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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Masses are Saturday Vigil at 6pm and Sunday at 7.30am and 9.30am. Weekdays Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 10am. Wednesday and Thursday at 5pm. The Church is open every day from 7am to 6pm.

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BAPTISM ENQUIRIES: Celebrated at 11am on the first Sunday of month

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: **Presenters needed**, except in the school holidays.

COLUMBA CARE: Convenor Shaun Maton admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

COLUMBARIUM: enquiries to admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

MARRIAGE ENQUIRIES: admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

RECONCILIATION or CONFESSION: Saturday 11:30am – 12pm.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AFTER SCHOOL FOR FIRST EUCHARIST, PRE CONFIRMATION,

CONFIRMATION & RECONCILIATION: Contact Catechist Helen on 0401 329 479 or email

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MASS INTENTIONS: Masses for the faithful departed offered; Fr Brian Russell, Redemptorist, Mass offered and Requiem Mass on Monday; Fr Joseph Tran, fourth anniversary, Mass offered; Parishioners intentions, Vigil Mass today; Fr. Francisco Mascaramahas is critically ill and has returned to his home diocese of Goa on Ash Wednesday. Prayers to the Mother of God in St Mary's Cathedral on Friday February 24th at 6pm. We will offer the same prayer following Stations of the Cross.

PRAYERS OF THE SICK: Residents of Concorde Nursing Home, received Ashes during Mass and Anointing of the Sick; John Herne received Anointing of the Sick, Ursula had a fall and is in Royal Perth Hospital, Lillian Simeon, June and Barry Curthoys received Anointing and Holy Communion at home.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, ASSISI & SICILY: Join Monsignor Michael Keating on a Pilgrimage to Italy – May 5 to May 19. Costs \$8774, (excluding taxes) including full board with the Srs of Fraterna Domus in Rome. Travelling on Emirates – Perth → Dubai → Rome. Full itinerary available from Anawim Journeys, 28B Ferguson Street, Maylands, WA. Phone: 08 6118 7313 or email: info@anawimjourneys.com

BEAUTIFUL BIBLE STORIES: From the Old and New Testaments, \$15 per copy. 3 copies are available.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

ROSTER: During the 9:30am Mass. We are currently seeking further volunteers including husbands and wives, young married couples or others whose children may assist them.



WEEKDAYS OF LENT: Monday: St Gregory of Narek; Friday St Casimir

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: Pope Benedict XVI called the temptation of Jesus in the desert "a descent into the perils besetting mankind." This happened is that we may be counted among those "who receive the abundance of grace, coming to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ." The "one righteous act" that Saint Paul speaks about in the Letter to the Romans is Jesus' unflinching fidelity to the Father's will. As the serpent comes close, we will not be duped by the suggestion that somehow God is jealous at the prospect that we "will be like gods." For God himself planted that hope in our hearts. The Lord's greatest joy and glory is that we share his image and likeness, not through self-seeking but through the obedience by which "many will be made righteous."

1st SUNDAY OF LENT – CARITAS REFLECTION:

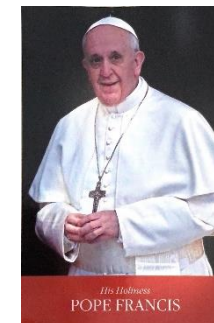
Nelson Mandela said that education was the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world. There are plenty of people who would agree with him. One of them is Oprah Winfrey who said that education was the way to move mountains, build bridges and to change the world. Today's reading certainly suggest the value of reading. The story from the Book of Genesis comes from pre-history. It has often been misunderstood to suggest that sin entered the world through one woman. This is not true.

On the contrary, the readings tell us that the world is good. When humans try to overstretch their boundaries, trouble follows and the experience of beauty and harmony is threatened. We need to choose our teachers. Are we going to listen to God or the serpent? In our modern world, the serpent takes many forms. There are many threats to the harmony of the human race and the beauty of our natural environment. Likewise, today's story of the temptations in the wilderness from Matthew's Gospel shows us that some lessons are difficult. Jesus actually teaches the devil. He tells the evil one that God is in charge. Jesus has to decide which voices he will follow. He has to learn that some ideas may not be as good as they sound. All the kingdoms of the world, Jesus learns, are no substitute for an honest and life-giving relationship with God.

THE WAY OF FATIMA: In May 1917, Our Lady appeared to three small children at the village of Fatima, north of Lisbon in Portugal. On May 13th, 2017, Pope Francis journey to Fatima and canonised Francisco and Jacinta Marto. The other visionary, their cousin Lucia entered the Carmelite Convent. Pope Paul VI went as a pilgrim to Fatima in 1967. On May 13th, 1981, an assassination attempt was made on Pope John Paul II when a gunman fired a gun at the Pope in the general audience in the Plaza of St Peter's. After his recovery, Pope John Paul II revealed that the so-called secret of Fatima was "Blood will flow in the Vatican." Sr Lucia confirmed the link between the secret and the attempt on the Pope's life.



