



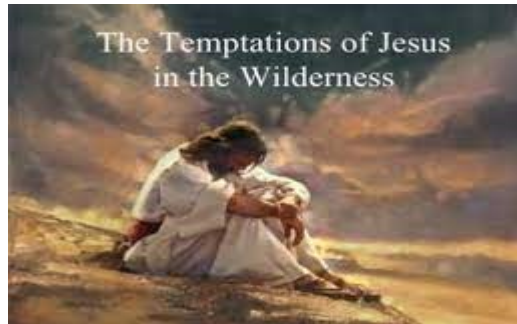
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First Sunday of Lent - Year B - 18th February 2024

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

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.' 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.'



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4

***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!***

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

***(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.***

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.)
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.)
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.)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

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.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

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. 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.'

Project Compassion First Sunday of Lent



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 the church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Dear Parish Family

Some thoughts to ponder for this week,

My dear parishioners, there is very much to be said in favour of Cardinal Newman's advice that religion is something best carried out in the silence of our hearts. Jesus did say that there are times to speak out boldly "from the roof tops." And yet we also know that holiness begins within our own hearts, in that secret place where our real self-worth lies. This Lent, Jesus is telling us to go worship God there, in the secret places of our hearts. It is an invitation to render our hearts to God.

This first Sunday of Lent, Jesus is led by the Spirit and is being tempted by Satan. Even though the temptations are not mentioned, we are made to realise that Jesus was triumphant against the temptations of Satan. Mark goes on to mention that "he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him." We see in this subtle mention that, harmony between all creatures is restored which is a sign of the coming messianic age "the time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand", and the ministering angels would imply that the gates of paradise were about to reopen - "the cherubim with flaming swords" (Gen 3:24) have become the assistants of the Messiah.

As we enter into this prayerful season I invite you to go into the wilderness of our own existence, to seek the Lord in silence by confessing your own temptations and weaknesses in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, remembering the words of the Lord, to "now, now – it is the Lord who speaks- come back to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12) Therefore, I invite you to make this Lent count for something, by actively participating in our parish's Lenten programs.

In Christ, Fr Leonard Caldera



Prayer Partner Initiative

During these six weeks of Lent, our parish will start the **Prayer Partner Initiative**, to partner with some one other than your family members and journey with them through prayer.

When does it start – from the 1st Sunday of Lent, for six weeks.

How does it work – pick up a paper cross (found at the back of the church), write your prayer intention that you would like someone to pray for (something personal or general- one intention per cross). Befriend someone in the church, have a chat with them and give them your written request and ask them to pray for your intention. Keep in touch with your prayer partner each week by giving them a prayer request each week.

Purpose – it is a community building initiative, based on our spiritual connection to each other through Baptism, as a child of God. Each of us have our trials and struggles (crosses) and in asking someone to pray for you and you, praying for them, thereby we share each other's burdens, understanding each other and supporting the other in prayer and building up our faith community and making a new friend in the process.

"As his fellow workers, we beg you once again not to neglect the grace of God that you have received. For he says: **At the favourable time I have listened to you; on the day of Salvation I came to your help. Well, now is the favourable time; this is the day of salvation.**" (2Cor; 20)

Fr Leonard Caldera

LENT PROGRAM— A Resurrected Life

Lent is a time of prayer, penance, renewal of faith and refocusing on God in our life and you are invited to consider joining a group for prayer, reflection and sharing based on the Sunday Gospels as we journey through Lent to Easter.

Friday 10.30am - downstairs in the Pastoral Centre

Lent reflection books available from the office or Mass Centres from this weekend. \$10 donation

For further information please contact the Parish Office 6331 4377.

A VOCATION VIEW

Lent: the springtime of the soul. It is a time to make a new covenant with God and develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your desert and discover your calling.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost, Kim Izard, Will Smith, Merril Thompson, Fr Terry Yard, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahon, Louisa Buttazoni, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall..

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Bronislawa Biernat and Lalla Smethurst who have died recently, Laura DiGiammarino, Irma Pasin, Tim O'Sullivan, Patricia Laird, Joseph Symons, Bev Ryan, Maureen Burns, Graeme Power, Dominic Tweehuysen, Hendrika Van der Aa, Jose Florez, Geoffrey Ferrall, and we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus,

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: We continue to pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every *Friday evening during Lent at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church*, Newstead. All welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The first meeting for 2024 will be held at **1.30pm Tuesday, 20th February, 2024**, at the Launceston Parish Centre. (The rosary starts at 1 pm). New members welcome. Inquiries: Victoria: 0408398785 and Rosa : 0427692929

MORNING AND EVENING MEDITATION will be held in the *Stables, Emmanuel Centre* on **Tuesdays at 10.30am** and **Wednesdays at 5pm**. All are welcome. **Enquires: Tina: 0417305546**

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY Every *Monday in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm*. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

THE CARMEL SHOP: The Carmel Shop is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays.

