

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

6 MARCH 2022

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

It is said that without the faculty of memory there can be no sense of identity. We don't know who we are or where we are going without knowing where we have been. For the people of Israel, it was critical to remember with gratitude the saving acts of God that had brought them to the land of promise, passing from slavery to freedom. Today's text from Deuteronomy was Israel's first creed and it played an important role in forming Israel's identity as a people cherished and chosen to be God's people in a unique way.

In the temptation scene, we see Jesus coming to terms with his identity as God's Son. Where was his life going? How was he to live as Son of God? For 40 days the devil searches and probes, entices, and challenges. Ultimately, Jesus proclaims that God is the source of his life, the devil's offer of power an illusion, and forcing God's hand is not acceptable for the person of faith.

In writing to the Christian community of Rome, Paul had to deal with the question of the identity of Christians and their relationship to the people of Israel and the Jewish law. While the people of Israel continued to have a special place in God's plans, Paul knew that the law that had been given to Moses now played a secondary role for Christians. Paul makes it clear that due to God's graciousness both Jews and Gentiles can be saved by means of faith in Jesus.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## 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 pannier 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

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!

6 Mar 2022  
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## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND MASSES** **Sat:** 5.30pm **Sun:** 9am and 5.30pm

### CONFESIONS

**Sat:** 4.30-5.15pm

\*Or by appointment

**Mon:** No Mass **Tues:** No Mass

**Wed:** 12 noon Liturgy Service

**Fri:** 9am **Sat:** 9am

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



### May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

**Recently Deceased:** Terry Burke, Maria Mood, Shirley Hobbs, Irene Stanmore, Peter Buckley.

**Anniversaries:** Giuse Tran Thai Duong (29/2), Stephanie Cayley (nee Gowing 4/3), Phaolo Hoang Van Duong (19/3), Dalis O'Brien (12/2), Julia Blanch (12/2), Bill Blanch (12/2), Mavis Parons (25/2) William Grima (5/3).

**Deceased:** Frank Mood, Neville Smyth (WA), Shirley Tiberi, Mary Maher, Gwen Tufrey, Laurence Vella, John Paul Vella.

**Sick:** Sr Rita Vella, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

### Armidale Diocesan Men's Gathering Saturday morning 19<sup>th</sup> March

McCarthy College Tamworth.  
For laymen by laymen!

Extraordinary Speakers and open Q & A

Come for breakfast & home at lunchtime.

#### Registration NOW OPEN

Details on the cards and poster at the back.

#### Simply register Online

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Take another card and give it to a friend

### SAVE THE DATE 25 MARCH 2022 10 AM ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIAL OPENING AND BLESSING

RSVP: 15 March to Sarah Chaffey,  
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### COMING EVENTS:

5 Mar Reflection Day 6 Mar Special Parish Morning Tea after 9am mass

17 Mar St Patrick's Day 19 Mar Diocesan Men's Gathering

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** Presbytery Acc 001023642  
(contactless option) **2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198

*Let St Joseph's true children remember their mission and  
Seek first the poorest, most neglected parts of God's vineyard.*



**NSW STATE COVID RULES:** \*\*FACE MASKS ARE NOT COMPULSORY BUT RECOMMENDED  
\* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. \* NO CHECK IN REQUIRED

**LENT 2022:** If you still wish to join a group please contact the office.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Anateria 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, Anateria can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anateria.

**EASTER ROSTERS:** Please advise the office if you will be away this Easter so we may formulate the Easter Roster. Easter time will also be the Country Music Festival In Tamworth.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be held every Friday in Lent at 3 pm from 10 March.

**ADORATION:** Will be held on Friday 4 March at 5.30 pm.

**PARISH MORNING TEA:** A very special morning tea will be this **Sunday 6 March** following 9 am mass with as many parishioners as possible attending. Please bring a plate if you can.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION:** The Family Hotel has been booked for lunch Thursday 17 March. Names to be recorded on the list at the back of the church if you are intending to join us. We hope you will come along and enjoy this special day with us.

# PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.  
Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.  
You are Father of all; We are brothers and sisters.  
Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### WEEK 3 ROSTER: 6/3/22

**Vigil:** R Sr Kathryn D Bolitho  
**9am Sun:** R G Clout A Sartori  
**5.30pm Sun:** R M and J Murray  
**Counting Team:** C Lavell; A Bowden  
**Sat Cleaning:** 12/3 M J Hutt, J Moran  
**Altar Linen:** H Reid

### WEEK 4 ROSTER: 13/3/22

**Vigil:** R D Gowing G Styman  
**9am Sun:** R R Paull M Donaldson  
**5.30pm Sun:** R M and J Murray  
**Counting Team:** S Brown A Bowden  
**Sat Cleaning:** 19/3 M Vella, R Pace  
**Altar Linen:** J Hutt

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

