

St Jude's Parish News Bulletin

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Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9.00 am – 4.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am 4.00 pm

1st SUNDAY LENT- YEAR A

1st MARCH 2020

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 6.30 pm
Sunday 8.30 am
10.00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday	7.00 pm	Mass, Benediction and Novena to St. Jude
Wednesday	9.15am	
Thursday	9.15 am	
Friday	7.00pm	Followed by Stations of the Cross (Lenten Season)
Saturday	9.15 am	

MALAYALAM MASS

Sunday 11.15am

HEALING MASS

Every 2nd Sunday of month 6.30 pm

ADORATION

First Friday of the Month after 9.15 am Mass

COMMUNITY MINISTERS 7th March & 8th March 2020

	Leader & Reader	Special Ministers	Piety Stall
6.30 pm	S Peckham	J Essing & M Morris	K Blencowe
8.30 am	S Peckham & M Morris	C Watts & C Litova	M Morris
10.00am	J Prince & G Fernandez	D Hall, N Woods B Fernandez	L Turnbull

Counting : B O'Shea, J Mildenhall, J Gibson

Cleaning : L Xeres, J & A MacDonald

Flowers : Lent No Flowers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We pray also for all who are sick at this time including our family and friends, **Kathleen Kennedy, Liz Yole, Betty Curran, Nancy Watkins, Fernando & Dolores De Aizpurua.**

COLLECTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

Stewardship Envelopes	\$ 655.50
Direct Debits/Credit Cards	\$ 875.00
Presbytery	\$ 594.00
Timor Leste	\$ 401.00

S.V.D.P.

Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 3.00pm in the Parish house.

If you require assistance call 9769 6060 or to donate goods call 1800 621 349.

RECONCILIATION ADULT FAITH SESSION

Tuesday 3rd March at 2pm or 6pm in School Library for all parents of children enrolled to receive this Sacrament this year.

IN THE PARISH HOUSE THIS WEEK

Monday	MEN'S BIBLE/SMALL GROUPS	7.30pm
Thursday	LENTEN GROUPS	10.00am & 7.30pm
Friday	SUNSHINE SINGERS	10.30pm

JESUS MY SAVIOUR DOCUMENTRY

SHALOMWORLD.ORG

God's Own Channel

Paul Hughes (one of our parishioners) is featured in this documentary.

You can watch it on Saturday 7th March at 7.30pm on <https://shalomworld.org/watchlive>

It is retelecast on 7th March at 11.30pm, 8th March at 11.00am, 13th march at 9.30am.

WE ARE IN URGENT NEED FOR PEOPLE TO HELP WITH MINISTRIES.

Please contact the Parish office during working hours (listed at the top of Bulletin) or fill in yellow Time & Talent sheet in the foyer and leave in Fr. Martin's sacristy, as new Rosters are being compiled now, please let the office know before 2nd March. Thank you. Chris.

AVAILABILITY FOR NEXT ROSTER

If you are unavailable in April, May, June, or July please email the office by 2nd March.

If you are wanting to join the rosters please advise by the same date.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

This great fundraising event is back, we are looking for people to help with the running of this raffle.

We require 6 people to sell raffle tickets at the weekend Masses and 2 people to sell after the Tuesday evening Mass. We will try to commence selling tickets **NEXT WEEKEND** and will be selling tickets for 6 weeks **ONLY**. We have only had **ONE** person volunteer for the selling of these tickets.

Please email the Parish Office and let us know if you can help **as soon as possible before next weekend**

PROJECT COMPASSION

Don't forget to take home your Project Compassion box, Caritas do amazing deeds in all parts of the world, and they need our support.

CUPPA NEXT WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES.

Next week Readings:

First Reading – Gen 12:1-4

Responsorial Psalm – Ps 32:4-5.18-20.22. R. v. 22

Second Reading – 2 Tim 1:8-10

Gospel – MT 17:1-9

1st March 2020



Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

REFLECTION

The wilderness is generally considered to be a place of isolation, even deprivation, and we tend to measure personal success by the very opposite—by activity and possessions, wealth, pleasure, even the number of friends or “likes” that we accumulate. Yet the wilderness experience prompts us to abandon such measures and falsehoods and to encounter our true, raw selves. The contemporary secular movements of mindfulness and minimalism are ways of approximating the positive dimension of the wilderness experience. It is clear that many in our world, especially the young, yearn for this. Note that in this passage Jesus is led by the Spirit; so this time of testing is part of God's plan. Then, at the conclusion of his time in the wilderness, the angels ‘suddenly came and waited on him’. These supernatural elements affirm the presence of God during this time of testing. Note also that the Spirit leads Jesus through the wilderness, not simply to it. The wilderness is not a destination to arrive at; it is an experience to go and grow through. This resonates with times in life when we are challenged, even tested—through loneliness, insecurity, doubt, grief, even significant decision-making. These are the times when the distractions of life are put in perspective or removed all together, when all is laid bare; ironically, these are also the times when my prayer life seems at its deepest and the presence of God is palpable. These times are not ‘life-taking’ but rather lifegiving; not so much moments of break-down as moments of break-through. So, while I do not seek such ‘wilderness’ experiences, I know that I need them to remind me of my dependence on my God and the need for humility and compassion in my life. Experience has taught me that God's Spirit is with me and leads me through the wilderness. So, during this season of Lent, embrace the wilderness moments—whether they are by choice or imposed— using them to discern how you are called to serve God's mission. Reflect too on the example of Jesus and what the three temptations he confronts might teach us about selfsufficiency, power, influence and control. Succumbing to these individualistic temptations puts distance between God and ourselves, between ourselves and the rest of humanity. With each temptation, Jesus responds with faith in God; what better example could we have?

Office of Evangelization, Reflection provided by Ria Greene.

PRAY

Lord, as we travel deeper into the wilderness, show us our need of you, and teach us to listen attentively to the quiet voice of your Spirit in our lives. Amen.

First Reading Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14.17.R. see v.3

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

My offences 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.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading Rom 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mt 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.