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## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

Dear brothers and sisters, we are now in the season of Lent. Lent had its origin as a period of fasting and penance for Easter and later of pre-baptismal preparation for catechumens. The duration was prompted by Jesus' wilderness fast.

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday through the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday morning which the bishop celebrates with his priests and consecrates the Sacred Oils, used for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Sacred Ordination. The Easter Season begins thus with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday and concludes with Pentecost Sunday, the Solemnity of the Coming of the Holy Spirit.

In the earliest centuries, the duration of Lent varied from place to place – one day, two days, forty hours, etc. The catechumens were prepared for years.

Then it was extended to 6 weeks, prompted by Jesus' fast for 40 days in the wilderness. At the end of the 4th century, 'forty days' became universal in the Western Rite.

In the fixing of the duration of Lent, the number of Sundays of the 6 weeks was not counted, since every Sunday was reckoned to be a little Easter, devoid of fasting and penance. So the number came to be 36 penitential days (6x6=36).

Now how to make the number 40? The Western Church added 4 extra days, beginning with Ash Wednesday. Thus the number 40 was completed (6x6+4=40). That's how Lent begins on a Wednesday, unlike Advent and Easter which always begin on a Sunday.

### ***The fixing of the number 40 has plenty of biblical precedents:***

- i. After 40 days on the mountain, Moses was given the 10 Commandments.
- ii. After 40 years in the wilderness, Israel reached the Promised Land.
- iii. On arrival at Horeb Mountain after 40 days, Elijah had a deep personal experience of God.
- iv. After 40 days of prayer and fasting, Jesus entered into combat with Satan (Mark 1,13).
- v. The Risen Lord appeared to His wavering disciples for 40 days before His Ascension.

This period of 40 days or years was not an end in itself but a preliminary for some climactic event. For example, the reception of the Decalogue, the inheritance of the Promised Land, the victory over evil, and the Ascension. So is Lent heading towards its climax, Easter – began in ashes and ended in the Paschal Fire.

Today, we are into the first Sunday of Lent and we reflect on the three temptations of Christ. In times of testing, we have Jesus' active compassion: Because Jesus himself was tested through what he suffered, he can help those who are being tested. Think of the biggest temptations you face and overcome them with the compassionate help of the Lord

**Fr Bernard Perera**



## **MASS TIMES**

### St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

**7.30am:** Tuesday - Friday  
**5.00pm:** Saturday Vigil Mass  
**10.30am:** Sunday  
**6.00pm:** Sunday

### Sacred Heart Church New Town

**9.00am:** Tuesday - Thursday  
**8.00am:** Saturday  
**8.30am:** Sunday

### Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)  
**10.30am:** Friday

## SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS  
AND MARRIAGE  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE*

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart**  
**4.00pm - 4.30pm:** Saturday

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY

**Sacred Heart Church, New Town**  
**After 9am Mass:** Wednesday  
**7.30am:** Saturday

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**St Mary's Cathedral Crypt (Cathedral Centre)**  
**6pm - 12am:** Friday

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)**  
**Please contact 62086236**

WHAT'S  
NEW?

## IN THE PARISH

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes are available at St Mary's Cathedral and Sacred Heart

Church to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations.

### Project Compassion Prayer:

God of all hope, we pray for our world with all its beauty and need. We thank you for the love in our lives that mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent, and may we take courage to share it, especially with those who do not have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses: 'I will be with you' when you ask us to do courageous things. Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, move us to act in the company of your spirit, showing compassion and acting for justice to renew the face of the earth, now and for all future generations. **Amen**



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

**Please donate to Project Compassion** via donation boxes, envelopes, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

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EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION  
AT OUR PARISH

**Join us every Friday night from 6pm –12 midnight at the Cathedral Crypt. Access is through Cathedral Centre**  
**Everyone is welcome**



a place of Prayer, a place of Worship, a place of Music...

2024  
Concert Series

### St Mary's Cathedral Concert Series 2024

Tickets at the door and through the Cathedral website.

**2pm - 2nd March** – Ensemble Antiqua presents Bach & Beyond.

This concert includes works by J. S. Bach as well as works by other composer inspired by Bach or who inspired Bach.

**2pm - 9th March** – Angus Deeth (clarinet) and Gabrielle Cayoun (piano) perform Sonatas and Lovely Things. A selection of works from Brahms and Poulenc to Tasmanian composers Karlin Love and Jabra Latham.

### Stations of the Cross:

#### Friday – Stations of the Cross during Lent.

**23<sup>rd</sup> February** - St Mary's Cathedral at 6.00 pm

**1<sup>st</sup> March** - St Mary's Cathedral at 6.00 pm

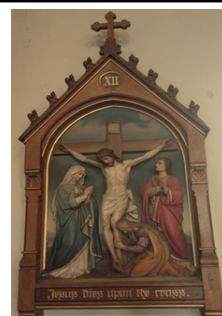
**8<sup>th</sup> March** - Sacred Heart Church at 6.00 pm

**15<sup>th</sup> March** - Sacred Heart Church at 6.00 pm

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** – St Mary's Cathedral at 6.00 pm

**29<sup>th</sup> March** - Sacred Heart Church **Good Friday** at 10.00 am Open air - Way of the Cross

3pm - St Mary's Cathedral **Good Friday** Service



### CFD Spiritual Exercises

The Community of the Sons & Daughters of God (CFD) will hold their **Annual Spiritual Exercises at the Cathedral Centre from Monday March 4th until Wednesday March 6th**.

