



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

First Sunday of Lent – 6th March 2022

Dear friends,

Greetings on this First Sunday of Lent. We start this Season of Lent with the War in Ukraine and extensive flooding in Queensland and NSW and dour predictions of climate change. Added to daily life, navigating Covid at every turn, and it could appear that despair is all around us.

Yet, as Christians we can bring these events into Lent – one of the richest times of the Church year. It is a time to allow ourselves to be drawn more and more into the life of God and in so doing to participate in the power of faith, hope and love change the world.

It's not so much what we can do for Lent but what Lent can do for us. Lent can help us see what is really important in life. It's a time to focus less on food and drink and more on the great realities of justice and peace and the love of God.

(Majellan Media)

Please see our Parish Lenten Programs on page 3.

God Bless you all Fr David

Reflection: The Gospel for this First Sunday of Lent is Luke's account of Jesus' desert experience. The desert here is more accurately understood as a wilderness: a dangerous, uncharted place, inhabited by wild beasts and bandits, and (many believed) haunted by demons.

Jesus' wilderness "retreat" is a time for discerning and understanding his mission as the Messiah. These forty days are marked by intense prayer and fasting – not out of a sense of penance but to focus totally on God and the Father's will for him. The three temptations all confront Jesus with very human choices:

- "command this stone to become bread": Will Jesus use his power for his own gratification and acclaim or to accomplish the will of God?
- "All this will be yours, if you worship me": Will Jesus compromise the values of God to accommodate the values of the world?
- "throw yourself down from here": Will Jesus pray that God will do Jesus' will rather than Jesus seeking God's will? Will Jesus seek to make God into Jesus' image or seek to become what God calls him to be?

Jesus' encounter with the devil depicts the struggle he experienced during this lonely and difficult time to come to terms with the life that lay before him. Jesus then follows the Spirit obediently on to Galilee to begin his teaching ministry.

POPE FRANCIS' Advice for Lent

Fast from **hurting** words and say kind **words**.

Fast from **sadness** and be filled with **gratitude**.

Fast from **anger** and be filled with **patience**.

Fast from **pessimism** and be filled with **hope**.

Fast from **worries** and **trust in God**.

Fast from **complaints** and **contemplate** simplicity.

Fast from **pressures** and be **prayerful**.

Fast from **bitterness** and fill your heart with **joy**.

Fast from **selfishness** and be **compassionate** to others.

Fast from **grudges** and be **reconciled**.

Fast from **words** and be silent so you can **listen**.

COVID REQUIREMENTS

Please remember it is strongly recommended that you...

- Wear a mask for Mass
- Cleanse your hands
- Observe social distancing



PASTORAL CARE

Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos)

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community

Recently Deceased:**Anniversary:** Maria Rosa Calvi; John McCooe**Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"** Meg and Wayne Storey,

Gavin Greenwood, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Prionsias Kearney; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrige; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunson; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Joe & Pat Smith; John Connors

March**Year C**

Mon 7/3 – 1st week of Lent Lev 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 18:8-10,15; Mt 25:31-46

Tue 8/3 – 1st week of Lent Is 55:10-11; Ps 33:4-7,16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wed 9/3 – 1st week of Lent Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 50:3-4,12-13,18-19

Thurs 10/3 – 1st week of Lent

Esther 14:1,3-5,12-14; Ps 137:1-3,7-8; Mt 7:7-12

Fri 11/3 – 1st week of Lent Ezek 18:21-28; Ps 129; Mt 5:20-26

Sat 12/3 – 1st week of Lent

Deut 26:16-19; Ps 118:1-2,4-5,7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sun 13/3 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12,17-18; Ps 26:1,7-9,13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA**Parish facebook:** facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish**Parish website:** bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater**Pope Francis @Pontifex**

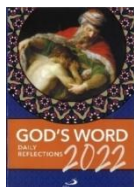
Let us together cry out from our hearts: Never again war, never again the clash of arms, never again so much suffering! We must never stop praying, indeed, let us pray to God most intensely. Come, Lord, Prince of Peace, make us instruments and reflections of your peace!

