

## 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!

## GOSPEL

Mt 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone  
but on every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,  
and they will support you on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the  
test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these,' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

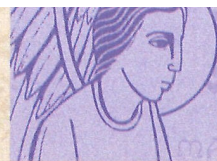
### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / A

26 FEBRUARY 2023

## IN JESUS' FOOTSTEPS

At the dawn of human history, Adam and Eve were seduced into trying to grasp equality with God. In their quest to become like God they gained some knowledge, but it left them chastened and disillusioned. Created in God's image they now saw that dignity was distorted by sin and became aware of their nakedness, vulnerability and need for God.

Prior to commencing his public ministry, Jesus undergoes a time of testing and preparation. During this time Jesus shares in all the trials that Israel experienced in the desert. They lost their way in the desert but Jesus gives us hope as he reveals the qualities that mark God's children. He knows the source of his life is to be found in God so there is no need to make his own bread. He knows that God is with him, and does not need to put God to the test. He is certain that God is the source of his life and power, and rejects the call to worship Satan.

Paul looked at all of salvation history and saw that Adam and Jesus marked two vital moments in God's dealing with humanity. What had been lost by one had been more than regained by the other. Through the gracious gift of Jesus' death, we are able to begin anew as God's children. As we begin the season of Lent we are invited to reflect on our own story, to begin once again with thankful hearts, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Creation of our first parents, and sin.*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 3

**R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

2. My offences truly I know them; / my sin is always before me. / Against you, you alone



have I sinned; / what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

4. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me. / O Lord, open my lips / and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Rom 5:12, 17-19.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

*Longer form 5:12-19*

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### MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

**Weekday Mass:** Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

**Weekend Mass:** Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

**CCC Mass:** Sunday at 11:30am (English/Cantonese)

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 4pm-5pm

**First Friday Devotion:** Monthly at 4pm

**First Saturday Mass and Devotion:** Monthly at 9am

**Exposition and Benediction:** First weekend of the month at all Masses

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

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## First Sunday of Lent/Year A

26th February 2023

### PRAYER REQUESTS:



**Recently Deceased:** Joseph Youakim, Ron Brayan, Peter McNamara

**Deceased:** Lewis George Saunders, Milly Farrell, Francis Murray; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott & Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Jan Brayan; and all souls in purgatory.

**Sick:** Burkardt Foertsch, Graham Rumble, Ben Isaacs, Harriet D'Souza, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw, Ceferino Ramirez

### A MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM ROBYN MCNAMARA AND FAMILY:

Words cannot express our sincere gratitude for all the prayers, support and kindness throughout Peter's illness & during our time of loss. Thank you all so much— Robyn

### PARISH PO BOX ADDRESS IS CHANGING:

Eastwood Post Office is permanently closing on Fri, 3rd March. Our new PO Box address is: **PO Box 437 West Ryde NSW 1685** . For your information.

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• **This weekend we welcome speakers from Caritas Australia. Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can also

donate online via: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or call 1800 024 413.



• **Stations of the Cross** every Friday right after the 5pm Mass during Lent.

• To help us prepare and reflect on the Gospels this season of Lent, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has developed a **Lenten Companion—'SPIRIT AND TRUTH: The Power of Christ Revealed.'** This booklet is free to download at: <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/resources/>. All are invited to join our Parish Lenten Group led by Fr Pawel on Thu, 23rd Feb at 6pm in the Church using this beautiful Lenten Companion. Parishioners are welcome to form their own groups.

### PARISH NEWS:

- **Congratulations to Fr Tomasz Lepek, our newly appointed Assistant Priest!**
- **We welcome Jayden & Jaxleigh into the family of God. Congratulations on your baptism!**
- **New Liturgical Rosters are now available for collection from the table near the sacristy.**
- **World Day of Prayer 2023 will be held here at St Kevin's on Friday, 3rd March at 10am followed by morning tea.** All are invited to gather & pray as a community together with other Christian denominations. For more information contact Sandra 0412 990 718.
- **On Mar 3, we will have our First Friday Devotion at 4pm. All welcome.**
- **On Mar 4, we will have our First Saturday Mass and Devotion at 9am. All welcome.**
- **We will have Exposition and Benediction at the end of each Mass next weekend.**
- **FOSK (Friends of St Kevin's) will be serving morning tea outside the Church on Sunday 5th March. Please join us after the 9:30am Mass. All welcome.**
- **Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast:** The next gathering is scheduled for Saturday 4th March in the Haseler Centre. Starts at 7:00am. All welcome. Contact 0400 303 733.
- **Men's Weekly Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 7pm in the Holy Family Chapel.** All welcome.
- **Next Infant Baptism Info Session will be on Tues 7th Mar at 8pm in the parish office meeting room. Contact the parish office by email if you wish to attend. Thank you.**
- **SINGERS NEEDED:** Kevinwood's first Sunday concert on Mar 19th features Borodin's "Polovetsian Dances" - extra voices MOST welcome. Interested? Ph 9874 2809 Suzanne.

**St Kevin's Primary School Eastwood OPEN DAY** Tuesday 7 March 4pm—6pm

School Tours: Wednesday 8th March 9:30-10:30am and Friday 10th March 12-1pm

For info Email: [info@stkeastwood.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stkeastwood.catholic.edu.au) or Ph 9874 3315.

**Marist College Eastwood OPEN DAY** Wednesday 8 March 3:30pm-6:30pm

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### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference, 17-19th March,** The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops: This conference is a weekend for women aged 18 + to grow in their faith & encounter a community of Catholic women committed to their faith. This is a live in weekend. Info: [visit www.sisterhood.org.au](https://www.sisterhood.org.au) or E: [info@sisterhood.org.au](mailto:info@sisterhood.org.au)
- **Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster Appeal:** Your support is needed by thousands of people affected by the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake. Scan the QR code to donate or visit: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/>



### PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:



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, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or E: [safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.