

All Hallows' Five Dock



First Sunday of Lent | Year A | Sunday 26th February

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place, live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a spirit of service, that creates a sense of God's presence among us.

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A Reflection by Fr Richard

Dear Parishioners,

We have started the season of lent. Lent recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, fasting and praying. The example of Jesus struggling against temptation, should act as a spur to us in our struggles with temptation. We can say "No" to temptation. It is hard to reject temptation. Temptation makes evil attractive. It tricks us into thinking we can attain possessions, popularity, and power for ourselves. And we can have all this now! Temptation makes selfishness seem right.

The strong attraction we have to evil is called "Original Sin." It is the universal temptation to focus only on the self and take the "easy way out." This inclination to sin began at the Fall, when Adam and Eve were tempted by the devil and disobeyed God. When Adam and Eve said "No" to God, they found it easier to say "Yes" to temptation. Because it was easier to give into temptation, it was easier to sin. From that point on, people endured the results of evil: ignorance, suffering, and death.

Jesus came to restore the relationship people had with God. He showed us the way when he said "No" to the devil by saying "Yes" to God. He also gives us the power in the gift of the Spirit. The Spirit strengthens us to place our focus on God, not on ourselves alone. By example of Jesus and with the Spirit, we can reject temptation. Saying "Yes" to God can become a habit. Lent is the perfect time to strengthen this habit. During Lent, we focus on God in prayer, the needs of others with our charity, and away from our selfish wants with fasting. In this way, we can act like Jesus. We can say "No" to temptation and seek the will of God.

With best wishes -
Fr Richard



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am (1st Sunday of the month - Italian mass), 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 12pm - 4pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday:
8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm
Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday at 11am.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

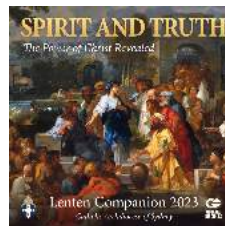
Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. To read the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding policy, please visit the parish website (<https://www.allhallows.org.au/safeguarding>).



SPIRIT AND TRUTH: The Power of Christ Revealed - Lenten Companion 2023

The beautiful Season of Lent is here. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion SPIRIT AND TRUTH: The Power of Christ Revealed.

This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Sister Joanna Marie Collins OP, Daniel Ang, Fr Lewi Barakat, Mat De Sousa, Anna Harrison, Elizabeth Flynn MCR and Bishop Richard Umbers. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online, the resource will be available to collect in the gathering space of the church (limited copies) and online at www.gomakedisciples.org.au.



You can also still join a parish Lenten group. Please direct enquiries regarding the parish Lenten groups to Sandy Lynch (0402 075 976) or Ann Kerley (0408 720 461).

WEDNESDAY – Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: 12pm – 4pm

You are all invited to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



- Start: Exposition at 12 noon
- Divine Mercy prayers: 3:00pm
- Reconciliation: 3pm – 4pm
- Benediction: 3:45pm • Finish: 4:00pm



Note: There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space to ensure that there is someone with the Lord, but you are welcome anytime.

Stay for a few minutes or for the whole time as the Spirit leads you!

Palms Australia - Mission: Change their lives ... and yours

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.



Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know. RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

Project Compassion

After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, 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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Frank Hume
Nick Hume
Grace Cacnio
Philippa Mary Sikulu
Andrew Ammendolia
Anne Fidler
Margaret Liccardello

**names will remain on the list for 1 month unless notified*

Recently Deceased:

Vincenzo Restelli
Stephen Chia
Giuseppe Cistulli
Teodora Quaratiello
Domerico Ciano
Ida Tripodi
Brian Patrick Harnett
Nicola Gregorace
Rosario Lauro
Lina Ingegneri



Anniversaries:

Veronica McTavish
Frederick McTavish
Lydia Fiorini
Peter Fiorini
Loretta Gioia
Bruna Rettore

For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord and let perpetual
light shine upon them.*

*May all the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen*



Parish Notices



All Hallows Ministries

The All Hallows Community offers a range of opportunities for involvement. The following are just some of the areas that you may like to consider contributing to as members of our community.

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Children's Liturgy
- Music Ministry
- Counters
- Lectors (reader at mass)
- Church Cleaners
- Catechists
- Hospitality (Tea & Coffee)



If you'd like to be involved in any of the parish ministries, please record your details on the sign-up sheets in the gathering space near the statue of St Patrick. Alternatively, you can contact the parish office for further information.

