

All Hallows' Five Dock



First Sunday of Lent | Year C | Sunday 6th March

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place, live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a spirit of service, that creates a sense of God's presence among us.

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A Message from Bishop Danny

Dear Parishioners,

Today marks the first Sunday of Lent and we read the temptations of Christ. Jesus faced these temptations at the beginning of his public ministry but, being human, I am sure they recurred throughout his ministry. So, what was Jesus tempted by?

Firstly, to give his life to simply material things. "Turn these stones to bread", said the devil. Jesus, with all His powers, could have been a wealthy man. However, He chose poverty and lowliness so as to be closer to His Father and to us. Unless He took on our weakness, Jesus could not raise us up to His divinity.

Secondly, he was tempted to seek power and glory. The devil offered Him all the kingdoms of the world. As Son of God, these could so easily have been his. However, the Kingdom of God is so different to the selfish pursuit of power. The Kingdom of God is about freedom for everyone, peace and goodness to be shared. It is about new life in God. Jesus was seeking something so much greater for us! (If only Vladimir Putin had learnt this lesson!)

Thirdly, he was tempted by pride, by being a popular spectacle, a kind of tele-evangelist. Let everyone see him be rescued by God's angels, and so win the adulation of the crowd.

Note that it was the Holy Spirit that drove Jesus out to be tempted. By being tempted, Jesus came to know his human weakness, our human weakness. So easily, we can lose our true, eternal selves by being consumed by the pride or power or possessions of this world. In the desert, Jesus faced these temptations and defeated them. Again and again, Jesus had to face them and be true to his mission of salvation, ultimately dying naked and powerless on the Cross. In perfect obedience, totally empty, Jesus won our salvation.

So it is for us today to face these temptations, all aspects of our selfish egos. Like Jesus, let us say 'no' to selfishness in all its guises and be open to love, generosity and the Spirit of God.

With best wishes -
Bishop Danny.

Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 3pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday:

8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office.



Supporting our Parish



You can support our Parish financially by accessing the BPoint Secure Payment Service on the Parish website or you can use the QR Code printed here. For contributions to the First

Collection, please select *Pastoral Revenue* from the drop down menu. For Planned Giving contributions, please select *Planned Giving* from the drop down menu and include your name and your Planned Giving Number (if known). You can also contribute using the Tap and Go devices in the Gathering Space at the entrance to the church.

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Notices from Bishop Danny

Catechist Sunday

This Sunday we mark Catechist Sunday and we thank the Catechists of the parish for the wonderful work they do in teaching children in the State Primary schools in the parish: Five Dock, Russell Lea and Abbotsford. Many of the children learn about Jesus and the teachings of the Church only through the Catechists. God bless them today and all throughout the year! If anyone would like to assist, please speak to Fr Richard or me.



New Parish Priest

A new priest will arrive in mid-June and take over from me. He is a very experienced priest, wise and fluent in Italian. I will let you know who he is when he lets his parishioners know of his move. Fr Richard will remain as assistant priest.

One of the pastoral needs of the parish is strong leadership and I know that good and generous leadership has been a feature of All Hallows. We need people of energy and compassion and a real love of the Gospel to take on positions in the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. The parish needs to move on. Please consider whether you would like to volunteer, as I am sure this is one of the first things the new Parish Priest will want to get going.

Stations of the Cross - 6pm Fridays

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on Fridays at 6pm. It will commence on Friday, 4th March. Please join us.



Project Compassion



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Mission Opportunities Overseas - Palms Australia



Supporting Sustainable International Development Love

Getting involved in people centred Human Development as an invited guest means humbly putting your person and your skills at the disposal of your trusted hosts. You will be a stranger in the place and for six months a Pilgrim learning the wisdom of local ways.

Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of [our assignments](#) your opportunity to Reach Beyond?

Find Out More: <https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/> or Phone: 0422 742 567. Join our <https://palms.org.au/event/zoom-information-session/> at 5.30pm AEDT on Thursday 17 March, attend and engage with a panel of Palms most experienced Program Participants.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Phillip Nolan
Silvana La Selva
Joseph Cacnio
George Malouf
Norman Merlino

Recently Deceased:

Vittorio Geremia
Gabrielle Rowe
Maureen Phillips
Giuseppa Proietto
Giovanni De Romanis
Pantaleone Mammarella
Maria Di Giacomo
Rosa Gullotta
Mary Davis
Leon Zander Barnfield
Antonio Merlino

Anniversaries:

Kay Fowler
Olga Flannigan
Veronica McTavish
Frederick McTavish
Angela Toigo
Maureen Phillips
Antonio Lombardo
Andy Wright
Veronica Roche
Domenico Gerace

For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



Parish Notices



Sunday night Mass time Survey

We are holding a survey to find out what most parishioners would prefer the Sunday night mass time to be. A survey sheet is available in the gathering space for you to fill out if you would like to have your say.