On May 13, 1982, Pope John Paul II made a pilgrimage to Fatima, taking with him the bullet the doctors had removed from his abdomen. It was placed in Our Lady of Fatima's crown saying "The gunman fired the gun. Our Lady guided the bullet (away from any vital organ of the Pope)." Sr Lucia died in 2005, having lived into her nineties. A month later, Pope John Paul II died on the eve of Divine Mary Sunday. On that night, journalists in Rome and Cracow, Poland, spoke of an unbroken stream of Pilgrim's linking those cities. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Prefect of the Congregation was Principal Celebrant of the outdoor Requiem Mass at St Peter's. A



month later he was elected Pope, taking the name Benedict XVI. He canonised his predecessor as St Pope John Paul II. He resigned the papacy in 2013 and on March 13th 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina was elected Pope first Jesuit and first from the new world, taking the name Francis.

I went on a pilgrimage to Fatima on June 13th 2017 and prayed this Fatima "Way of the Cross." They went

constructed by the Catholics of Hungary and the diaspora, especially from Canada and USA.

I have adapted the Way of the Cross of the Pilgrim to Fatima for congregational use, with permission.

Rev. Monsignor Brian O'Loughlin, Parish Priest.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 163-168

First Reading: Book of Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Psalms: 50 **Response:** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 5:12-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – 2ND Sunday of Lent:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

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Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 168-171

First Reading: Book of Genesis 12:1-4

Psalms: 32 **Response:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:108

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

IRISH SCENE: One article features our parishioner Pat Donovan. These are available on the main porch table for borrowing. One per family. Please **remember they boomerang.**

1st Sunday of Lent 25th/26th of February 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: A time of preparation. The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of Lent. Jesus' time in the wilderness was a time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self and not the Father. For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.

PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER:

God of all generations,

We thank you for those who have gone before us, especially those who have cared for your earth and who inspire us to help respect your creation and contribute to its healing.

We thank you for those who share our lives today, especially those who work for justice and peace. May we welcome the opportunity that Lent brings to walk more closely with you, especially through fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

We thank you for the challenge of the future. May the Cross of Jesus remind us that only love finds the way forward. As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary in her hope that from now on all great things you will do through us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ENROLLING NOW - SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASSES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO DO NOT ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & FOR THOSE WHO DO ATTEND CATHOLIC COLLEGES. For children who do not attend Catholic schools and are prepared to receive the sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Prep Classes in the Parish Centre commencing soon. For children who do attend Catholic schools, and are ready to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion or First Reconciliation may enrol as External Candidates to participate in St Columba's Sacramental Program for School Children. Parents please contact our Parish Coordinator Helen directly by phone / text on 0401 329 479 to discuss and enrol your child.

CENTRE FOR FAITH ENRICHMENT: With the new year, courses are back up and running. Courses include:

Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments – with Dr. Carmel Stuart. It is held on Tuesdays, 28 Feb – 21 March from 10am-11:30am.

Synodality and the Future of the Catholic Church: A Journey towards Communion, Participation and Mission. Presented by Rev. Professor Eamonn Conway from 10am – 11:30am on Thursdays 2-9 March.

These classes are held in person at Newman Siena (Clune Lecture Theatre) on 33 Williamstown Road. Plenty of onsite parking. Travel north on the freeway and take the Powis Street off ramp. Go west over Harborne Street, taking Jon Sanders Drive to Teakwood Road to Williamstown Road.

Online Courses are also available.

Afterlife: Our Living Hope. Is held on Tuesdays 28 February – 28 March from 7:30pm – 8:30pm with Ms Natalie Thomas.

Lent with St Joseph; which will be held on Fridays from February – 28 March - March 17th at 7:30pm to 8:30pm with Ms Natalie Thomas. **For further information:**

www.cfe.org.au or email: cfe@perthcatholic.org.au or phone 9241 5221



'TRIUMPH' LENTEN REFLECTION:

There are 5 copies available for \$10 each from the main porch table. If they sell out, Daniel of the Diocese has supplied an online version. Please email admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au for a digital copy. On Monday's of Lent, we will have a shared reflection following the 10am Mass. On the Friday's of Lent, the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed from 5pm, using the text "You have Redeemed the World."

LENTEN PAMPHLET: Are now available on the main porch table for 50c each. It provides a synopsis of Lent. A great read!

THE NEW COMMUNITY BIBLE: Contains indents for each book, explanatory notes and commentary. Available for \$19.95 per copy. This Bible makes an ideal gift for those preparing for Sacraments or reception into the Church, or members of the RCIA.

REFLECTIONS DURING LENT: March 1, 8, 15, 22 – Lenten Mornings in March at Nano Nagle Centre with Presenter Sr. Shelly M Barlow. For further information, please visit: www.nanonaglecentre.org.au