Help Needed

Does anyone have a spare room to rent to a nursing student who will be studying in Australia from the 5th March to the 15th May? Please contact the parish office or speak with Fr Sebastian if you can help.

World Day of Prayer 2023

TAIWAN

St Mark's Catholic Church

"I Have Heard About Your Faith"

The Inter Church Council of Christian Churches, Canada Bay, invites you and members of your church to gather for this year Prayer Service at St Marks Catholic Church.

Venue: 33 Tranmere Street
Drummoyne NSW 2047

Time: 10.00am

Date: Friday 3 March 2023

Followed by morning tea at the Parish Centre Upstairs.

For all enquires, please contact Parish Office:
Email: admin@stmarksdrummoyne.org.au
Phone: 9181 1795

Baptisms



We welcome

Amelia Ansell
Scarlett Ansell
Emily Mariniello



who are being baptised into our parish community of All Hallows this weekend.

"Anyone who welcomes this little child in my name welcomes Me." - Luke 9:48.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on **Fridays at 7pm**. It will commence on Friday, 24th February.



Please join us.

Lent 2023 with the Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful.



This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>.

Healing Mass and Parish Lenten Retreat

Fr Justin is coming back!

Fr Justin will celebrate a Healing Mass at All Hallows on **Thursday, 16th March, 2023 at 6pm.**



He will also facilitate a Day Retreat on **Saturday, 18th March 2023** in preparation for Easter.

The program of the Day Retreat is in the gathering space. If you are interested in attending, please place your name on the sign up sheet. Everyone welcome!




Children's Corner

Jesus fasts and is tempted by the devil

H Z E L N N U K T M T T Z A
X T M O U N T A I N B E D D
J T E S T I P H X D O M E J
C R Y M Q S T O N E S P C B
J H M C H V V L Q Q B L F J
F O R T Y S A T A N I E C Y
Y Y H J N U K K J J E S I N
C P U P C X D E V I L P T S
O W K B R E A D X R G S Y B
G H V Z K G J Z C M F O O D
S I I O G V K I W P D Y I D
F E E T O O U T X R J B H R
G W M C K Y Y O K H Y E S S
C D E S E R T T V M Z S C Y

Try to find these words:


bread
city
desert
devil
feet
food
forty
mountain
Satan
stones
temple
test

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7 A reading from the book of Genesis Creation of our first parents, and sin. 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.</p>	<p>(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offense. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.) 2. My offenses 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.) 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. (R.) 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.)</p> 	<p>Rom 5:12, 17-19 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.</p> <p>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.</p> 
Next Week's Readings		Gospel Acclamation
<p align="center">Second Sunday of Lent 1st Reading: Gen 12:1-4 2nd Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10 Gospel: Mt 17:1-9</p> 		<p>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!</p>

Gospel

Mt 4:1-11
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

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.



Have you thought about it? - An invitation

Lent is a season of invitation. It is an invitation to step into the desert with Jesus; to confront our own purpose and ministry and to renew our trust in God's vision for the world and for us individually. Seen in this light, Lent is so much more than fasting from meat and giving up ice cream for a few weeks. The whole idea of fasting and sacrifice is an attempt to simplify our lives. Through simplifying our life and removing some of the daily distractions, we can share in the desert experience of Jesus and then truly celebrate the hope reborn in the Easter season.



Sunday 26 February 2023
 Matthew 4:1-11
 1st Sunday of Lent

In the GOSPEL TODAY

MAKE GOOD CHOICES!

Jesus goes into the wilderness. He is tempted three times to do bad things. Jesus knows he must put God first. He makes the right choices and says "no" to temptation.



Loving God

Jesus loves God the Father very much. Jesus shows us how to love God too.

Draw yourself doing something which shows you love God inside this heart.



In Lent there are three ways we try to love God more. We try to love God when we...

No thanks

_____ (yarp)

_____ (salf)

give _____

(nyeom)

Maze

God loves us all very much and is always with us. This boy is in a tricky situation, stuck in the maze. Help him find his way out, just like God will help us.



How many angels?

God the Father sent the angels to help Jesus. How many angels can you find on this page?



Say no to bad things

Put a tick or a cross in the boxes to say whether you would listen to these children or not.

Hit your friend hard

Shares your sweets

Steal some money

Hug and kiss your mummy or daddy

A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, it is not always easy to make the right choices, Help me to be like you. Help me to say no to the things that aren't good for me. Amen.



Answers: Six angels. In Lent we: Pray, fast, give money.