Anyone who is interested to attend all or part of this small retreat is most welcome and can contact Johanna Reussien on 0458 763 096 for more information.

### Catechists or Teachers to assist with Parish Sacramental Program:

The Parish is requiring additional individuals to help and assist the Sacramental Program Team with formation of children and parents. The Sacramental Program occurs on Sunday afternoons for 6 weeks during the school terms.

Please contact the Parish Office for further information on 62344463. Thank-you

### From Our Anniversary Book:

Anita and Ottavio Toffoli, Ernest Blazeley, Gertrude Dowd, Arthur Lacey, John Nolan, Walter Smallbone, Helena Donnelly, Amelia O'Brien, Edward Robinson, Kristine Reeve, Patricia Andrews, Josef Majcher, John Duggan, Wallace Fulton, Thomas O'Connor, Christina Davis, Paula Margaret Corcoran, James Waters, Leonard Hill, Maxwell Rainbird, William Kregor, Dorothy Wilson, John Mitson, Peter Graham, Giuseppe Attuoni, Agnes Owen, Ada Mohr, Sr Martha Foley PBVM and Sr Lucy Healy PBVM

**May they rest in peace!**





## WHAT'S NEW?

## IN THE DIOCESE



### Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives.

**Learn more: Join our Mission Webinar March 5th, 2024, 6:00 - 6:30 pm.**

63 years preparing Australians for enduring global relationships to build sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

**Learn Even More: Join our two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024 to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together.** Contact: 02 9560 5333 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

Join Archbishop Julian Porteous for the 2024 St Patrick's Pilgrimage. Open to all young adults between the ages of 16 and 35, pilgrims will set out from St Patrick's Church, Colebrook on an overnight walk to St John the Evangelist Church, Richmond.

**When:** Saturday 16 March - Sunday 17 March 2024  
**Where:** Colebrook - Richmond  
**Cost:** \$55 or Early Bird \$45 (ends Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024)

**Register:** <https://events.humanitix.com/st-patricks-pilgrimage-2024>

**More information:** [youth@aohtas.org.au](mailto:youth@aohtas.org.au)



## Project Compassion School and Parish

On **Tuesday 13th February at 11am** at St Mary's Cathedral with Archbishop Julian Porteous celebrated the launch of Project Compassion in Southern Tasmania with and guest speaker Richard Landels from Caritas Australia.

Students and Teachers from Catholic Schools, Parishioners, representatives from Catholic organisations and Religious orders were in attendance to receive a Project Compassion candle and donation box from His Grace.



## Catholic Standard

The February issue of the Catholic Standard has arrive. Please collect your own copy from the foyer of Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church.

## A Year of Prayer

Lenten Pastoral Letter 2024 from Archbishop Julian Porteous.

Please take your own copy home with you and reflect on it during this Lenten Season.

As written in the Letter "The season of Lent each year is a time for spiritual renewal. It is an appropriate time for each of us to evaluate the quality of our Christian life."

## Children's Corner

### Resist the Temptation

Place ticks ✓ next to what you think are the right things to do. Place crosses ✗ next to the things you would be tempted to do.

You see money lying on the ground at school



#### What do you do?

- ☐ You pick it up and take it to a teacher.
- ☐ You use it to buy icecreams and chocolate for all your friends.
- ☐ You leave it where it is.

You forget to do your homework



#### What do you do?

- ☐ You tell the teacher that you left it on the bus.
- ☐ You pretend to feel sick so that you can get out of class.
- ☐ You tell the teacher that you forgot to do your homework.

You break your mom's favorite vase when playing basketball in the hallway



#### What do you do?

- ☐ You tell your mom that the cat knocked it over.
- ☐ You tell her that you knocked it over with your basketball.
- ☐ You glue it back together and hope that no-one notices.

## The Angelus Prayer

**V.** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
**R.** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

**Hail Mary, full of grace,** The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

**V.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**R.** Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**  
**V.** And the Word was made flesh.  
**R.** And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**  
**V.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray:** Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



## READINGS OF THE DAY - 1st SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

### **First Reading** Genesis 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

### **Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 24:4-9. R.v.10

**(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

### **Second Reading** 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

### **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** Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



#### **GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Monday 19th February	Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday 20th February	Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday 21st February	Luke 11:29-32
Thursday 22nd February —	<b>The Chair of St Peter, apostle</b>
	Matthew 16:13-19
Friday 23rd February	Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday 24th February	Matthew 5:43-48

#### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 2nd Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18	Psalm 115:10, 15-19
Romans 8:31-34	Mark 9:2-10

**Pray and Reflect on the Word of God**

**Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.**