



**1st Sunday of Lent, Year B**



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February**

Violence Against Women

*We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.*



**Vox Episcopi – The Voice of the Bishop**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, The Season of Lent is upon us once again as tomorrow is Ash Wednesday.

[+ Bishop Anthony's Message](#)

**First Reading**  
Gen 9:8-15

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

**Second Reading**  
1 Pt 3:18-22

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Mt 4:4

**Gospel**  
Mk 1:12-15

**Sunday Reflection**

By Fr Manoj Manuel

Dear friends,

We are in the season of Lent once more! Praise to you Most Holy Trinity!

Lent is the most beautiful spiritual time in the liturgical year. As we travel with Church into the Lenten season, we come to many core realizations in life. How enriching is the Lenten time! A time that we get every year to stop, reflect and renew ourselves. This enables us to move closer to our life's goal as Christians to be united with God in this life and life after (cf. Rom 14:7-9). To unite ourselves with God calls us to renewal.

If we look into the second reading of this Sunday, St Peter compares how God saved few people (8 only) through the waters of the flood at the time of Noah in the Old Testament. St Peter continues saying in his 1<sup>st</sup> letter that now it is the water of Baptism that saves us. In that sense we are the chosen ones, all of us who are baptized. But does our spiritual journey end there with Baptismal water? No, it's the starting point. What are we to do then? We are then called to join in Jesus' mission. Lent is a divine call to participate in the mission of God's plan for the world through Jesus Christ. Pope Francis states it this way in his Lenten message of 2021, "Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world".

This Lenten season of 2021 need to be taken as a onetime opportunity in world's fight against Covid-19 pandemic. We know in OT times, a lent was proclaimed by prophets when there was the visible evil that suppressed the people. So the prophets called for prayer, fasting and putting on sack cloth and ashes, in order to repent and do reparation for the evil affecting humanity. We too have this great burden of the Covid19 pandemic, we need to take this year's lent seriously and be spiritually active to pray for our world, that God may renew humanity, and make anew our world.

If we do not use this Lenten season to pray for our world, we will be too late. Let us join the rest of the world and intercede to God for the suffering humanity all over the world to be freed of Covid-19. As people of Nineveh repented and did reparation at the call of prophet Jonah for their waywardness, let us take upon ourselves the responsibility to pray ardently, do penance and amend life. I conclude with the words of Holy Father Pope Francis, "Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to 'make his dwelling' among us" (cf. Jn 14:23).

**Fr Manoj Manuel**

**CARITAS – PROJECT COMPASSION**

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." – St Oscar Romero  
Please help yourself with the envelopes at the back of the church. For Online Donation go to [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

**ONLY FRIDAYS OF LENT**

There will be an additional  
9:30 a.m. Mass at OLOR Cathedral  
starting on the  
19th February 2021.

**IN THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

The Feast of St Joseph will be celebrated on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:00 p.m.  
Please join us in dedicating the year to our Families, Communities, and the Diocese.

**LENTEN PROGRAM 2021**[Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega](#)

Thursdays of Lent February 25 and March 11, 18, 25  
at OLOR Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.

The Boundless Young Adults Group will be leading the Parish in prayer and reflection.

Copies of the program are available in the Church and online [here](#).

For updates and more, follow Boundless on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/hornsbyparishyouth](http://www.facebook.com/hornsbyparishyouth)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays of Lent February 19, 26 and March 5, 12, 26

Stations of the Cross at:

1. Queen of Peace after the 8:45 a.m. Mass
2. OLOR Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. **While the stations are on, Priests will be available for Reconciliation.**

**WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**

20 February 2021

This year, why not have a look at the Caritas website and consider ways you could get involved in the social justice issues that move you!

<https://www.caritas.org.au/about/what-is-caritas/our-approach/>

Or Google <https://humanrights.gov.au/education/students/hot-topics>

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Registration 27 February to 13 March 2021

Registration Form will be available on 27 February (Sat) at OLOR Cathedral from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**POSITIONS VACANT****Parish Secretary Part Time, Pymble**

For further details, see the Diocesan website:

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant)

Applications close: Monday, 8 March.

**Parish Secretary Full Time, Frenchs Forest**

For the full position description, see the [Parish website](#).

Applications close: 9 March.

**ONLINE PARISH GIVING**

In light of the extraordinary circumstances we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of Church, Presbytery, offices, other buildings and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.

[Donate to our Parish](#)

**MASS SCHEDULE**

from 27 January 2021 until further notice

**03 January 2021 - Public Health Orders, NSW regarding places of worship: Everyone attending the service are required to sign in using QR Code, and face masks are mandatory in the church.**

**Weekday Mass Schedule****OLOR Cathedral:**

Mon to Sat 7:00 a.m.  
Fri 9:30 a.m. **(Only during Fridays of Lent there will be an additional Mass starting 19 Feb 2021.)**

**Queen of Peace Church:**

Tue, Thu \*, Fri 8:45 a.m.  
Sat 7:30 a.m.  
**\* Cenacle Prayer immediately follows. All are welcome.**

**Weekend Mass Schedule****OLOR Cathedral:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil  
Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

**Queen of Peace Church:**

Saturday 5.30 p.m. Vigil  
Sunday 8:00 a.m.

**Filipino Mass 3:30 p.m.**

(Every 2nd Sunday of each month.)

[Watch the Mass](#)

**McQuoin Park Chapel Mass for Residents only**

Wednesdays & Sundays at 11 a.m.

**Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation**

Available only at the Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Courtyard Saturdays from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

**Private Prayer** Our Cathedral Chapel is open for private prayer. **It is necessary for everyone who enters the chapel to check in using QR Code for every visit. Failure to do so will mean we need to close the Chapel.**

**If a Priest is needed** in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843**.

**Our prayerful wishes** and support to our Catechist Coordinator and her team of Catechists that begin their SRE classes in the coming days. Blessings to you and the students and their families you encounter.

**May I ask you to pray for** those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19 in your special prayers.

**We remember those who died recently** – Louis Klauser • Paul Hutchinson • Sr Dorothy Costigan CSB • Arthur Fogarty

**Anniversaries** – Darren Egelhoff • Nancy Richards • Noel Christensen