PIETY STORE MANLY

Movie of the month – The Ninth Day (2004) – German with English sub-titles. A moral thriller. From inside the "Priest Block" of the Dachau concentration camp. In just 9 days Fr Kremer must find a way to ease his conscience, protect his family and uphold his vows. At the piety store \$10.

CD of the month – Confession – Fr. Larry Richards This talk became the No. 1 talk in North America dealing with the sacrament of reconciliation. If people truly knew about the healing power of reconciliation. At the piety store \$5.

LIVING FAITH BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE & PIETY STORE



WORD OF GOD 2022 Daily Reading and Reflection. Special Price \$15.00
Now available at the Piety Store or to purchase

Dates to remember...

- **Craft Group** Tues 10am – 12noon
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wednesdays 6pm – 7:30pm
- **Bible Study (Zoom)** Tues 8 March @ 7pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)
- **Rosary (Zoom)** Thurs 10th March @ 7pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)
- **Young Adults Lenten Group** Thurs 10th March @ 7:30pm Parish Centre



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.



The Craft Group meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring along your knitting or other craft if you wish.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with Him. Lectio Divina groups meet Tuesday 7.30pm and Wednesday 10am in the Parish Centre.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS**

Quiet Prayer & Adoration
6:00pm – 7pm

Scripture Reflection on the Eucharist & Benediction 7pm – 7:30pm

Divine Mercy Prayers will be back on Wednesday evenings in a shorter format starting at 6pm

These changes have been introduced in response to the drop off in the numbers attending on Wednesday evenings. We know that this may be inconvenient or disappointing to some of you. We will continue to monitor the two devotions and note your response to them.



LENT 2022

Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7pm, St Mary's Church Manly

Young Adults Lenten Discussion Group will meet Thursdays at 7pm in the Parish Centre commencing 3rd March.

ONLINE LENTEN PROGRAMS

Sycamore -Lent Course (6 weeks) for those wishing to renew their faith in the Season of Lent. <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/lent-course/>

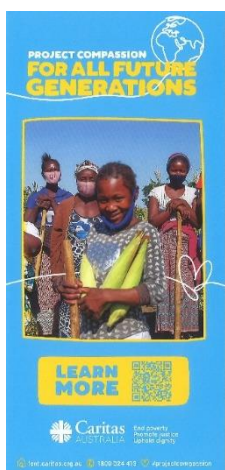
Lenten Online Retreat Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo are offering an online Lenten retreat "**High Horses, Scapegoats and Donkeys: A Lenten Odyssey**". The retreat starts on 6 March, the first Sunday of Lent, and offers 5 weekly sessions, guided by Sr Antonia Curtis osb.

https://mcusercontent.com/64ba3ffe5e21679826e8b7d36/files/e614bfd7-58c5-ed87-4546-a475aa1c3779/High_Horses_Advert.pdf

Taizé Pilgrimage of Trust Br Matthew from the Taizé Community in France will lead a prayer service at Davidson on Monday **7 March 2022** at St Martin de Porres, Davidson RSVP: Tony & Carmel 0412 532 657

Lenten Prayers for Parish Renewal This Lent, why not pray specifically for your own parish, and the renewal of all parishes? Join others from around the world through daily prayers & videos each day of Lent, starting 2 March - 17 April.

<https://www.divinerenovation.org/prayer>



Project Compassion 2022

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in their future and bring stability to vulnerable youth, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes or by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or calling 1800 024 413.



St Joseph's Men's Group will be celebrating their 1st Anniversary on Saturday 19th March. The Group and their families will come together for 6pm Vigil Mass followed by a light supper. The Men's group would like to invite members of the Parish to come along and join in the festivities.

Parish Bookkeeper - Part time Manly Freshwater Catholic Parish

The Parish is seeking a Bookkeeper for our busy office. The role includes maintenance of the parish financial records using MYOB, supplier payments, processing credit card receipts, payroll and quarterly BAS. You would also be required to prepare quarterly reports for the Parish Finance Committee and an annual report for the diocese. Other aspects of the role include processing and remittance of various special appeals, entering receipt data into parish administration database and cooperating with the diocese for any internal audits/reviews. Other finance related tasks as requested.