Sacramental Dates for 2022



Reconciliation:

- The parent information evening for Reconciliation will be held at 7pm on the 4th May, 2022 in the church.
- Reconciliation will be held between the 13th and 17th June.*

Confirmation:

- The parent information evening for Confirmation will be held at 7pm on the 20th July, 2022 in the church.
- Confirmation Masses will be held on the 21st August 2022 at 12pm and 3pm.

Holy Communion:

- The parent information evening for Holy Communion will be held at 7pm on the 12th October, 2022 in the church.*
- Holy Communion Masses will be held on the 19th and 20th November, 2022.

More information on how to register for these sacraments will follow shortly.

Made for More: SCY 2022 Launch

The Sydney Catholic Youth Team would like to invite you to the official launch of Sydney Catholic Youth's new strategic vision and mission pathway.

After a challenging couple of years, we are looking forward to gathering in-person for a night of community. The evening will also be an opportunity to hear from and connect with the Sydney Catholic Youth team as well as other Catholic agencies and communities. The launch will commence with Mass at **5:00pm**, followed by live music, dinner and the official launch in the Parish Hall.

Date: Saturday, 19th March

Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: St Joachim's Catholic Church, Lidcombe

*** Please use the QR code to RSVP by Friday 11th March ***



If you have any questions, please contact Sydney Catholic Youth via email: info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

Baptisms

We welcome



Alyssa Grace Nguyen
Levi Mikkel Patane

who are being baptised into our parish
Community of All Hallows' this weekend.

Lent with the Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful.



This program is FREE and you can sign up here: :

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22>

Call 1300 734 880 for more information

Ashes to Easter

A Lenten Concert-reflection with Peter Kearney



Hosted by **St. Ambrose Parish**
2 Burke Street CONCORD WEST

Friday 25th March, 7.00pm



Donations welcome at conclusion.

Peter's concert weaves songs, hymns, stories and reflections on Lenten & Easter themes. Mainly for adults though older students could enjoy. Peter Kearney's hymns and songs, published in fifteen albums, include 'Fill My House' and The Beatitudes' Some of his compositions are included in the 'As One Voice' hymnal.

Children's Corner

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert

M N T E S T E D S T A F D V K
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R D T V E J W W T B R E A D R
T G I K S C K A N G E L S X M
G P X H G J P R M O H P B H S

Try to find these words:

angels
arms
bread
desert
forty
hurt
jump
serve
stones
temple
tested
worship

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Dt 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.’</p>	<p>(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p>	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Next Week’s Readings</p> <p>Second Sunday of Lent 1st Reading: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 2nd Reading: Phil 3:17-4:1 Gospel: Luke 9:28-38</p> 	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>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!</p>

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.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The episode of the temptations is a clear indicator of the humanity of Jesus – he experienced doubt, uncertainty and fear just as we do. If the gospel intended to emphasise the divinity of Jesus, none of these temptations would have been an issue. We are told that Jesus was indeed tempted, not just pestered by the devil. The opportunities laid before Jesus were actually tempting to him. They challenged his resolve. They made Jesus question the sort of Messiah that he was to be: the all-conquering, powerful Messiah that the people expected; or the servant to the poor who will be tortured and put to death. Jesus is tempted to use his power to make his task easier or to display his authority to others. Had he chosen to do this, surely it would have been easier to get people’s attention – and that was the temptation: to take the easier path or stick to the more subtle, more personal, more difficult path.



Sunday 6 March 2022
 Luke 4:1-13
 1st Sunday of Lent

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

My Lenten
 promise

What have you decided to do during Lent? Draw yourself inside the angel keeping your Lenten promise.



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus goes into the wilderness where he is tempted. Although it is hard, Jesus does not give in to temptation but does what he knows is right. Jesus trusts God the Father.

Look Carefully

Jesus wants to find his way out of the desert so that he can start teaching the Good News. Can you help him find his way?



Word Search

Words to find:

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| ANGEL | LENT | SPIRIT |
| DAY | LOAF | STONE |
| DESERT | LORD | TEMPT |
| HILL | PRAY | TOWER |
| JESUS | SING | |

J	E	S	U	S	L	A
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S	T	O	N	E	D	F

There are 6 letters left. Can you arrange them to make the name of the big day when Lent comes to an end, when Jesus rose again?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, please help me to grow closer to you this Lent. I want to be more loving and do to what is right, just like you. Help me to talk to you more and to give my time and energy to other people. Amen.

Break the code

Solve this code word to see something very special?

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| E=♥ | N=▲ | S=☁ | V=★ |
| J=♣ | O=♥ | U=☆ | Y=✿ |
| L=★ | R=✿ | | |



Answers: Jesus loves every one. Easter.