

# All Hallows' Five Dock



1st Sunday of Lent | Year B | Sunday 18th February 2024

## 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 Sebastian

### Gospel Reading Mark 1:12-15

*Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.*

The announcement that Jesus makes as he begins his preaching in today's Gospel is recalled on Ash Wednesday at the signing with ashes: "Repent and believe in the gospel." This is our challenge for Lent; indeed, it is the challenge of our entire life. During Lent, we are invited to strengthen and to renew the promises that we made at our Baptism, to reject Satan and sin to live as children of God. Through the grace of God that we received at Baptism, we follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit and know that with Jesus' help, we will be victorious over sin.

As you gather as a family, talk about the importance of Baptism. At our Baptism, our sins were forgiven, and we promised to live as children of God. As part of the Rite of Baptism, we rejected sin and Satan. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:12-15. During Lent, we renew the promises of our Baptism, turning again from sin and promising to follow God. Light a candle, perhaps a candle used at one of your family member's Baptisms, and pray together the [Act of Contrition](#).

With best wishes -  
Fr Sebastian



### The Pillars of Lent

Prayer | Fasting | Almsgiving



- **Prayer** allows us to deepen our relationship with God and to offer thanks for our blessings.
- **Fasting** strengthens our ability to resist temptation and helps us walk in the shoes of the needy who go without.
- **Almsgiving** is our opportunity to give in the act of charity and help relieve the burdens of those in need.

## Sacramental Life

### Holy Mass:

**Saturday:** 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

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

**Monday - Communion Service - 8am**

**Tuesday - Friday:** 8am

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

- Start: Exposition at 12 noon
- Divine Mercy prayers: 3:00pm
- Reconciliation: 3pm – 3:40pm (when priest is available - contact office to confirm)
- Benediction: 3:45pm • Finish: 4:00pm

### 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](mailto: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>)

## 2024 Lenten Groups



During Lent, a time of penance and preparation, we engage in the spiritual life through prayer, fasting and almsgiving with the aim of deepening our connection with God, recognising Christ's Sacrifice for us, his passion and death and His resurrection. It is a time to reflect, repent and revitalise our commitment to our faith, to express our gratitude for Christ's sacrifices and to joyfully celebrate the arrival of Easter, the most important feast in the Church's calendar.

Parishioners are invited to join a Lenten group and journey together in preparation for Easter. The groups will run for 6 weeks, although parishioners are welcome to attend fewer meetings if they are unable to commit to all meetings. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. If you don't wish to leave your details on the sign-up sheet, they can be left with the parish secretary.



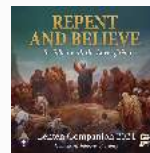
*Please consider joining your fellow parishioners in this opportunity to reflect on scriptural verses and to pray together.*

*Please direct enquiries to*

*Sandy Lynch - 0402 075 976 or Ann Kerley - 0408 720 461.*

## Repent and Believe - Lenten Companion 2024

This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Marilyn Rodrigues, Mark Lysaght, Sister Maliya Suen, RSM, Dr Kevin Wagner, Hazel Lim, Fr Sam Lynch, and Fr Richard Sofatzis. 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](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).



## Project Compassion



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations. *Please donate to Project Compassion.*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## All Hallows Youth Group

All Year 5 and 6 students are invited to join the **All Hallows Youth group**.



**Join us for mass at 5pm, followed by discussion, pizza & games in the parish hall until 7pm.**

The dates the Youth Group will run in term 1 are:

- \* 18th February      \* 3rd March
- \* 17th March



## Anniversaries:

Veronica D'Souza  
 Norbert Pasqual  
 Benjamin Moore  
 Terry McCabe  
 Vincenzo Restelli

## 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*

## Stations of the Cross

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on **Fridays at 6pm.**



*All Welcome!*

**\* Please note the change in time**



## 2024 Lenten Penance Notice from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Please find copies of the Lenten Penance notice available in the gathering space for those who would like a copy.



# Parish Notices



## No Monday morning Mass

Please note that there is no longer a Monday morning mass. It has been replaced by a Communion Service.



