

FIRST READING

*A reading from the Book of 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.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

*A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul
to the 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.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*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

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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:

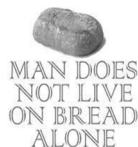
They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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1st Sunday of Lent - Year C

9th & 10th March, 2019

*God of the covenant,
We beg You, throughout these forty days,
to unseal for us the wellspring of Your grace,
cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy,
and enable Your gift of new life
to flourish in us, Your People, once again.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD.

The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. The three temptations Jesus faces in today's gospel all focus upon the nature of his mission and ministry. The first temptation is to miraculously feed himself - is his ministry to be about himself or others? The second is to take power and authority over all the world - to fulfil the human expectations of what a Messiah ought to be or fulfil God's plan of service, rather than domination? The third temptation is about grandstanding - to make a spectacular declaration of his arrival or to minister to the lowly and reveal himself in that way? The one who tempts Jesus in the wilderness is referred to in this passage as 'the devil'. Devil is the English translation of a Greek word, diabolos. As the gospel of Luke was originally written in Greek, we can assume that diabolos was the word used. Diabolos has several meanings: the accuser; the slanderer; the one who separates. It is the purpose of the temptations to 'separate' Jesus from God and from his intended approach to his ministry. The temptations we face are often those that 'separate' us from what we know to be right.

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 7.00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 5.15 pm

BAPTISMS:
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:

Mary Maguire, Jack Winters, Mary (Molly) Brewin, Basil Lorimer, and Peter Trevena.

The sick: Baby Ayden Tellis, Frank Cassar, Christopher Windebank, Giuseppina Zarro, Ada Arnold, Lesina Maio, Peter Dunlop, Catherine Turner, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miop Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, Clive Geach.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE
Date: *Saturday, 6th April, 2019 at 10.30 am*
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: Everyone is welcome on Thursdays between 10 am and 1 pm for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet at 10am each Tuesday, for a 10.15am start, in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy 9752 2986.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP . Do you desire to pray for your children but it doesn't seem to happen? Come and join with other mothers of any age to pray together. *Tuesday's* from 9am–10am each Tuesday (during school term) in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

PROJECT COMPASSION BEGAN 6th March, "Give Lent 100%." to assist people in real poverty. Please consider collecting a box to participate.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2019: This weekend we welcome Deacon Jim Curtain, Archdiocese Director of Caritas at all masses, and also on Sunday morning Mr Super Dube from Zimbabwe, who works with Caritas in the diocese of Hwange.

LECTORS' ROSTER A new lectors roster for the period April – June is currently being prepared. If any existing rostered lector is unavailable during this period, or would like to request a change to the roster, please contact me before the 22nd of March (details below). If anyone else would like to read at Mass or would like to share the role by just reading one of the reading, please do get in touch. Students in Yr 11 and 12 might like to consider being a part of this ministry. Rosters and guidelines will be available on the weekend of the 30th/31st March.
- Stephanie (9758 5497 / smhorgen@gmail.com)

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING: Reflection entitled 'Lightning Speed' by Carolyn is on the trollies for you to take home.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY: Our school open day will take place **this Wednesday 13th March, 8.00am-5.00pm**. Please invite any friends, family or neighbours who have a child eligible to start school in 2020 to come along and see our wonderful school in action.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP BUS TRIP to Blue Lotus Water Garden at Yarra Junction on Tuesday March 19th. A few places remain on the bus, come along and enjoy a great day out. Cost \$20 inclusive. All enquiries please phone Lorna on 9758-1870 by March 15th 2019.



ST JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY DAY is on Sunday 17th March from 10.00am – 2.00pm. Come and be a part of this fun day! Free Rides and activities, food and drink are available at reasonable prices. This event is open to all. There will be face painting, college tours and displays, and meet the team from KIIS FM.

KNOX DEANERY WORKSHOP On Thursday 21st March, at St Joseph's Parish Boronia there will be a workshop focusing on Domestic Violence. 1 in 4 women experience at least one incident of violence by an intimate partner, 1 in 4 children witness violence against a mother /step-mother. Sr Nicole Rotaru RSM will facilitate this workshop promoting a greater awareness and understanding of the many faces of domestic violence. RSVP by 19th March for catering purposes, on 0430 194 590 or yahc@bigpond.com

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE UPCOMING TOUR: Bring your family and friends to our next Scheduled Tours, Sunday 24th March, departing at 10.00am. Mater Christi girls consistently achieve region leading VCE and vocational results. A visit will enable your family to witness our vibrant, inclusive and warm community. To book your tour visit: <http://www.materchristi.edu.au/>



ANNUAL COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2019 St John's Conference of St Vincent de Paul along with St John's Social Justice Group will share the Annual Combined Churches Raffle this year. Both groups have similar aims in working to support the disadvantaged and so both groups will work together on this parish project. A percentage of raffle takings return to our parish. The sale of the tickets has commenced and tickets are available after weekend masses. There are wonderful prizes to be won. We look forward to your support. Also, feel free to take a few books to sell to family and friends. We thank you in anticipation of your continuing support in 2019.

THE PASSION: AUDITIONS AND POSITIONS NOW OPEN to be held on Sundays 10th, 17th and 24th of March, and 7th April, between 12–5pm. The Performance will be on Palm Sunday 14th April and Good Friday 19th April at The Holy Cross Centre, 2017 Serpells Road, Templestowe Recruiting for the twenty-third Annual Melbourne Passion Play is now under way. Here is your opportunity to be part of the re-enactment of the Ministry of Christ that has been enjoyed by thousands over the years. No acting experience is necessary. Men and women are urgently required to fill the various roles as: Roman soldiers, Pharisees, townspeople, Disciples. Crew members are also required to assist with costume, props and sound equipment. Enquiries: Director Robert Durai on 0422 130 014 Details: www.passionplay.info

ROSTERS: Mon 11th Mar to Sun 17th March	
Flowers	Lent – No Flowers
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Jean B
Welcomers	6pm: Queenie J 9am: Peter C, Neil & Lorraine R, Joanna Capozzi 11am: Tony & Christine E
Lectors	6pm: Louise D 9am: Caroline Q 11am: Sue S
Counters	Tony B, Steph H
Gardening	Carlos E