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Weekend:
Saturday: 6pm Vigil
Sunday: 7am, 9am and 5.30pm
Italian Mass: 10.30am

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am
Monday to Friday
8am Saturday
& Public Holidays

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
5.30pm - 6.00pm
or by appointment

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Spread the Word

Vol. 35 No. 8**1st Sunday of Lent****1 March 2020****Commentary by Diane Bergant CSA**

The first reading features three episodes: the creation of the first man; his placement in the garden; and the sin. The man is formed of the ground, as are the animals and the trees of the garden. This establishes from the beginning a physical bond between humans and other creatures of the earth. The story is filled with allusions to wisdom. Eden is in the East, the place of enlightenment because the sun rises there. The tree of temptation is the tree of knowledge. The sin was disobedience, but the inclination that gave rise to it was a form of hubris – the desire to know like the gods know.



The psalm response is a familiar penitential psalm. It includes a plea for mercy, a confession of sin, a prayer for transformation, and a request for the opportunity of praising God. The psalmist appeals to God's covenant dispositions: goodness and compassion or womb-love, the kind of attachment that a mother has to the child she has carried within herself. A thorough transformation is required and so the psalmist prays for a clean heart and a right or true spirit. The response ends with a prayer to be empowered to praise God. This request shows that the covenant relationship, forgiveness of sin, transformation of heart, and the ability to praise God are all gifts of grace from God.

Paul sets up a comparison between the universal effects of sin and death and the all-encompassing power of forgiveness and life. He contrasts the actions of Adam the first man and Christ his unrivalled counterpart. While it may appear that the contrast is between Adam and Christ, it is really between the epochs that each inaugurated. Adam inaugurated the era of sin and death; Christ established the eschatological era of acquittal and life. At each stage of Paul's comparison, we see the surpassing power of the salvation won by Christ. In his conclusion, Paul argues that as condemnation came through one sin, acquittal comes through one righteous act; disobedience brought death, obedience brought life.

The Gospel passage is an account of the temptation of Jesus. Jesus' responses to the temptations posed by the devil all come from Deuteronomy's version of Israel's testing in the wilderness. This suggests that Jesus is here being compared with that ancient community. This account is replete with messianic meaning. It shows that the Son of God has chosen not to use divine power to establish his reign on earth. He will be open to the word of God, allowing it to direct his actions; he will rely on God's providence and not put God's promises to the test; he will not compromise his fidelity to God regardless of the price that he might have to pay. Unlike the wilderness community, Jesus is steadfast in the face of temptation.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 1 March

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church
- 3.00pm Rite of Election – Cathedral of St Stephen

Monday 2 March

- 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Library
- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 3 March

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library
- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

Wednesday 4 March

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 5 March

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 7.00pm RCIA Meeting – Library

Friday 6 March

- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Church
- 7.30pm 500 Card Group – Aquinas Room

Saturday 7 March

- 7.15pm AA Group – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick Betty Bendel, Pamela O'Reilly, Patrick Coyne, Fr Ron Mollison **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Phyllis Rodrigues, Ron Bell, Winnie Hewry, Elisabetta Scandurra, Andrew Turner, Jocelyn Beard-Hellstrom, Noel Boyle, Domenico & Anna Maria Pizzica **and the recently deceased** Mary Benbow (Sr Helen's Sister), Graham Scholefield, Bernard Coley, John Moss, Linda Brooks.

Rite of Election



Today our catechumens and candidates, who are preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion, will be attending the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for receiving the Sacraments at Easter.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer, in our local area, will be held on Friday 6 March, 10am, at the Salvation Army Church (202 Gallipoli Road, Carina Heights). All are welcome to gather together to pray for the country and people of Zimbabwe.



Ember Days (from the German *Quatember*, 'quarter day' or, as the Irish used to say, *Quarter Tense*) mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. Kept in the Roman Church since the fifth century, they are observed in Australia on the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance.

On Rogation and Ember days the Church is accustomed to entreat the Lord for the various needs of humanity especially for the fruits of the earth and for human labour, and to give thanks to him publicly.

GNLYC (General Norms of the Liturgical Year and Calendar) 45

Less in Lent

Lent is a season for stripping away excess in order to make space for God. Unlike the Gathering / Entrance hymn, the Sending Forth / Recessional hymn has never actually been part of the Mass. Mass ends with the priest's blessing wherein we are sent forth to live and spread the Gospel. Therefore, during the season of Lent, we have lessened the music by not having a Sending Forth / Recessional hymn and instead depart in silence.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, 7.00pm, in the Church

Parish 500 Card Group will meet on Friday 6 March, in the Aquinas Room. New members are very welcome to attend.

