

**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.

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# Reflections on the Gospel

## THE TEMPTATION TO USE OUR OWN YARDSTICK, NOT GOD'S

Jesus' temptation in the desert, as Pope Benedict XVI explains in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, "is a descent into the perils besetting mankind, for there is no other way to lift up fallen humanity. Jesus has to enter into the drama of human existence, for that belongs to the core of his mission; he has to penetrate it completely, down to its uttermost depths, in order to find the 'lost sheep,' to bear it on his shoulders, and to bring it home."

The temptations then are not an encounter with the devil that happened once in Jesus' life, at the beginning of his public ministry, but they have to do with his struggle to be faithful to the task given him by the heavenly Father.

The first temptation has to do with hunger. Pope Benedict explains: "Bread is important... but most important of all is unbroken fidelity and faithful adoration. When God is set aside on account of more important things (like bread), it is precisely these supposedly important things that come to nothing."

The second temptation has to do with a sort of vision of power and glory. The Pope says that earthly kingdoms remain earthly human kingdoms, and anyone who claims to be able to establish the perfect world is the willing dupe of Satan.

The third temptation is about spectacle, summed up under the motif of "bread and circuses." After bread has been provided, spectacle has to be offered. And this has to be provided by God. This is outright arrogance, the Pope says. To make conditions on God is like to make oneself God. And to do this is to abase not only God, but the world and oneself, too.

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# THE SAVING WORD

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## FIRST READING

Deut 26:4-10

**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.

## RESP PSALM Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v. 15

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

1. 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.**

2. 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.**

3. 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.**

4. 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

Rom 10:8-13

**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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 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!

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## Sunday Evening 5.30pm Mass

The Sunday, 5.30 PM Mass will be discontinued as of the first Sunday in March - i.e. Sunday, 6 March 2016. The final Sunday evening mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 28 February 2016.



During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday starting at 7.15pm in the Church. All welcome.



### Holy Land Olive Wood display

Religious items will be on display on 20th/21st February weekend after Sat 5.30pm, Sun 9am & 11am. Proceeds of the above will be spent for the Christian Families in Bethlehem. Please support.

### The 20th Melbourne Passion Play

When : Palm Sunday 20th March at 1.30pm & Good Friday 25th March at 10am  
 Where : Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster (entry via Church Road—off King Street).  
 For more information, please visit our the website : [www.passionplay.info](http://www.passionplay.info)

The Archbishop's Pastoral Letter for Lent can be retrieved from the following link. Hard copies are available in the foyer if you do not have internet access.

<http://www.cam.org.au/News-and-Events/News-and-Events/News/Article/20453/Archbishop-Hart-releases-his-Lenten-Pastoral-Letter-Missionaries-of-Mercy#.VrKiu7J96Uk>

## MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 5.30pm.

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.45am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Death Anniversaries : Luciano Iacuone, Vicki O'Meara, Des O'Meara, Ottavio Tasca, Maria Lauletta  
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May they rest in peace. Amen.

## PARISH DIARY

Sat 13th Feb @ 5.30pm—Commissioning Mass for Grade 3  
 Tue 16th Feb @ 4pm—Reconciliation Classes in the Clifton Centre  
 Wed 17th Feb @ 7pm—Baptism Preparation in the Clifton Centre  
 Fri 19th Feb @ 9.15am—Year 2 & 4 Mass  
 Fri 19th Feb @ 7.15pm—Stations of the Cross  
 Sat 20th Feb @ 5.30pm—Baptism Welcoming

Collections Last Weekend  
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving)  
 Actual — 2,160  
 2nd Collection (Presbytery)  
 Actual — 1,005

A MINISTRY OF HOPE: Plans are currently being put in place for a group to bring consolation, support and friendship to anyone going through difficult times. Please pray for the success of this initiative. More later when details are finalized.

In the meantime if you or any member of your family would like a pastoral visit please contact [Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au](mailto:Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au) or call 98503262. Mons. Franco and I will be more than happy to make time for you, and to pray with you.

Parish Lenten Program: Being Lost – Being Found: Gospel Reflections for Lent. The six sessions will focus on God's loving Mercy through exploring the Gospel readings for each Sunday through: guided meditation; discussion questions; personal stories, closing prayers; and suggestions for works of mercy in daily life. Dates: Every Thursday Evening beginning on February 11. (Six Sessions). Time: 7.00-pm to 8.30pm.

### Sacramental Program:

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Enrolments have now closed for the year.  
 Parents' Information Evening: Tuesday 8 March @ 7.30pm.

Enrolment for all Children's Sacraments: Forms can be downloaded from the website.  
[www.stclementparishbulleen.org.au](http://www.stclementparishbulleen.org.au)

Catechist: We need catechists to help out with the children's catechism classes in preparation for the sacraments. Please contact Cecilia Tan @ [Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au](mailto:Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au) or 98503262 if you are able to help with this important Ministry.

## LITURGY ROSTERS

13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> February	Sacristan	Rita Gagliardi	Francis & Gloria Ng	Chris Zordan
COMMENTATOR	Jacinta De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg	May Teh	
Reader	Rene De La Cruz	Jim Cowhey	Donna Hayne	
Special Ministers	Loretta Galante	Maria Papalia	Loretta Galante	
	Reg Lecordier	Elsa Waters	Corinne Goh	
	Maree Marsi	Chris Zordan		
		Trish Atherton		
		Anne Fusca		
		Gabriella Grande		
		Eleanora Mascitti		

20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> February	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng	Jan McQueen
COMMENTATOR	Rene De La Cruz	David Mitchell	Donna Hayne	
Reader	Paul Sammut	Sylvie Duff	May Teh	
Special Ministers	Warwick Wright	Eleanora Mascitti		
	Loretta Galante	Sylvia Mascitti	Donna Hayne	
	Reg Lecordier	Pam Mitchell	Cecilia Lam	
		Gloria Ng		
		Maria Papalia		
		Elsa Waters		
		Chris Zordan		
		Trish Atherton		

### HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE



PARISH RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March : 7.30pm  
 PALM SUNDAY – 19<sup>TH</sup> /20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March : 5.30pm  
 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March : 9.00am & 11am (Italian)  
 HOLY THURSDAY – 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper : 7.30pm  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight (Clifton Centre)  
 Meditation on the Stations of the Cross (Clifton Centre) : 10.00pm  
 GOOD FRIDAY – 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
 Stations of the Cross : 11.00am  
 Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord : 3.00pm  
 Via Crucis (Italian) : 7.30pm  
 EASTER VIGIL – 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
 Mass in English : 5.30pm  
 Mass in Italian : 8.30pm  
 EASTER SUNDAY – 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
 Mass in English : 9.00am  
 Mass in Italian : 11.00am

PLEASE NOTE : NO MASS AT 5.30PM

JOYOUS EASTER BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL

### BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS ON THE EASTER TRIDUUM

You are invited to reflect on the gospel accounts of The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus with Fr Frank Moloney SDB a world renowned Biblical scholar. Four evangelists writing at different times for diverse faith communities offer four different accounts of the events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Come along as tantalising insights to gospel diversity are unfolded! You are welcome to bring your friends.

WHERE Our Lady of the Pines Church, 77 Carbine St Donvale  
 WHEN Thursday 3rd March 2016

TIME 7:00pm – 9:00pm  
 COST \$5.00 (Proceeds donated to Don Bosco Hostels) Refreshments will be provided  
 RSVP: By 28 February 2016  
[skay@bigpond.net.au](mailto:skay@bigpond.net.au) or Steve on 0407 392 763