

## 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

Mk 1: 12-15

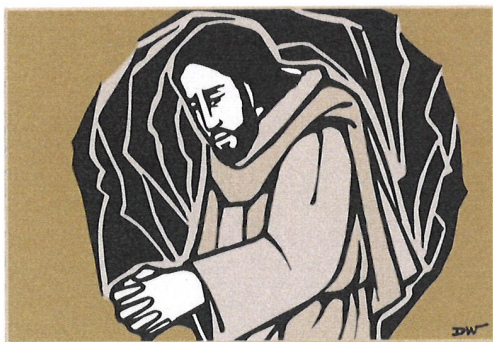
A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Mark.

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked  
after him.*

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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word

## LENT: SPRINGTIME FOR ALL GOD'S CREATION

In the southern hemisphere we miss the signs  
of nature linked in the northern hemisphere  
to Lent, namely the coming of spring. The  
word "Lent," is derived from the Old English  
"lencn" meaning spring. This poses a  
challenge for us in Australia's autumn, as we  
seek to unfold the springtime in our soul.  
In our scriptural journey into Lent, we are  
greeted with the sign of God's covenant with  
Noah: a rainbow. This covenant is not just  
with Noah and all descendants but with every  
living creature, everything that lives on the  
earth. A rainbow may well grace our southern  
skies in autumn, enabling us to experience  
ourselves in the embrace of God's covenant  
with the whole ecological world in which we  
live.

In the Gospel, the Spirit drives Jesus into the  
wilderness for forty days along with the wild  
beasts. Satan the tempter, and the angels who  
minister to Jesus. These ministering angels, like  
the rainbow, are a sign of God's ever-presence.  
As Jesus emerges from his forty days, we hear  
him begin his ministry in Galilee with "the  
time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has  
come near." Evocatively we have entered our  
forty days of Lent in a wilderness of ecological  
crisis. Unseasonal extremes of temperature,  
floods, fires and all manner of tempests call for  
us to take heed of the earth in which we dwell.  
In this time, we can reflect, ecologically and  
spiritually, to change our hearts and believe  
the Good News, knowing well God's promise  
through the rainbow and through the gift of  
his son.

Dr Rosemary Canavan



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / B

# THE SAVING WORD

18 FEBRUARY 2024

## FIRST READING

Gen 9: 8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

*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.'

■ The word of the Lord.

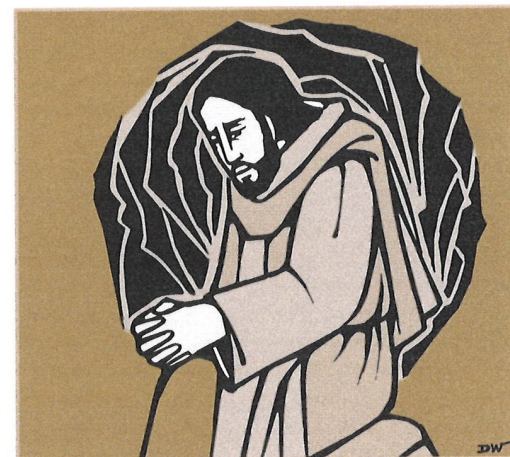
## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24: 4-9. R. cf. 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 Pet 3: 18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which  
saves you now.*

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.

■ The word of the Lord.





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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 12noon (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 B

18 Feb 2024

### PRAYER REQUESTS:



**Recently Deceased:** Ann Court, Noelene Wilkinson

**Death Anniversary:** Lewis George Saunders, Mavis Field

**Deceased:** Julian Micalef, Ben Isaacs, Selwyn Jackson, Peter McNamara, Milly Farrell, Francis Murray, Marie Cummins; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott & Stewart families;

Geoff and Patricia Clarke; Ron & Jan Brayen.

