

Sunday 1 March 2020
Entrance Antiphon Ps 90: 15-16
First reading Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7
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.
Now 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 pain of death.”’ Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on 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.
Responsorial Psalm 50:3-6,12-14,17
Second reading Romans 5:12-19
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. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.
Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man’s sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. 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.
Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4
Gospel Matthew 4:1-11
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.
Communion Antiphon Mt 4: 4
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Next Week’s Readings
2 Lent Year A
Entrance Antiphon: Ps 26:8-9
2nd Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10
1st Reading: Gen 12:1-4
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
Responsorial Psalm: 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
Communion Antiphon: Mt 17:5
(A) WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Noelene Hewett; Anne Curtis (Pat Andrew’s sister); June Dear; Francesca Sgori; Rod Frazer; Mary-Anne McGrath; Patsy Edwards; Friedrich Lueth; Don Percival (Sr Kathleen’s brother-in-law).
(B) WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Sr Eileen Casey, RSM; Fr Michael Coffey; Robert Donnelly; Patricia Knight; Fr Geoff Lloyd; Italo Marzotti; John McGee; Fr Christopher McNeeve; Helen Pinto; Tricia Slattery; Jill Travis
(C) WE PRAY FOR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Daley; Daly; D’Ambrosia; Daprè; Darby; Davey; Dacid; Dav idson; Davies; Davis; Dawes; De Rosa; De Schutter; De Winter; Deady; Delaney; Di Camillo; Di Placido; Dick; Dickens; Dickson; Divorty; Dodds; Doepel; Dohnt; Donnelly; Donley; Donnell; Dotta; Doyle; Drady; Driver; D’souza; Dudley; Dudok; Duffell; Dummett; Duncan; Dunn; Dutkiewicz; Dwyer; Dyson Dzaja; Dziedzic; Earnshaw; Eaton; Edward; Edwards; Egan; Ellis; Emery; Entriiken; Estrellado; Evans; Everett; Exell Family and Friends.
(D) WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED OR ASK OUR PRAYERS: for all Christians persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ; Ann Cochran; Jan Leyden; Sean Mullamphy; David Lewis; Clem Dick; Cathy Hutton; Sr Catherine Wybourne, (UK); David Lanarch; Paul Smith; Emma Schofield; Madeleine & Ray Thrift; Robyn Horn; Steven Peterson; Kate & Ian Pritchard; Wilma McQueen; Patricia Evans; Veronica Crowley; Kathaleen Temby; Helen Pudovski; Anne Percival; Myrna Stinziani; John Reid; Valentina Scerri; Catarina Llorens; Lyndsay James; Lorraine Mackay; Wilf Hedley; Thomas Linden; Margaret Marris; Maureen Daley; Verona Hickey; Raifiel Cyril; Terry Mernagh; Beryl Baxter; Tom Wells; Archbishop Francis Carroll; John & Peter Sullivan.
When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
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!
One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION
WESTON CREEK /SOUTH MOLONGLO

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We warmly welcome all
to our parish

YEAR A
29/1 March 2020



NEW PARISHIONERS please take a parish census form located on the tables in the church foyers, fill it in and return it to the parish office. Thank you.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT: Prior to commencing his public ministry, Christ was led into the wilderness for a period of forty days. This was a time of earnest prayer, of fasting, of confronting temptation, and of a deeper encounter with the mysteries of silence, solitude and the self. As we arrive at the first Sunday of Lent, it is pertinent to consider how we may emulate our Lord's example. Let us permit ourselves to be drawn more deeply into our own personal desert, into the hidden and sacred solitude of the soul, and through the uncharted empty spaces of our hearts. For it is when we are most truly alone that we become most authentically ourselves. And it is when we become most authentically ourselves that we are closest to God. For the human solitude of the heart, and the divine solitude of God abide, unseen and unknown, in the same ineffable silence.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS-STATIONS OF THE CROSS will next be held on Friday 6 March at 7.00pm, at St John Vianney Church and the following week in St Jude Church 13 March.

ON OFFER AT EASTER: parishioners are invited to put their names down on the list in the back of the churches to receive a small bottle of freshly blessed Easter Holy Water. There is no cost but you are invited to put a little extra on the 2nd collection plate.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP will continue to meet on Thursdays at 2.00pm in the St John Vianney Presbytery Downstairs Meeting Room. The Lenten Booklets that were pre ordered (\$10) are available in the foyers. Please collect your booklet and place \$10 on the 1st collection plate.

PROJECT COMPASSION Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family’s access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia’s support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community. Let’s Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes in the foyers of the Churches, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



PROJECT COMPASSION
A Project Compassion donation payment type is currently available under our Parish Qkr! Mobile payment App. Located under Special “Appeals”.
Qkr!

