

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

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

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

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.

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.

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.

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: Romans 5:12, 17-19

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: **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION. MATTHEW 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: Matthew 4:1-11

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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment



**FIRST RECONCILIATION
CEREMONY**

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH

Our wonderful children participating in the Reconciliation Preparation Program will receive their First Reconciliation on Saturday 4th March. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



25/26 FEBRUARY 2023

First Week of Lent Year A

Jesus is tempted in the desert by the "tempter." (Matt 4: 1-11)

What more is there...

A university professor was speaking to a garrulous taxi driver who went on and on about his struggles of trying to eke out a living in the city. So the professor finally asked him, "Are you happy?"

"No", says the cabbie. "Too many problems".

"What would make you happy?"

"Give me a million dollars, and I'd have it made. I'd have a beautiful house – or three - many beautiful wives, I'd travel, indulge my hobbies and much more."

"All right," the professor proposed. "Suppose you had all that. What would you do?"

After a while, the driver began to quiet down. Then he suddenly turned around, and said to the professor, "Say, there's something funny going on here. I can't seem to get to the bottom of all this. What am I really looking for, after all?"

The professor and the cabbie then talked about the unlimited capacity for good, for happiness, for the infinite - while the finite never satisfies us. No matter how much we have, we don't feel that this is it; we want to go on.

This season of Lent invites us to take such a "taxi ride" to infinity: to consider where our true happiness lies; to realise that the good and meaningful are not found in things but in the infinite treasures of compassion and mercy; to appreciate that our lives are a journey forward to completeness and fulfillment that cannot be realised in tangibles but only in the eternal things of God.

The next forty days are meant to be our own time of stillness in the midst of our busy lives to understand what God calls us to be and do in the life he has given us and to decide how we can best realise that sense of happiness and fulfillment.

Make this Lent a "desert time" for yourself, a time to look

Quietly and prayerfully, beyond the "dreams" we can realise with a "million dollars," to the greater promises our lives hold and joys yet to be realised.

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FOR YOUR DIARY	
FEBRUARY	
27 Mon	9:30am & 6:30pm The Catholic Guy
28 Tues	9:30am & 6:30pm The Catholic Guy
MARCH	
01 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 3.30pm Reconciliation Make-up Class
02 Thu	9:30am Mass
03 Fri	No Mass 10:00am World Day of Prayer
04 Sat	9:00am Baptism - Mylar 10.00am Baptism - Bookham 11.00am First Reconciliation Ceremony 2.00pm Baptism - Grasic (Gumdale) 4:30pm Reconciliation
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	
05 Sun	5:00pm Mass (Manly) 7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly) 9.30am Children's Liturgy 10.30am Marion Valley Bus Trip
06 Mon	No Mass
07 Tue	6:00pm Mass
08 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass
09 Thu	9:30am Mass
10 Fri	10:30am Mass (Lota House)
11 Sat	4:30pm Reconciliation
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	
12 Sun	5:00pm Mass (Manly) <i>Choir sings</i> 7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly)

MORNING TEA THANK YOU

Thank you to all volunteers who prepare and serve Morning Tea on Sunday mornings after 9.30am Mass at St John Vianney's and for other special occasions. Your generosity is appreciated. It is wonderful to see a growing group of parishioners staying after Mass to socialise and meet with friends – new and old. Please invite the person next to you at Mass to Morning Tea this weekend.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
Sat 25 Feb	Laura F	First Reconciliation		Denis H	Irene	E
Sun 26 Feb	Dee P	Candidates		Jasser N	Nola/Lucas	
Sat 4 Mar	Jane O	Alison G	Denise D	Gerardina R	Anjoline	F
Sun 5 Mar	Anne S	June M	Kennedy C	Katherine M	Donna	

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Of your charity, please pray for:

Recently deceased:
Rory Greene, Raymond Sellwood, Ted Chapman

Anniversaries: Gerald Doyle, Rosalina Manso Barot, Anne-Marie Arthus, Russell Barton, Kevin Bourke, Floretina Brewer, Daphne Eddleston, John Costello, Jim Clair, Cecil Crew, John Cronin, Mary (Molly) Evrat, Camelo Fazio, Fletcher McCormack, Jennifer Lynas, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Theodore Shepherd, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, Colin Moir, Dulcie Maher, Hilary Maloney, Jean Rosenstengel, Jessie Massie, Sr Paula McGrath, Brian O’Sullivan, Keith McGregor, George Reading, Doris O’Donnell, Mark Purdon, Millicent (Vera) Reed, Eric Steeden, Luzdivina Lozano, John Wade, Joseph (Neil) Sheppard, Hubert Smith, Maria Skubis, Donna Pytko, Bill Spann, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey, Douglas Southern, Jean Hine and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

