in the wilderness were not temptations to moral evil as we usually understand it. They were not temptations to steal or murder or commit adultery. They were far more subtle; to give priority to material comfort, to have powers over others, to test God. During Lent, let us take some time to examine our own attitudes; are we giving priority to God or in subtle ways putting ourselves first and God second?*

**MASS COLLECTIONS**

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details	Second Collection EFT Details
	<b>A/C Name:</b> Cloverdale Presbytery	<b>A/C Name:</b> Cloverdale Parish
	<b>BSB:</b> 086 006	<b>BSB:</b> 086 006
	<b>Account #:</b> 140 608 771	<b>Account #:</b> 667 172 433
	<b>Reference:</b> Name	<b>Reference:</b> Name

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER**

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 6.00pm</b>	Greg Kempton		I Iwansantoso T Khoo	Sr Margaret C Nguyen	M & M Coutinho A Khoo
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 8.00am</b>	Ashley Rebeiro	S Robinson	C Neville K Nguyen	D P Sekulla C Parnham	<b>A/S Required</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 10.00am</b>	Andy Minh Nguyen	Shirley D'Castro	T Gomes B Parasuraman	Brenda P A Semaan	R Vadakkal A Benjamin
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 6.00pm</b>	Sunil Rodrigues		S Fernandez J Fernandez	T Doan B Ryan	J Mai A P Leo

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**Parish Events**

**Masses in the Parish**

We are now in the summer months and there are summer colds about and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better. **Mass for you at home will be broadcast every Sunday at 6am on the Ten Network** and multiple times during the week on Foxtel's Aurora (Channel 173).

**Pilgrim Statues**

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **8<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
M Tatum U6/293 Epsom Ave Redcliffe & L King  
3 Pratt St Cloverdale.

**Footy Tipping – AFL Season 2025**

Yes, it is back for 2025, forms are available from either side of the Church. All details on how to enter are on the form. 2 games of opening round have been postponed due to a cyclone. Results will be given after the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. There have been a lot of entries which is great. Give entry forms to family and friends. The more entrants the bigger the prize money. Still accepting entries.

**Parish Office Relocation**

The parish office has now been relocated to the back rooms of the parish centre. Office hours will still remain the same. To gain access to the parish office, please use the door of the parish centre on the school side.

**First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea**

Thank you to all that attended the morning tea & supported the food stall last weekend. **\$816.10** was raised through food sales and donations.

**Project Compassion Boxes & Envelopes**

Please take a box or envelopes or both. The theme for this year **"UNITE AGAINST POVERTY"**. Caritas have changed their donation envelopes, instead of a pack of envelopes with Week 1, Week 2 etc, it is one envelope and you can either do weekly donations or one donation, whichever way you wish. You can also donate by calling 1800 024 413 or securely online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**St Mary's Cathedral Perth Tour Guides**

At our beautiful Cathedral, St Mary's, we have a very enthusiastic band of volunteers who conduct tours to schools, public and private organisations as well as general public. This voluntary Ministry was founded in 2011 and has grown over the years from 2 to 8 tour guides. If you would like to be a part of this team you can attend a tour followed by a light morning tea in the Parish Centre on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am**. All necessary training and resources are provided. To register your attendance or for more information, please contact Carol Young (Tour Guide Co-Ordinator) on M: 0417 097 455 or E: [caroly7@bigpond.com](mailto:caroly7@bigpond.com)

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent @ 6pm in the Church.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Project Compassion 2025 – First Sunday of Lent**

Project Compassion shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet Toefuata'iga from Samoa, Lam from Vietnam and Irene from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). 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.

**Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course**

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. Email: [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>. This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction. See noticeboards for full details.

**Australian Catholics Magazine Autumn Edition**

Now available from both sides of the Church. Articles include: 'Reflections for after Easter', 'Many things about Mary Magdalene', 'In the footsteps of Mary' and much more to read. Please take a copy home.

**Notre Dame Community**

**Containers for Change**

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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**In Our Prayers...**

**In Memoriam**

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Peter Butcher, Brian Aitkin, Alfred Taylor, John Victoria & Ralph Jackson, Denis & Margaret Saldana, Murray Sindel, Ivy & Harry Klass, Sharon Fletcher, Paul Douglas, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, deceased members of the Sequeira Family, Denzil Devisser and all souls in Purgatory.*

**Parishioners who are unwell:**

*Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan & Philomena Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), Pam Lawson, Rob Petty, Hannah Guilfoyle & Andrew Kinnimont.*

**Baptisms**

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community: *Mia Gray Nobre.*

