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Reconciliation Times

10.30am Saturdays- St. Mary's
4.30pm Saturdays - Holy Spirit
5.00pm Saturdays - St. Joseph's

MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Thornbury

Sunday: 10.00am English/Italian
5.30pm English

Weekdays: Wednesdays 9.15am
Italian. Ogni Mercoledì durante la Quaresima ci saranno le Via Crucis prima della messa

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 11:00am Eng/Italian

Weekdays: Tuesdays 9.15am
English

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 9:30am
Weekdays: Thursdays 9.15am
Italian

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English
Weekdays: Fridays 9.15am English

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK
27 Feb: St. Gregory of Narek

Recently Deceased

George Kari & John Delia

Anniversaries

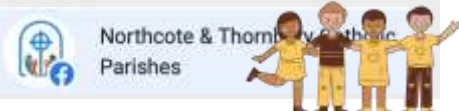
Jamal Youssef Sukkar; Jean Bradley; Evelyn Lorraine Davies; Therese Antoine Taouk; Rosie Magri



Anointing of the Sick Masses:

St. Mary's: 9.15am
1 March
Holy Spirit: 9.15am
2 March
St. Anthony's: 9.15am
3 March

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1 Sunday of Lent Year A 25/26 February 2023



Lent is here. Jesus is tempted.

As are we. It is often difficult to understand temptations, especially the ones found in the Gospel this Sunday. If we look at them, they might help us with our own. Jesus is tempted with food, honour and pride. Three temptations and three balanced, humble answers. Jesus knew how to hear his Abba's words over the devil's babble, and he would not desert the

great love of his life, God.

Check out your own life this Lent.

Possessions? Cars, books, clothes, appearance, and so on. You know the kind of list we could each make. Eating too much. Buying too much. Sexual lures. Holding our tongue when fairness demands that we speak out. Speaking out when we should be quiet. OK, these are just human foibles but they are also traps. "Look away from God," they say. "He is outmoded anyway. Be interested in yourself. No one else is."

And honors? Do you ever try to please other people so they will have a good opinion of you? We used to call this "human respect." What would happen if your son or daughter were thrown off the team at school? How would you react if you lost your job? And so on.

Pride? We still sit at their desks or cars or kitchen tables, working hard, worrying about meetings and deadlines, wondering if they can live up to their own expectations and those of others. Or work to just keep their jobs. We say we have essential work to do. We are important. What we do makes us worthwhile.

Understand that these are temptations, scrambles.

Could this Lent be the right time to unscramble our values? Since God is the most wonderful and loving being anywhere, do you really want to block God's reality out with lesser, undependable desires, especially those that boil down to riches, honors, or pride? Isn't it true that whatever really counts in your life is actually rooted in the love of God. Here is how Jesus put it: "love the Lord your God above all things and love your neighbor as yourself" (Mk 12:30-31).

Reflection by John Foley, SJ

FIRST READING Genesis 2:7-9 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

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 Yahweh 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

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 50

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.

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.

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.

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: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. 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

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

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GOSPEL Matthew 4: 1-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
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.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prima Lettura: Gn 2, 7-9; 3, 1-7

Dal libro della Genesi

Il Signore Dio plasmò l'uomo con polvere del suolo e soffiò nelle sue narici un alito di vita e l'uomo divenne un essere vivente.

Poi il Signore Dio piantò un giardino in Eden, a oriente, e vi collocò l'uomo che aveva plasmato. Il Signore Dio fece germogliare dal suolo ogni sorta di alberi graditi alla vista e buoni da mangiare, e l'albero della vita in mezzo al giardino e l'albero della conoscenza del bene e del male. Il serpente era il più astuto di tutti gli animali selvatici che Dio aveva fatto e disse alla donna: «È vero che Dio ha detto: "Non dovete mangiare di alcun albero del giardino"?». Rispose la donna al serpente: «Dei frutti degli alberi del giardino noi possiamo mangiare, ma del frutto dell'albero che sta in mezzo al giardino Dio ha detto: "Non dovete mangiarne e non lo dovete toccare, altrimenti morirete"». Ma il serpente disse alla donna: «Non morirete affatto! Anzi, Dio sa che il giorno in cui voi ne mangiaste si aprirebbero i vostri occhi e sareste come Dio, conoscendo il bene e il male».