We Pray For The Sick: Jack and Mary Beard, Dan Ransom, Emily de Looze, Ian Lennon, Natasha Skitmore, Rose-Marie Dickson, Emma Walters, Maureen Handcock, David Schilling, Pat Ellis, Jocelyn Barrow, Barry Smith, Irene Gavrilla, Richard Pook, Dell Chapman and Anne Dixon

To include a name in our ‘We Pray For The Sick’ list, the Privacy Act requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative. Names on the recently deceased, anniversaries and our sick parishioners lists are reviewed at the end of each month.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

SILVER CIRCLE DRAW 1 OF 10

The winner of Draw 1 in the current Knights Silver Circle with **ticket 77** is **Sabrina Beber**. Congratulations Sabrina and thank you to those supporting the charitable works of the Knights through this fundraising Silver Circle.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
NEXT SUNDAY 4TH MARCH

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA
AFTER THE 9.30AM MASS TODAY



WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and welcome the families of the following children who were Baptised this weekend in St John Vianney’s Parish:

James Anderson and Darcy Whinnett



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday 3rd March, 2023
10.00am
St John Vianney’s Parish, Manly

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen’s initiative. It is run under the motto *“Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action”* and is celebrated on the first Friday in March each year in over 170 countries. The movement aims to bring those of different race, culture, and tradition together; to foster closer fellowship, understanding and action, throughout the year.

This year, our parish will be the host for World Day of Prayer. The country of focus is Taiwan with the theme of the service being, *“I have heard about your faith”*; told through **Story, Scripture and Song:**

Taiwanese women will relate **stories** about five women whose Christian faith has inspired them;

Readings from **Scripture** will depict ‘faith in action’;

The parish choir will lead the congregation in **Song** with hymns specially chosen for the Service.

You are cordially invited to attend our parish celebration of World Day of Prayer with morning tea to follow the Service

There will be a collection at the end of the service - your donation would be much appreciated.

NEED A LIFT TO MASS?

Do you, or someone you know, require a lift to Mass? Please complete a form in the church foyer.

PROVIDE A LIFT TO MASS

If you can provide a lift to Mass please complete the **“I CAN PROVIDE A LIFT TO MASS FORM”** in foyer.

For the Children

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days. Over the next few weeks the readings we will hear encourage us to say “YES” to God and “NO” to our own selfishness.

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus, there will be times during Lent when we might find it difficult to keep our Lenten Promises. But, if you are there to help us we will keep on trying.



LENT



Join us on a Bus Trip to MARIAN VALLEY, CANUNGRA
Sunday 5 March

We will devotionally follow the Stations of the Cross as part of our Lenten Preparation. *The magnificent life-sized Stations of the Cross enrich the natural beauty of Marian Valley opening our hearts to even greater gifts of God's grace in our daily lives.*

Depart St John Vianney's Church at 10.30am
Return by 5.30pm

BYO food or pre-purchase for pickup enroute
Tea and coffee provided
Cost: **FREE**

This day tour is a wonderful opportunity to prepare ourselves during the Season of Lent
Sign-up Sheet in the Church Foyer
(Only 6 seats remaining)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INFORMATION

For your information, a summary of items discussed at Parish Pastoral Council meetings will be posted on the noticeboard in the foyer of St John Vianney’s church and also at St. Jude’s. A full copy of the minutes is available from Kate in the parish office.

At our last meeting we discussed: first aid; repairs and maintenance; transport to Mass; outreach programmes (Timor-Leste and asylum seekers); communication with parishioners; and a proposed columbarium. See noticeboard for more details.

SUGGESTION BOX

Following a suggestion from a fellow parishioner, a **Suggestion Box** is now available in the foyer of St John Vianney’s and St. Jude’s. Please place in it any ideas, comments or questions directed towards the Parish Pastoral Council and we will endeavour to discuss these at our monthly meetings. Many thanks.