Sacramental Program 2020

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

- 7-8 March – Rite of Enrolment at all Masses

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

- 15 March – Penance Session 2, Option 1, 2-4pm
- 17 March – Penance Session 2, Option 2, 4-6pm

Helpers Required

We require some volunteers to help run the small group sessions and/or assist at the liturgy of the sacrament itself. If this is something you may be interested in, please contact Shelly at sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au or on 3398 2977.

OLOG Diners

The OLOG Diners meet on *Wednesday 11 March, 6pm, at Carina Leagues Club*. This is a wonderful way for parishioners to get to know one another at a venue in our Parish area. All are welcome to attend.

5.30pm Kids' Mass

The next Kids' Mass is *Sunday 15 March at 5.30pm Mass*. Children can participate by reading, taking up the collection, handing out newsletters, or bringing up the gifts. You need to be available to bring them to the church around 5pm for a little coaching.

To take part, go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using code **Lur6g**, register for the ministry of your choice.

Saturday Morning Mass (28 March)

On Saturday 28 March, the Archdiocese will be holding a Parish Leadership Development Day in the Dominic Centre at St Martin's School. Their day will begin with Mass in Our Lady of Graces Church. Therefore our parish Saturday morning Mass on Saturday 28 March will be at 8.30am, instead of 8.00am. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Reconciliation will be held after Mass concludes. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Lost Property

We currently have a small amount of lost property, which has been left in the church since the start of this year. If you have lost any items, please check the plastic container located in the sacristy.

Ten Steps towards Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World

In conjunction with their Social Justice Statement 2019/2020, the Australian Catholic Bishops published a leaflet entitled "Ten Steps towards Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World".

We recommend that members of our parish community read these ten steps and discuss them with other members of their families', especially young members who may be starting to use the various social media platforms.

9. Truth and Trustworthiness Must Be Guaranteed

Honesty and trust are fundamental to the operation of our social, economic and political institutions. Half-truths, lies and slander gone viral can harm the solidarity of a people, particularly during important periods like election campaigns. Our right to truthful information and trustworthy broadcasting requires greater regulation of digital platforms, with sanctions for the spread of fake, divisive and offensive content.

- Call on leaders in the news industry and our governments to support robust and independent journalism.
- Write to your local member about the responsibility of the Federal Government to support and promote the role of the public broadcaster.
- Counter half-truths and misinformation by providing accurate information from reputable sources.

10. We Are Called To Be Citizens of the Digital World

As Christians, we are called to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. We are called not only to love our neighbour, but to bring the love of God to the new global neighbourhood. We all have a role to play in making this a space where hatred, divisions and falsehoods are rejected. Let's foster a neighbourhood promoting those attributes and social values that lend themselves to genuine human encounter – love, understanding, beauty, goodness, truth and trustworthiness, joy and hope.

- Use the accompanying Prayer Card, including a prayer written by Pope Francis, for personal or family use or for schools and parishes.
- Celebrate World Communications Day on the Sunday before Pentecost.

Follow the Office for Social Justice of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Facebook:

@socialjusticeACBC Twitter: @JusticeCatholic

Parish Social Justice Group

I'VE ALWAYS
LOVED
HOW JESUS
FACES DOWN
TEMPTATION.



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YEAH.



HIS POWER
IS IN THE
WORD OF GOD.

I WISH I KNEW
WHICH VERSE TO USE
AGAINST ANOTHER
PIECE OF
CHOCOLATE CAKE.



MATTHEW 4:1-11

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Regina Caeli Over 50's Club

Wednesday 4 March, departing 8:30am from Regina Caeli Church (81 Waverley Rd, Camp Hill). Bus Trip to Mt Tamborine with lunch at St Bernard's Hotel. BYO morning Tea. Cost \$50 (subject to change). Ph: Leila on 3397 1545 or 0407 971 545.

Clairvaux MacKillop College – College Tour

Friday 6 March, 9am to 11am. Presentation in the auditorium followed by a tour with Student Mentors. There is an opportunity to meet the Principal and Leadership Team. To book go to the Enrolments tab on the college website www.cvxmck.edu.au or call the Enrolment Secretary on 3347 9223.

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, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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