**Sick:** Marian Arendarczyk, Ling Sin Fong, Xiao Yi Chen, Sheriden Nemecek, Paul Celler, Dave Isaacs, Terence Cahill, Barbara Hall, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES AND MEMORIALS:

22nd Feb The Chair of St Peter, the Apostle

### PARISH NEWS:

- Welcome to all families participating in our Eucharistic celebration this weekend! A special welcome to our St Kevin's Kindergarten and Year 6 families.
- This Sunday, 18th Feb, **Catechumens and Candidates will be presented at the Rite of Election ceremony in St Mary's Cathedral.** Please include in your prayers our catechumens — Maryam, Richard, Suki & Jack, and our candidate - Mandy, who is seeking full communion with the Catholic Church, and the sponsors and members of the RCIA team.
- On Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7PM, Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA will once again visit our parish to celebrate Holy Mass with Eucharistic Healing Service and devotions.** ALL WELCOME!
- ST KEVIN'S PLAYGROUP** will recommence on Wed, 21st Feb in the Haseler Centre (parish hall) from 9:30-11:30am. All parents/carers and little ones are welcome to join in the fun! COST: \$3 per session or \$25/term. For info grab a flyer from the foyer or email our new St Kevin's Family Educator: [anne.johnson@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anne.johnson@syd.catholic.edu.au). We welcome Anne to our parish community!
- Fit & Well Exercise Class for Parishioners will recommence on Tue, 27th Feb at 4:15pm.** Classes are held weekly in the Haseler Centre. For more info contact Michael on 0412 383 364.
- New Liturgical Rosters will be available for collection next weekend.**

• **The Liturgy Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be running the following courses at St Therese's Denistone. If interested, collect a registration form in the church foyer and visit: <https://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/>:**

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Refresher:** Wed 21st Feb, 6:30pm-9:30pm
- **Acolytes Course (3weekly sessions):** Wed, 28th Feb, 6th & 13th March, 6:30pm-9:30pm

• **CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Training provided. Info ☎ Therese 0409595566

• **Next Didasko Adult Faith Formation course will be on Mon, Mar 4, 11 & 18, 7:30pm** in the Haseler Centre. TOPIC: 'God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology,' will be presented by Chris Wolte. COST: FREE. To register contact the parish office (02) 9874 2533.

### ATTENTION ST KEVIN'S PARISHIONERS!

Our parish will have a **BAKE SALE** on Sun 25th Feb after the 9:30am Mass!!!

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards future parish projects and events.



### SEASON OF LENT 2024:



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

• **Join our Parish Lenten Group every Thursday at 6pm in the Church.**

Parishioners are welcome to join any time or form their own groups. 'Lenten Companion 2024' now available in the church foyer.



• Take home a Project Compassion Box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. Visit: [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion). Project Compassion Boxes will be collected during Holy Week.

• **A Resurrected Life, Daily Reflections for Lent' book is now available in our sacristy for only \$6.** This pocket-sized companion is easy to carry & read, at home or while commuting. Includes a short text of scripture from the day's Gospel and reflections.



• **Lenten Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia:** Sat 16 Mar, 10am-4pm, at St Mary's Cathedral Hall. Cost \$20. Morning tea & lunch included. See poster for details.

### OTHER NEWS:

• **ST KEVIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN DAY:** Wed 6th Mar 4-6pm, Mar 7 & 8 - 9:30am-10:30am

• **MARIST COLLEGE EASTWOOD OPEN DAY:** Wed 6th March 3:30pm-6:30pm

• **SYDNEY VOCATIONS EVENTS: 'Come & See Seminary Open Day,'** Sun 18th Feb, 8:30am—3pm, The Seminary of Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush; **'HOLY HOUR for Vocations,'** Thu 22nd Feb, 7pm-8pm. For info email: [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org) or call 02 9307 8424. Collect a flyer from the church foyer. See poster for other upcoming events.

• **Eastwood Community World Day of Prayer** will be at the Uniting Church (14-16 Lakeside Rd), Fri, 1st Mar 10am. Let's gather & pray as a community with other Christian denominations.

• **JOB VACANCY: Aid to the Church in Need is looking for Diocesan Outreach Assistants.** See poster in the church foyer for details or visit: <https://aidtochurch.org/work-with-us>.

### 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 E: [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or (02) 9390 5810. You may also speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.



### 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.