PARISH INFORMATION
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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday
9.00am – 3.00pm
Secretaries: Cathy Schneider (Tues-Thur)
Marianne Forshaw (Tues & Friday)
Honorary Associate: Joseph Palisi

Sunday Mass times:

St Jude Church,
Mulley Street Holder
Saturday Vigil 5.00pm
Sunday 5.00pm

St John Vianney Church,
87 Namatjira Drive
Waramanga
Sunday 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday: 7.00am St John Vianney
Tuesday:7.00am St John Vianney
Wednesday: 9.30am St John Vianney
Thursday: 9.30am St Jude
Friday: 7.00am St John Vianney
Saturday: 8.00am St Jude

Confessions:

Saturday 4 — 4.45pm St Jude
Sunday 8 — 8.45am St John Vianney
Sunday 4.30 — 4.50pm St Jude

Anointing Mass

1st Wednesday of the month.
Next anointing Mass 4 March 2020.

Baptism

by appointment
2nd Sunday St John Vianney during 9.00am Mass
&
4th Sunday St Jude, 12noon outside Mass
Information available on the Parish website and Qkr App
www.stjivwestoncreek.blogspot.com

Baptism Preparation Class held at 7.30pm,
1st Tuesday of the month
except January @ St John Vianney Church
bookings 02 8331 7611 (Tues-Fri 9-3pm)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4.00– 4.40 Saturday before the Vigil Mass
St Jude Church St Jude Church
8.00am—8.40am Sunday before Mass at
St John Vianney Church

FIRST FRIDAY of Every month Divine Mercy prayer in the Adoration Chapel at 3.00pm,

Adoration Chapel

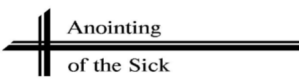
Open daily until 5.00pm @ St John Vianney Church
Entry via back door of chapel.

Parish Pastoral Council

Chair: Ron Hibberson stjiv.ppc@gmail.com;

ARCHDIOCESAN CALENDAR:

To access the calendar go to
https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/events/



This Sacrament will be celebrated during the 9.30am Mass next Wednesday.

SENIORS IN NETWORKED COMMUNITY (SINC) will present a free session by Stephen Trump of the Red Cross. Come along and hear what services they have to offer the seniors in our community. Wednesday 4 March 10.30am St John Vianney Church Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome & morning tea will be provided. Please Contact Christine on 6163 7667 if you would like support with transport to/from the presentation.

THE FIRST YOUTH & FAMILY MASS FOR 2020 will be 5pm on Sunday 15 March at St Jude Church, combined with the commitment Mass for the Sacramental program. Everyone is welcome!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Holder and Waramanga Conferences would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the Cooleman Court Bushfire/Vinnies Appeal. A total of \$4785.35 was raised – cash \$3880.35 & eftpos \$905.00. Your generosity and your time is very much appreciated and this helps us to help people in our community who need our help and support. Thank you very much.

LENTEN CONCERT - 'ASHES TO EASTER' with Peter Kearney. Sunday 15 March, 2.00-3.15pm in St. John Vianney Church, Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter/singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter, for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy. There will be a short break for tea and coffee at the interval. Donations received will be forwarded to Bushfire relief. *Comment: "A beautiful Lenten reflection; prayerful & spiritual a worthwhile part of our Lenten journey"*.

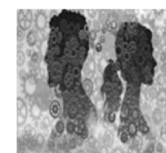
CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN MOLONGLO AND WESTON CREEK As announced late last year the Catholic Education Office is facilitating a consultation on the provision of Catholic Education in Molonglo and Weston Creek. Last week there was a meeting with Catholic Education Office representatives, Father Michael Lim and principals. Last week the consultation was on the agenda for the Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish Council on Monday and there was a meeting with Catholic Education Office representatives, principals and School executive teams on Thursday. Two external consultants have been engaged to assist with the consultation. They are Julie Saunders, an urban planner who has done extensive work with Brisbane schools and Michael Avery, former Director of Catholic education in the Northern Territory. Julie and Michael and CEO representatives will meet with school staff on Monday 2 March and will also facilitate parent meetings on Wednesday 11 March. You are invited to complete the following survey by Friday 6 March <https://www.surveymoz.com/s/5465957/Archdiocese-of-Canberra-Goulburn-Community-Consultation-Survey>

WHAT IS PRAYER?: Fr Michael is to holding a series of talks on prayer. Continuing this Sunday after the 9.00am Mass at St John Vianney Church. This week's topic is: **1 March**—Ignatian Contemplation; Every one is invited to attend. Tea & coffee available.

THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC SPANISH SPEAKING DIVINE MERCY GROUP invites the Hispanic Community to a weekend retreat "Forgiveness, the power of Healing" on 26, 27 and 28 June 2020, at St Retreat and Conference Centre, in Galong, Fr Alberto Fabian Cardona Rios, Servants of Holy Spirit, from Colombia, will be given the Retreat, Cost \$260 which includes meals and accommodation. For Information: Jorge 0439 046 592, Lissette 0432 083 648.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY of every month devotion to the Divine Mercy prayer at the Adoration Chapel at 3pm. All are welcome.

