

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent (Lk 4:1-13) presents Jesus as he begins his ministry. At his Baptism he heard the affirming words of the Father and received the Holy Spirit. His questions now are fundamental: How is he to be the Christ? What will this sense of prophetic call demand of him? In search of answers the Holy Spirit impels him into the desert. It is worth noting that the Holy Spirit is a central Lucan theme. All the events leading up to and after the birth of Jesus are inspired by the Holy Spirit. Then, first at his baptism and today in his going into the desert the Spirit is the chief mover. Finally, the Spirit comes down on the gathered Church in Jerusalem at Pentecost to send and guide it into the whole world.

In the wilderness, issues of good and evil are basic and clear. Without comforts or supports, delusions are stripped away, we confront issues in the depths of our being: who are we in relation to God? What does it mean to be a Christian? What does our prophetic call demand of us? Our First Reading (Dt 26:4-10) recalls the liberation of the Jewish people from the oppression of Egypt. The account is basically a naming of blessings. When we tell our own life story will it be a naming of blessings? Or a venting of grievances?










Yet when the Jewish people were put to the test in the desert they failed. When Jesus is tested in the desert, he is the victor. He rejects the temptation to put his own needs and desires first, he then rejects the prevailing ideas of power, glory, domination and wealth, and finally chooses not to put God to the test. Jesus trusts God and so he passes the three tests. His priorities and his humble way of acting are clearly set. His testing and ours are not that different. **Aware of our limitations, weaknesses and temptations we rely on God's grace to become the person God calls us to be.**

In the Second Reading (Rom 10:8-13) St Paul tells us that God is very close to us and that we are called to a faith that is from the heart and transforms our whole being. To confess God's mighty act of raising Jesus from the dead with all one's heart is already to taste salvation. Lent is a dynamic call to Christian life in the Spirit through conversion, authenticity and action.—*Blessings, Greg*

WA Government Level 2 measures: At Infant Jesus Church and Parish centre

From Thursday 3rd of March, Level 2 COVID-19 public health and social measures are in place state-wide. Our parish continues to support and to comply with both WA Government and Archdiocese of Perth directives. You can access these directives at www.wa.gov.au and www.perthcatholic.org.au/covid19.

Please note the following measures are in place in our parish:

-  Mask-wearing are required for adults and children in Year 3 and above in the church and parish centre, unless an exemption applies.
-  Contact registers—checking in with SafeWA App or on the slip provided on the tables.
-  Sanitise your hands as you enter church or parish centre.
-  Keep a safe physical distance between people of different households.
-  Entry to the Church is through the left hand door (marked 'Entry') and exit through the right hand door (marked 'Exit') before and during Mass. Exit is also permitted through the double glass doors at the conclusion of Mass.
-  **150** A maximum of 150 people limit allowed in the Church. At this stage, no booking is planned for attending Mass. It will be on first come best dressed basis. As the limit applies to both in the church and outside the Church, it will not be possible for anyone to stay outside once the limit is reached.
-  Frequent cleaning/disinfecting of the Church and parish centre will be carried out by parish staff.
-  Collections are not to be taken up during the Mass. Please place your offerings of 1st and 2nd Collections in the box, in the foyer of the Church.
-  If feeling unwell, or have flu-like symptoms or fever or have been in contact with a person/s suspected to have or who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, do not attend church/parish centre.

Thanks everyone for keeping our parish COVID safe!

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR LENT 2022

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (*kairós*), let us do good to all" (*Gal 6:9-10*).

Full message available at www.vatican.va >messages >messages for lent>lent 2022



**PRAYER THIS LENT
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Wednesdays 7pm
Fridays 2pm
All welcome.

For All Future Generations.