If you have previous bookkeeping or accounting experience and this role interests you, please email a cover letter and CV to david.taylor@bbcatholic.org.au.

Applications close **Friday 11th March 2022.**



CONFIRMATION 2022

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish on Saturday 4th June.

Our Parents Meetings will be held on Tuesday 29th March 7pm at Manly and Wednesday 6th April 7pm at Freshwater. If your child is in year 3 or above and you would like them to be part of this program please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822. Registration forms can also be found at the back of the Church



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

will be celebrated at Manly and Freshwater Churches on Friday 25th March at 5.30pm. Please remember the children who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion in your prayers.

MINISTRY TRAINING Fr David will be offering a program to prepare new senior servers and readers to assist at weekend and weekday Masses. Applications are open to males and females from 17 years of age onwards.

If you are interested in one or both of these Ministries, please contact the parish office on 9977 5822 or

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT



VINNIES FLOOD RELIEF 2022

Envelopes will be available in the pews this weekend or you can donate online

www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Flood_appeal/



Caritas Ukraine urgently needs your support

Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the conflict in Ukraine

Visit caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support

Ministry Roster – Manly

	2nd Sunday in Lent	12-13 March 2022
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Jean Halcrow
	Music	CD's
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek
	Piety Store	Merle Zemek
	Flowers	Hazel Cottee, Carole O'Donnell
8:30am Mass	Server	Martino Hoang
	Readers	Patty Thomas
	Music	Parish Choir
	Welcomers	Assistance Required
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Servers	Ivica Covic, Iona & Teresa Hearn
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese, Janie Fonua
	Music	Gina Marshall, Bianca Zatz
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
	Piety Store	Assistance Required
6pm Mass	Server	Kieran & Michael Wan
	Readers	Sandie Cornish
	Music	Simon Hyland
	Welcomers	Assistance Required
	Piety Store	Assistance Required

Ministry Roster – Freshwater

5pm Vigil	2nd Sunday in Lent	12-13 March 2022
	Server	Joanne Druery
	Readers	Nela & Zara Hornikova
	Music	CD's
	Welcomers	Shirley Abbott
9am Mass	Server	Francis Raymond
	Readers	Vincent & Luka Bokanovic
	Music	Pat Brown
	Welcomers	Sally Moffatt
	Altar Society	Maria Harkness
	Morning Teas	Tim Markwart

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Church
Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends of call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater on 1st Friday each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph's Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

St John's School News...We are absolutely delighted to welcome parents and the community back onto school grounds with the new easing of restrictions. They add so much vibrancy and joy to the school community and we are looking forward to all the special events ahead with the parents. Years 3 to 6 at St John the Baptist have also had an action-packed week with NSW Cricket running a skills development course and a visit from the Manly Sea Eagles. The skills development course will run on Fridays for four consecutive weeks, with the students playing games, developing their skills and learning about teamwork and collaboration. The Manly Sea Eagles built upon this with a presentation and discussion around *Teamwork, Resilience and Belonging*.



God Bless Frances Harrison (Acting REC)

St Mary's School News...The children at St Mary's have been very busy preparing for the season of Lent and getting ready for First Communion. On Tuesday the children enjoyed pancakes to signify the beginning of fasting which begins on Ash Wednesday. The children learnt about why we use up rich foods before the start of Lent and made a donation to Caritas as a sign we think about others. Thank you to our year 5 teachers and students who led us so reverently in our Ash Wednesday liturgy.



This week the children preparing for First Communion attended the first ritual Mass. Please pray for these children as they continue on their spiritual journey as they become closer to Jesus.

Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)

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PARISH

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION?

2nd collection Parish Bank Account

Funds the running of the Parish
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

1st collection Parish Bank Account Supports our Priests

Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

Thank you for your ongoing support



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2022

**“Let us not grow tired of doing good,
for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do
not give up. So then, while we have the
opportunity, let us do good to all”
(Gal 6:9-10)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: “Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (*kairós*), let us do good to all” (*Gal 6:9-10*).