Please collect a copy of "A Year of Prayer" - Lenten Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Porteous

*Copies of the latest edition of The Catholic Standard are available in the Church and Pastoral Centre
Or view the online version on the Archdiocese of Hobart website: www.hobart.catholic.org.au*

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Parishioners, especially those in the St Finn Barr's parish community may be interested in helping to support refugee Mums at St Finn Barr's School improve their English.

A Chat and Chew group will operate on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 – 2.45 in the kindergarten.

A Working with Vulnerable People registration will be required.

Would you like to volunteer to help?

If so, please contact Donna McWilliam on 0418761922 for details.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Fostering Hope—caring for kids in care

This program is a simple way to encourage kids in foster care to have an additional safe, friendly adult to walk alongside them (2 hours/month).

Online information sessions about mentoring start next Wednesday 14th February.

Enquiries: Email: anthea@fosteringhope.net.au or visit: www.fosteringhope.community/mentoring

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmelite Monastery
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
6.30pm	Apostles	

WEEKDAY MASSES 19th—24th February

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmelite Monastery

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday:	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	12noon	Invermay
Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	7.30am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	9.30am -10.30am	Apostles
	5.15pm –5.45pm	Newstead

Reflection Day

Servant Leadership: more than feet washing.

Saturday 24th February, Emmanuel Centre 10am - 3pm.

Facilitated by Belinda Chapman and Maureen O'Halloran. Cost \$40. BYO lunch (morning tea supplied).

Please book by 19th February by phone: Maureen: 0400 038 095 or email: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com or use the QR code on the flyer in the church foyer to book online.



Palms Australia
Global Volunteering

Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives.

Learn more: Join our Mission **Webinar March 5th, 2024, 6:00 - 6:30 pm**. 63 years preparing Australians for enduring global relationships to build sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

Learn Even More: Join our two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024 to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together. Contact: 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

www.palms.org.au

Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:

Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish

BSB: 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.

Reference: "your surname"

MASS LIVE-STREAMED Each and every Sunday at 9am

On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.



PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..

RETREATS 2024

March long weekend (9th - 11th March)

"Pause" a small group, semi-silent retreat for women in the middle years who seek a time of prayer, guidance and stillness amidst the natural transitions of life to discover the emerging call of transformation and flourishing that God is inviting you to. This will be held at Clayfield Homestead, Bishopsbourne. Cost is \$425 including accommodation, meals, prayer resources and spiritual direction.

Bookings: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com
0418141171

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

To assist those in need, St Vincent de Paul Society are seeking donations of warm jackets, blankets, warm socks, beanies, scarves and toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap etc.

Donations can be left at the Parish Office during office hours.

Enquiries: Parish Office 6331 4377



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 19th:	Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday 20th:	Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday 21st:	Luke 11:29-32
Thursday 22nd:	Matthew 16:13-19
Friday 23rd:	Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday 24th:	Matthew 5:43-48

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

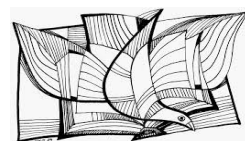
Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

Psalms 115:10,15-19

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

LIFE TO THE FULL CONFERENCE '24

Featuring the Sister of Life from New York City

For high school students in Grade 7 –12

26th –28th April 2024, Camp Clayton, Turners Beach

Cost: \$230 includes food and accommodation
(siblings discount available)

Further details: youth@aohtas.org.au or call 0448330238

Children's Corner

Resist the Temptation

Place ticks ✓ next to what you think are the right things to do.
Place crosses ✗ next to the things you would be tempted to do.

You see money lying on the ground at school



What do you do?

- ☐ You pick it up and take it to a teacher.
- ☐ You use it to buy icecreams and chocolate for all your friends.
- ☐ You leave it where it is.

You forget to do your homework



What do you do?

- ☐ You tell the teacher that you left it on the bus.
- ☐ You pretend to feel sick so that you can get out of class.
- ☐ You tell the teacher that you forgot to do your homework.

You break your mom's favorite vase when playing basketball in the hallway



What do you do?

- ☐ You tell your mom that the cat knocked it over.
- ☐ You tell her that you knocked it over with your basketball.
- ☐ You glue it back together and hope that no-one notices.