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.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Anatercia and her family were able to join the Integrated Rural Development Program, supported by Caritas Regional Chokwe, which provided them with food, seeds, school supplies and a school uniform for Anatercia. With the installation of an irrigation system, Anatercia and her community can now easily access clean drinking water, grow healthy crops all year round which provide enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. **You can also donate via the QR code, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.**



In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm
Stations of the Cross for Lent—from 9 March: Wednesday 7.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

Parish Bank Account Details

First Collection EFT Details

Account Name: Carmelite
BSB: 066 132 Account Number: 0080 0015
Reference: Your name

Second Collection EFT Details

Account Name: Infant Jesus Parish Morley
BSB: 086 006 Account Number: 66860 6029
Reference: PG-Your name

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PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of
Mrs Clair Harris

26 Lyndhurst Way, Dianella. Ph: 9276 9124

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Margaret Stewart, Angela Ornella Del Casale and Rosa Pasqualina Martino;

Deceased: Annie, Genevieve, Petronella and Sr Mary Verda;

Anniversaries: Philomena Clarke, Tinadara Cincotta, Cyril D'Souza, K.A. Thomas;

The Sick of the Parish: Thelma Tierney and all who are in need of our prayers.

***"God brought us to a land
where milk and honey flow"***



Helping Hands 1— FLOWER MINISTRY — We need people who like to arrange flowers and have plenty of experience or people who like to

arrange flowers but have no formal experience. Please consider helping.

Helping Hands 2— CLEANING MINISTRY — another team member to help vacuuming the church on Thursday morning, once a month.

Please note: In line with the Archdiocese requirement, volunteers will need to be double-vaccinated. Contact the parish office if you are able to help. Many thanks!

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1st and 2nd Collections

As we can not take up collection during Mass, please place your cash offering in the box near the entrance to the church or direct bank deposit into parish accounts. Please see our bank details below.
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Lent to Easter – a journey into JOY ...one (small) step at a time

Lent and Easter are all about joy; joy that is given us as a gift to be received and delighted in.

Our Lenten practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving are all steps that make joy possible again when the trials and tribulations of life rob us of it.

So what is this Lent's small step to be?

FASTING

Fasting is a step towards freedom and joy. When we fast, we engage our freedom to say NO to what our appetites want us to do in order to say YES to who we really want to be. Fasting helps you decide for yourself who you will be and with the support of prayer, who God wants you to be.

PRAYER

So many people are so preoccupied by worry about the immediate future or are constantly reviewing the past and having hearts filled with regrets. Lent calls us to learn to live in the present moment as the past cannot be lived in and the future does not yet exist. Prayer can help us look at our life with God, as God sees it - in the here and now.

ALMSGIVING

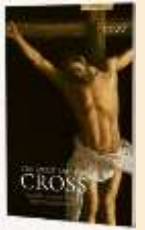
Fasting would easily become all about physical self-improvement if prayer didn't focus it on God, and prayer can easily become mere spiritual self-improvement if almsgiving doesn't focus it on others. Almsgiving turns you away from the mirror and out toward your neighbours.

A few small steps to consider this Lent...

LENTEN RESOURCES

✘ *The Spirit and the Cross Lenten Booklet*

The daily prayer reflections for each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter will only require a few minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray, leading the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life. As they 'look to Jesus' – in their families, workplaces and the community – they will walk as 'missionary disciples' on the path to Easter, and beyond. Selling fast—don't forget to pick up a copy today. \$5 each from the piety stall or parish office.



✘ *Free online resources:*

LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22>

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. Sign up on the website or call 1300 734 880 for more info

LENTEN ODYSSEY - OUR HUMAN CALLING IN CHRIST JESUS

<https://www.columban.org.au/>

The Scripture readings for the five Sundays of Lent remind us of our calling in Christ Jesus and speak of God actively present in creation and every human being. They also speak of life, renewed and being transformed. This resource draws from those readings. Individuals, parishes and schools can use this resource to help in Lenten reflection and prayer.

TO LIVE THE MERCY OF GOD WITH THE CARMELITE SAINTS

www.retreat-online.karmel.at

Prepare yourself for Easter together with the Discalced Carmelites. Weekly, every Friday of Lent, you will receive an email message with a new point of inspiration for the following week (text and video), along with short texts for daily prayer.

FREE LENTEN STREAMING OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA'S NINE GRADES OF PRAYER

scienceofsainthood.com

For those who wish to dive more deeply into prayer, the live video streaming begins on Ash Wednesday.



Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal



**КАРИТАС
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UKRAINE**

The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives.

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.



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A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who are in fear,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk
and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Written by the Archbishops of Canterbury & York