1. Sowing and reaping -In these words, the Apostle evokes the image of sowing and reaping, so dear to Jesus (cf. *Mt 13*). Saint Paul speaks to us of a *kairós*: an opportune time for sowing goodness in view of a future harvest. What is this “opportune time” for us? Lent is certainly such an opportune time, but so is our entire existence, of which Lent is in some way an image. [1] All too often in our lives, greed, pride and the desire to possess, accumulate and consume have the upper hand, as we see from the story of the foolish man in the Gospel parable, who thought his life was safe and secure because of the abundant grain and goods he had stored in his barns (cf. *Lk 12:16-21*). Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.

The first to sow is God himself, who with great generosity “continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 54). During Lent we are called to respond to God's gift by accepting his word, which is “living and active” (*Heb 4:12*). Regular listening to the word of God makes us open and docile to his working (cf. *Jas 1:21*) and bears fruit in our lives. This brings us great joy, yet even more, it summons us to become God's co-workers (cf. *1 Cor 3:9*). By making good use of the present time (cf. *Eph 5:16*), we too can sow seeds of goodness. This call to sow goodness should not be seen as a burden but a grace, whereby the Creator wishes us to be actively united with his own bountiful goodness.

What about the harvest? Do we not sow seeds in order to reap a harvest? Of course! Saint Paul points to the close relationship between sowing and reaping when he says: “Anyone who sows sparsely will reap sparsely as well, and anyone who sows generously will reap generously as well” (*2 Cor 9:6*). But what kind of harvest are we talking about? A first fruit of the goodness we sow appears in ourselves and our daily lives, even in our little acts of kindness. In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no “generous effort”

will ever be lost (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 279). Just as we recognize a tree by its fruits (cf. *Mt 7:16, 20*), so a life full of good deeds radiates light (cf. *Mt 5:14-16*) and carries the fragrance of Christ to the world (cf. *2 Cor 2:15*). Serving God in freedom from sin brings forth fruits of sanctification for the salvation of all (cf. *Rom 6:22*).

In truth, we see only a small portion of the fruits of what we sow, since, according to the Gospel proverb, “one sows, while another reaps” (*Jn 4:37*). When we sow for the benefit of others, we share in God's own benevolent love: “it is truly noble to place our hope in the hidden power of the seeds of goodness we sow, and thus to initiate processes whose fruits will be reaped by others” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 196). Sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God's benevolent plan.

The word of God broadens and elevates our vision: it tells us that the real harvest is eschatological, the harvest of the last, undying day. The mature fruit of our lives and actions is “fruit for eternal life” (*Jn 4:36*), our “treasure in heaven” (*Lk 12:33; 18:22*). Jesus himself uses the image of the seed that dies in the ground in order to bear fruit as a symbol of the mystery of his death and resurrection (cf. *Jn 12:24*); while Saint Paul uses the same image to speak of the resurrection of our bodies: “What is sown is perishable, but what is raised is imperishable; what is sown is contemptible but what is raised is glorious; what is sown is weak, but what is raised is powerful; what is sown is a natural body, and what is raised is a spiritual body” (*1 Cor 15:42-44*). The hope of resurrection is the great light that the risen Christ brings to the world, for “if our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are of all people the most pitiable. In fact, however, Christ has been raised from the dead, as the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep” (*1 Cor 15:19-20*). Those who are intimately united to him in love “by dying a death like his” (*Rom 6:5*) will also be united to his resurrection for eternal life (cf. *Jn 5:29*). “Then the upright will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father” (*Mt 13:43*).

