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February 26 — 1st Sunday of Lent (Year A)



Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations, using the means Jesus used during his forty days of preparation in the desert for his public life. It is also the time for repenting of our sins and renewing our lives for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection. Today's readings teach us that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world, and by our own selfish interests. So, we need to cooperate actively with God's grace to conquer our temptations and practice prayer, self-control, and charity.

(frtonyshomilies)

I Domenica di Quaresima (ANNO A)

Gesù viene presentato come il nuovo Adamo che, contrariamente al primo, resiste alla tentazione. Ma egli è anche il rappresentante del nuovo Israele che, contrariamente al popolo di Dio durante la traversata del deserto che durò quarant'anni, rimette radicalmente la sua vita nelle mani di Dio - mentre il popolo regolarmente rifiutava di essere condotto da Dio.

In ognuno dei tre tentativi di seduzione, si tratta della fiducia in Dio. Si dice, nel Deuteronomio (Dt 6,4): "Ascolta, Israele: Il Signore è il nostro Dio, il Signore è uno solo. Tu amerai il Signore tuo Dio con tutto il cuore, con tutta l'anima e con tutte le forze". Significa esigere che Dio sia il solo ad essere amato da Israele, il solo di cui fidarsi. Ciò significa anche rinunciare alla propria potenza, a "diventare come Dio" (Gen 3,5). A tre riprese, Satana tenta Gesù a servirsi del suo potere: della sua facoltà di fare miracoli (v. 3), della potenza della sua fede che pretenderebbe obbligare Dio (v. 6), della dominazione del mondo sottomettendosi a Satana e al suo governo di violenza (v. 9). Gesù resiste perché Dio è nel cuore della sua esistenza, perché egli vive grazie alla sua parola (v. 4), perché egli ha talmente fiducia in lui che non vuole attentare alla sua sovranità né alla sua libertà (v. 7), perché egli sa di essere impegnato esclusivamente a servirlo (v. 10).

(LaChiesa)

Do you want to fast this Lent? (In the words of Pope Francis)

- Fast from hurting wordsand say kind words
- Fast from sadnessand be filled with gratitude
- Fast from angerand be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimismand be filled with hope
- Fast from pressuresand be prayerful
- Fast from bitternessand fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishnessand be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudgesand be reconciled
- Fast from wordsand be silent so you can listen

So maybe this Lent is a chance to ponder and reflect on and pray about and listen to what brings us life; to seek out that life for ourselves, and also to bring life to others To let God, once again, breathe life into our hearts, and to remind ourselves that God is always with us on our journey.

(Lys Crowe)

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann and Family, Bob Brown, Angela Barto, Diana Nash, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Floriano Pivetta, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Josie, Mark, Mary Theuma

Upcoming funerals: **Maria De Sensi**, Monday, 27th February at 10.00. Rosary followed by mass.
Teresa Facciolo, Tuesday, 28th February at 11.00 am. Rosary: Monday, 27th February at 7.00 pm.
Lucia Giangrave, Thursday, 2nd March at 11.15. Rosary followed by mass.

Recently deceased: Dario Della Valle, Saydeh Souaid, Teresa Facciolo, Lucia Giangrave, Maria De Sensi, Mary Kukola, Ubaldo D'Alessandro, Maria Simonetti, Pietro Mobruci, Pietro Paolo Falcone, Pina Troise, John Privitera, Dario Della Valle, Roberta Rossetini (Italy)

Anniversaries: Pietro Capparelli, Vincenzina Milanese, Giovanna Gurle, Mario Borfotti, Francesca Buccheri, Nino DiGuglielmo, Domenico Lumbaca, Peter Rayner, Shirley and Sherine Adolphus, Herbert and Myrtle Eliyathamby, Alice Weerasinghe, Rosemary Jayawardena, Michele Malarbi, Fe Cabarrubias Turner.

Rosters for weekend masses (Mar 5/6)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: A. Proud

Sunday 9.00 am: V. Burgio

Sunday 10.30 am: M. Costa

Bus driver: B. Tajhano

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Friday (during Lent): **Stations of the Cross/Mass: 6.00 pm**

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Confessions are available on Saturday 5.00 pm—bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office.

Sacramental preparation

Any students from government schools in Grade 3 and up wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation in 2023, please contact Anna Proud on 0402741258.

Rosary at Regis Fawkner

Regis Fawkner (Major Road) are looking for assistance in reciting the rosary one day per month. If parishioners are able to assist - please contact Rosa : 0401 848 237.

Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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