Allora la donna vide che l'albero era buono da mangiare, gradevole agli occhi e desiderabile per acquistare saggezza; prese del suo frutto e ne mangiò, poi ne diede anche al marito, che era con lei, e anch'egli ne mangiò. Allora si aprirono gli occhi di tutti e due e conobbero di essere nudi; intrecciarono foglie di fico e se ne fecero cinture.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo Responsoriale: Sal.50

RIT: Perdonaci, Signore: abbiamo peccato.

1. Pietà di me, o Dio, nel tuo amore;
nella tua grande misericordia
cancella la mia iniquità.
Lavami tutto dalla mia colpa,
dal mio peccato rendimi puro.
2. Sì, le mie iniquità io le riconosco,
il mio peccato mi sta sempre dinanzi.
Contro di te, contro te solo ho peccato,
quello che è male ai tuoi occhi, io l'ho fatto.
3. Crea in me, o Dio, un cuore puro,
rinnova in me uno spirito saldo.
Non scacciarmi dalla tua presenza
e non privarmi del tuo santo spirito.
4. Rendimi la gioia della tua salvezza,
sostienimi con uno spirito generoso.
Signore, apri le mie labbra
e la mia bocca proclami la tua lode.

RIT: Perdonaci, Signore: abbiamo peccato.

Seconda Lettura: Rm 5, 12-19

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani
Fratelli, come a causa di un solo uomo il peccato è entrato nel mondo e, con il peccato, la morte, così in tutti gli uomini si è propagata la morte, poiché tutti hanno peccato. Fino alla Legge infatti c'era il peccato nel mondo e, anche se il peccato non può essere imputato quando manca la Legge, la morte regnò da Adamo fino a Mosè anche su quelli che non avevano peccato a somiglianza della trasgressione di Adamo, il quale è figura di colui che doveva venire.

Ma il dono di grazia non è come la caduta: se infatti per la caduta di uno solo tutti morirono, molto di più la grazia di Dio, e il dono concesso in grazia del solo uomo Gesù Cristo, si sono riversati in abbondanza su tutti. E nel caso del dono non è come nel caso di quel solo che ha peccato: il giudizio infatti viene da uno solo, ed è per la condanna, il dono di grazia invece da molte cadute, ed è per la giustificazione. Infatti se per la caduta di uno solo la morte ha regnato a causa di quel solo uomo, molto di più quelli che ricevono l'abbondanza della grazia e del dono della giustizia regneranno nella vita per mezzo del solo Gesù Cristo.

Come dunque per la caduta di uno solo si è riversata su tutti gli uomini la condanna, così anche per l'opera giusta di uno solo si riversa su tutti gli uomini la giustificazione, che dà vita. Infatti, come per la disobbedienza di un solo uomo tutti sono stati costituiti peccatori, così anche per l'obbedienza di uno solo tutti saranno costituiti giusti.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo

Lode a te, o Cristo, re di eterna gloria!
Non di solo pane vivrà l'uomo,
ma di ogni parola che esce dalla bocca di Dio.
Lode a te, o Cristo, re di eterna gloria!

Vangelo: Mt 4:1-11

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, Gesù fu condotto dallo Spirito nel deserto, per essere tentato dal diavolo. Dopo aver digiunato quaranta giorni e quaranta notti, alla fine ebbe fame. Il tentatore gli si avvicinò e gli disse: «Se tu sei Figlio di Dio, di' che queste pietre diventino pane». Ma egli rispose: «Sta scritto: "Non di solo pane vivrà l'uomo, ma di ogni parola che esce dalla bocca di Dio"».

Allora il diavolo lo portò nella città santa, lo pose sul punto più alto del tempio e gli disse: «Se tu sei Figlio di Dio, gèttati giù; sta scritto infatti: "Ai suoi angeli darà ordini a tuo riguardo ed essi ti porteranno sulle loro mani perché il tuo piede non inciampi in una pietra"». Gesù gli rispose: «Sta scritto anche: "Non metterai alla prova il Signore Dio tuo"». Di nuovo il diavolo lo portò sopra un monte altissimo e gli mostrò tutti i regni del mondo e la loro gloria e gli disse: «Tutte queste cose io ti darò se, gettandoti ai miei piedi, mi adorerai». Allora Gesù gli rispose: «Vattene, satana! Sta scritto infatti: "Il Signore, Dio tuo, adorerai: a lui solo renderai culto"».