2. “Let us not grow tired of doing good”-Christ's resurrection enlivens earthly hopes with the “great hope” of eternal life, planting the seed of salvation in our present time (cf. BENEDICT XVI, *Spe Salvi*, 3; 7). Bitter disappointment at shattered dreams, deep concern for the challenges ahead and discouragement at the poverty of our resources, can make us tempted to seek refuge in self-centredness and indifference to the suffering of others. Indeed, even our best resources have their limitations: “Youths grow tired and weary, the young stumble and fall” (*Is 40:30*). Yet God “gives strength to the weary, he strengthens the powerless... Those who hope in the Lord will regain their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; though they run they will not grow weary, though they walk they will never tire» (*Is 40:29, 31*). The Lenten season calls us to place our faith and hope in the Lord (cf. *1 Pet 1:21*), since only if we fix our gaze on the

risen Christ (cf. *Heb 12:2*) will we be able to respond to the Apostle's appeal, "Let us never grow tired of doing good" (*Gal 6:9*).

Let us not grow tired of praying. Jesus taught us to "pray always without becoming weary" (*Lk 18:1*). We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion. If the pandemic has heightened the awareness of our own personal and social fragility, may this Lent allow us to experience the consolation provided by faith in God, without whom we cannot stand firm (cf. *Is 7:9*). No one attains salvation alone, since we are all in the same boat, amid the storms of history; [2] and certainly no one reaches salvation without God, for only the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ triumphs over the dark waters of death. Faith does not spare us life's burdens and tribulations, but it does allow us to face them in union with God in Christ, with the great hope that does not disappoint, whose pledge is the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (cf. *Rom 5:1-5*).

Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives. May the corporal fasting to which Lent calls us fortify our spirit for the battle against sin. *Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation*, knowing that God never tires of forgiving. [3] *Let us not grow tired of fighting against concupiscence*, that weakness which induces to selfishness and all evil, and finds in the course of history a variety of ways to lure men and women into sin (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 166). One of these is addiction to the digital media, which impoverishes human relationships. Lent is a propitious time to resist these temptations and to cultivate instead a more integral form of human communication (*ibid.*, 43) made up of "authentic encounters" (*ibid.*, 50), face-to-face and in person.

Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours. During this Lent, may we practise almsgiving by giving joyfully (cf. *2 Cor 9:7*). God who "supplies seed to the sower and bread for food" (*2 Cor 9:10*) enables each of us not only to have food to eat, but also to be generous in doing good to others. While it is true that we have our entire life to sow goodness, let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life (cf. *Lk 10:25-37*). Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely. Let us put into practice our call to do good to all, and take time to love the poor and needy, those abandoned and rejected, those discriminated against and marginalized (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 193).

3. "If we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time" Each year during Lent we are reminded that "goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day" (*ibid.*, 11). Let us ask God to

give us the patient perseverance of the farmer (cf. *Jas 5:7*), and to persevere in doing good, one step at a time. If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who "is generous in forgiving" (*Is 55:7*). In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. Let us believe firmly that "if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time" and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised (cf. *Heb 10:36*), for our salvation and the salvation of others (cf. *1 Tim 4:16*). By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake (cf. *2 Cor 5:14-15*), and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven, when God will be "all in all" (*1 Cor 15:28*).

May the Virgin Mary, who bore the Saviour in her womb and "pondered all these things in her heart" (*Lk 2:19*), obtain for us the gift of patience. May she accompany us with her maternal presence, so that this season of conversion may bring forth fruits of eternal salvation.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 November 2021,
Memorial of Saint Martin, Bishop.

FRANCIS

[1] Cf. SAINTAUGUSTINE, *Serm.* 243, 9,8; 270, 3; *En. in Ps.* 110, 1.

[2] Cf. *Extraordinary Moment of Prayer presided over by Pope Francis* (27 March 2020).

[3] Cf. *Angelus*, 17 March 2013.

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<https://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/open-day/> for all the details of our Open Day or <https://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments> for a prospectus,

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Registrations essential to ensure a Covid safe event. Scan here to register now.

- Tour the Campus
- Listen to the Principal's address
- Meet the students



First Sunday of Lent – Year C

First Reading *Deuteronomy 26:4-10 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 90:1-2, 10-15 (JB)*

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' R.

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. R.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. R.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. R.

Second Reading *Romans 10:8-13 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God

raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:4 (JB)*

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 *Luke 4:1-13 (JB)*


A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.


The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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