## Sacramental Dates 2024

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation - Year 3 & above

- Parent Information Night - Tuesday 7th May at 7pm in the Church.
- 4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at the Parent Information Night.
- Celebration of First Reconciliation: **Wednesday (evening), 12th June** at 7pm in the Church.



### Sacrament of Confirmation - Years 6 & above

- Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 30th July at 7pm in the Church.
- 4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at Information Night.
- Celebration of Confirmation: **Saturday, 7th September** - times to be advised.



### Sacrament of Holy Communion - Year 3 & above

- Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 24th September at 7pm in the Church.
- 4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at Information Night.
- Celebration of First Holy Communion: **Saturday, 16th November** and **Sunday, 17th November** – times to be advised.



## Easter Mass times



### Holy Thursday – March 28

7pm – Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration until 11pm.

**\* There is no 8am mass**

### Good Friday – March 29

10.00am - Stations of the Cross

3.00pm - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

### Holy Saturday – March 30

5:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

**\* There is no 8am mass**

### Easter Sunday – March 31

Masses are at 8:30am and 10.00am

**\* There is no 5pm mass.**



## Catholic Women's League

Welcome ladies to the CWL meeting on



**Monday 19 February at 10am  
in the Parish Hall**

Morning tea will be served.



Women of all ages can join CWL. Members enjoy sharing happy moments together with special outings & occasions promoting a sense of community.

## Double Celebration for great achievements!



*Happy Birthday to Rocco Scelzi  
who has recently turned 100!  
Congratulations Rocco and may  
God bless and protect you always.*

We also send our **congratulations** to Rocco Scelzi's brother, **Fr Giuseppe Scelzi**, a 97 year old priest in Rome, who has just been named the best theologian of 2024 by the Italian Academy of Art and Literature.



## World Day of Prayer



The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

This year, the World Day of Prayer is to be held at

Five Dock Drummoyne Uniting Church,  
5 Garfield Street, Five Dock

**on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10 am**

It will be followed by a morning tea.






## Children's Corner

Believe the Good News

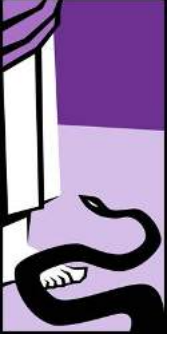
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Try to find these words:

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Galilee  
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John  
kingdom  
news  
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First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Genesis 9:8-15</b> A reading from the book of Genesis <b><i>I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.</i></b></p> <p>God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'</p> <p>God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'</p> 	<p><b>(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.</b></p> <p>1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)</p> <p>2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)</p> <p>3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)</p> 	<p><b>1 Peter 3:18-22</b> A reading from the first letter of St Peter <b><i>The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.</i></b></p> <p>Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.</p> 
	<p><b>Next Week's Readings</b></p> <p><b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p><b>1st Reading:</b> Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Rom 8:31-34 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 9:2-10</p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></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**

<p><b>Mark 1:12-15</b> A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark <b><i>He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.</i></b></p> <p>The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.</p> <p>After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'</p>	
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**Living the Gospel – Change of heart**

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural – to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.



Sunday 18 February 2024  
1st Sunday of Lent  
Mark 1:12-15

## In the GOSPEL TODAY

### TIME TO THINK!

#### Maze

After being in the desert Jesus went into Galilee. He went to tell everyone the Good News from God. Help Jesus find his way to Galilee.



Jesus goes into the desert by himself for forty days. He is tempted by the devil but the angels look after him. After this time, Jesus goes into Galilee to tell everyone the Good News that God loves them. Jesus tells people to turn back to God and believe in him.

### Jesus says...

Fill in the missing vowels (a, e, i, o, u) then put the words in the right order to find an important message from Jesus.

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### How many angels?

Angels helped Jesus. How many angels can you find on this page? [ ]



### My Lenten promise

Are you doing anything special this Lent? Write, or draw about, your Lenten promise here.

In Lent I promise to...

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Help me to keep my Lenten promise. Help me to make your kingdom real by sharing your love with the people I meet. Amen.