Allora il diavolo lo lasciò, ed ecco degli angeli gli si avvicinarono e lo servivano. Parola del Signore.

A: Lode a Te O Cristo.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 4 weeks, then a new request is required. *Mary Joy; Mary Borg*

HOUSE VISITATIONS

Do you or someone you know require any of the following

- Annual House Visits
- Visits to the Sick
- Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Presbytery on 9484 2907 to arrange a time with Fr Shabin or Fr. Dixon.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND / MALATE O CONFINATE A CASA

Se conoscete persone che sono malate o confinate a casa e vorrebbero ricevere visite o la comunione a casa siete pregati di mettervi in contatto contact Parish Offices 9484 2907

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, 5:30pm Mass during school terms. This is a way for school aged children to gather and understand the Gospel at their age level.

Cancelled until further notice

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Thursday at Holy Spirit Parish Office room at 10-11am ALL WELCOME!

Contact: Mirella at Thornbury@cam.org.au

BAPTISMS: by appointment only

- 1 Sunday of the month - St. Mary's
- 2 Sunday of the month - Holy Spirit
- 3 Sunday of the month - St. Anthony's
- 4 Sunday of the month - St. Joseph's

First Wednesday of the month.

St. Joseph's: 7.00pm: Baptism Preparation meeting the church.

By appointment only.

St. Mary's: By appointment only please call parish Office

St. Anthony's and Holy Spirit: Baptism prep session 1st Saturday of the month 10am with Kevin and Katrina Jansz.

SENIORS

Last Friday of the month

St. Joseph's Seniors Mass every last Friday of the Month at 10.30am in the church.

Parrocchiani anziani di San Giuseppe sono invitati a partecipare alla **Santa Messa ultimo Venerdì del mese alle 10.30am.**

Finished for the year will recommence in February 2023.

First Wednesday of the month

St. Mary's 9.15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick first Wednesday of the month. Will recommence in February 2023

"Telephone Prayer meeting"

When: Every Tuesday at 11.30am
Dial: 07- 5660 6012 (call from home)

Access code: 722762 #

Cost: Cost of a local call. Open to all.

Catholic Religious Education

St. Mary's: Sundays at 9.45 am. R.E Classes in preparation for Sacraments. Please contact Mirella 9484 2907.

St. Anthony's and Holy Spirit: Sacramental program 5pm to 6pm in meeting room St. Anthony's, six weeks before the Sacrament is received.

Safeguarding Children, Young

People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person: Moses El-Fahkri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices



PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

You can help to improve the lives of children like Laxmi from Nepal by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phoning 1800 024 413

Pick up your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes today.



Due to high demand this Lenten Booklet has sold out. There will be copies of each week of Lent available at the back of the church for those interested.



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community **Yun Cui, son of Daniel Vuillermia and Lins Cu** at St. Joseph's this weekend.

We congratulate the family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Rite of Election: We congratulate Callum Major as he celebrates the Rite of Election at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday at 3pm. We pray for him as he continues to prepare for full initiation into the Catholic Church at Easter.

St Anthony's Twilight Fair - 3 March 3.30pm - 8pm Toys, Books and DVDs WANTED!

Please donate your pre-loved toys, books and DVDs to the Fair.

All toys & DVDs need to be clean and in good working order.

Books - children's and fiction only

Donations can be provided to the school office from Monday 21st Feb.



The St. Mary's Centenary Committee extends their sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make the Centenary Mass such a memorable occasion.

See photos on our Facebook page and also on

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Facebook page.



Next Week's Readings: 2 Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4; Ps 32; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17: 1-9



How can you contribute to the parish

This QR code is unique to **St Anthony, Alphington and Holy Spirit, Thornbury East** and will give parishioners direct access to our CDF pay web page. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan

If you would like to donate via Tap and Go please use the terminal located in the foyer.

The limit is \$5. All you need to do to make a donation is tap the terminal with your credit card/debit card/smart phone smart watch - donations will go straight in to our Church account.

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