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JOURNEY WITH THE MARTYRS – LENTEN CALENDAR During the season of Lent Aid to the Church in Need would like to invite you to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar. The Lent calendar features 47 true stories of modern martyrs, witnesses of love, who heroically offered their lives for God and their communities. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on 6239 9813 or email tribunal@cg.org.au

ST PATRICK'S DAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE We offer a warm welcome to all to join us at Marist College Canberra on Saturday 14 March 2020 at 12pm. The service is a celebration of Irish Australian Culture. This year we have the wonderful Dr David Caldicott as our keynote speaker. David is an Emergency Medical Consultant at Canberra Calvary Hospital and a Clinical Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine at the ANU. David led the first pill testing at the Groovin the Moo festival in Canberra in 2018. David is a staunch advocate for harm reduction, maintaining that drugs policy is an issue of public health, and not political morality. David was born in Dublin and lives in Canberra with his wife and children. All are welcome, please come and join us at the Senior Hall, Marist College, Marr St, Pearce.

AMICUS, a support group (created by Monsignor John Woods and Father Mick MacAndrew in 1992) for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering for 2020 at the Bread n Putter Bistro Queanbeyan Golf Club on SAT 14th March meeting at 7PM for DINNER. To join us please call LYN 0400 265 926".

THE ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE will host a breakfast at St Vincent's Aranda next Friday morning 6th March to celebrate International Women's Day. All welcome. Speaker Andrea Dean will address the topic on *The Impact of the Bushfires on our Understanding of God* \$20 contribution towards breakfast or \$40 if you would like to contribute to a similar event in a fire affected rural area. RSVP to 0487 388 873 or register at <http://bit.ly/FiresFaithBreakfast>

Car Mechanical Services in our Parish, 82 Kalgoorlie Cres, Fisher Charlie Sgori. www.automeccanica.com.au Phone 6162 4111.



WE ARE TO GROW IN HOLINESS BY PRAYER, RECONCILIATION AND SHARING DURING LENT

Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation. It is also the time for renewing our lives for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection.

Today's readings teach us that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world and by our own selfish interests. So, we need to cooperate actively with God's grace to conquer our temptations. The graphic descriptions of the temptations of Jesus given in Matthew are sometimes interpreted as the dramatic presentation of a single temptation Jesus experienced throughout his public life. **The devil was trying to entice Jesus away from his mission so that he could become, instead, a political messiah of power and fame according to the Jewish expectation, while using His Divine power to avoid suffering and death.**

In this Sunday's account, we are given a glimpse of the inner struggle of Jesus as he faced the question of how to accomplish his mission. Matthew presents Jesus as conquering the Tempter and beginning his preaching in Galilee.

For our part. we always encounter temptation in its three major forms: power, prestige, and prosperity with two qualifying terms: "more" and "control." We want "more" of everything and "control" of our destiny, feeling that only we know what is best for ourselves. Jesus' temptations remind us of the temptations Israel experienced in the desert. Lent is a time to look at such temptations, sin and the consequences.

It is a time that reminds us of the human journey of fall and redemption. Like Adam and Eve, and Jesus, we all face temptations. Originally, Lent was the season when those about to be baptized repented of their sins and sought to know the Lord Jesus more intimately. Then it became a season for the baptized to do the same. We are challenged to die to sin so that we may rise again to the new life in Christ.

Ours is a vibrant culture, always in pursuit of happiness. Death is an obscenity, hidden by cascades of flowers and relegated to remote burial lawns on the edge of town. Sin is denied, camouflaged, psychoanalysed, and repressed—not confessed. We don't really *sin*. We *make mistakes of judgement*. If a popular politician lies, he or she is *only being human*. Today's Gospel teaches us how the "desert experience" of fasting, praying, and soul-strengthening enabled Jesus to confront his temptations successfully and then to preach the Good News of salvation. Likewise, we are to confront and conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the means he employed.

Temptations make us more powerful warriors of God by strengthening our minds and hearts. By constantly struggling against temptations, we become stronger. Each time one is tempted to do evil but does good, one becomes stronger. Further, we are never tempted beyond our power.

But the truth is that, while **testing** comes from the outside, **temptation** comes from within us. However, the good news is that, though we are tempted and often succumb, God's grace provides the way of salvation for us. The ultimate temptations in life are NOT those that only push us to "*do*" things we aren't supposed to "*do*"; rather they are the ones that push us to "*be*" persons we weren't made to "*be*."

During this Lent, we are to grow in holiness by prayer, reconciliation and sharing:

- by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him in fervent prayer and listening to Him through the meditative reading of the Bible;*
- by being reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reconciled with others by asking their forgiveness for our offenses against them and*
- by sharing our love with others through selfless and humble service, almsgiving and helping those in need.*

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(Fr. Tony Kadavil)