

Lent — that beautiful season of the Church when Catholics prepare for Easter by getting back to the basics of our faith – relationship with God and others.

To help us do this, we focus on three things during this season: prayer and spending time with God; fasting which helps us make more room for God by going without some of the things we usually fill our tummies or time with; and alms-giving which puts our love for others into action.

For more ideas to engage kids in prayer, fasting and alms-giving this Lent, download the free copy of the kids *Lenten calendar: Make a new beginning with Jesus at Lent* from the <u>online shop</u> at <u>evangelisationbrisbane.org.au</u>, under <u>free resources</u>.





Prayer

One idea to help make prayer a part of Lent for kids is to make a prayer chain. Just cut up some purple paper strips and each day write down the name of someone you want to pray for. Attach each

new strip to the chain and watch it get longer and longer every day.

Fasting

To introduce kids to the idea of fasting, try a 'goodbye for Lent'

box. Invite your kids to choose a toy or game they plan to fast from for Lent, pop it in a box with a sign that says something like 'goodbye for Lent' or 'see you at Easter'!



Almsgiving

A fun way to get kids excited about giving to others is to engage them in some secret acts of kindness. This could be things like leaving kind messages or doing other nice things for each other. The trick is, don't get caught (that goes for parents too)! *[Evangelisation Brisbane]*

Call to All Catholics: baptisedcatholic.com.au livingcatholic.com.au busycatholic.com.au

Alpha begins on Wednesday 17th March (Wednesday 6.30pm) at the Parish Hall. To find out more about Alpha,

visit: <u>alpha.org.au</u>



Last Wednesday morning, we were already 30-minutes in the second day of our 2-day *Augustinian Provincial Council* meeting in Sydney when I received a call from the *supply priest* for the 8am Ash Wednesday Mass, 3 minutes before the scheduled start of mass. He said that he is unable to make it. A kind of surge of electricity just went past my hands as I was hearing the news on the other end, knowing that I could not do anything. Despite that, props to Deacon Tuan and the rest of our liturgical ministers for wonderfully continuing with the Ash Wednesday service. And our sincerest apologies to you if the circumstance last Wednesday morning has caused you any inconvenience. - Fr Francis, osa



Believing in the Good News

Mark's account of Jesus being tempted in the desert is very short, only two sentences long. However, it is just as clear from this telling of the story as it is in the longer versions that Jesus leaves the desert with a strong message.



"I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings."

Sheepish Question:

How do I respond to God's loving promise of salvation?

Jesus' words, "repent, and believe in the good news," need to be elaborated on if we want to understand what Jesus is asking of us. "Repent" means more than counting up our sins and saying we are sorry. To repent means to take a serious look at not just what we have done, but the person we have become.

Jesus is asking us to pay attention to how we are living our lives. How do we see ourselves? What are we all about? Why do we go to work, clean the house or shuffle the kids to scouts and soccer? What is our purpose?

In this world, we are often identified by what we do and what we have. We are a success if we have a good job, make a lot of money, have a house full of things. Jesus asks us to see ourselves in a different way. He asks us to see ourselves as God created us—a much-loved child, uniquely gifted, created to love as God loves. God considers us a success if with Jesus' help—we become the person we were created to be, bringing God's love to the world.

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments; they were part of God's covenant with the chosen people. In the new covenant Jesus tells us we are God's children.

He let's us know that we are expected to do more than just follow God's law. Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, a new attitude to life. As God's children we are not only rooted in the Commandments; we are expected to carry Jesus' light and his loving, forgiving attitude to the world. That is the gospel Jesus proclaimed. This is the Good News.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What can you do to create greater peace and harmony in your home? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk about what the world would be like if all Christians lived as God wants them to live.

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Justice Challenge February 21st, 2021 • 1st Week in Lent

We are entering the first full week of our Lenten journey—a journey to the cross and then to resurrection. We know we can't go straight to resurrection. As with Jesus, the sacrifice of the cross is a necessary part of our journey. Your challenge this week, but really for all of Lent, is to think of someone in the world who is experiencing the weight of their own cross. It might be the cross of hunger, of human trafficking, of living in a war-torn village or city, or of being denied freedom of expression. Even though you don't know this person's name, imagine how this person looks, how old they might be, and even where they live. Then choose something to give up this Lent, something which may cause a bit of suffering and sacrifice on your part, to stand in solidarity with the brother or sister whose pain is—and should be—our pain. Offer up your sacrifice on their behalf. Every day, as members of our one human family, say a prayer for this person. Use the time or the money you would have spent on whatever you give up to support an organization in your parish or in our universal Catholic Church which works to end injustice for those who suffer. Some possible choices include your local St. Vincent de Paul chapter, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Charities, or Catholic Relief Services.

St. James Parish acknowledges the Jaggera People of Coorparoo as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.

Please pray for recently deceased: Barry Miller; Maria Luz Aungon; Basilisa Salndaguit; Aiden Donnelly; Nicky Stafford; Peter Herman; Lenore Van Den Brock.

Lenten Book \$5

And these anniversaries: Gerard & Luke O'Reilly; Barbara Carrillo; Eudosia Ortiz; Harold Frampton.



Please pray for these unwell: Rhelma Kenny; Lenore Gerard; Laurie Sheehan; Sharon Kennedy Gerlach; Michael & Mary Clare Simpson; Gerry Shield; Arlina Diaz; Desley Whitehouse; Laurie Sheehan; Arturo Belciña.

Parish news

Look to Jesus (6 copies available) will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent. Lenten group will be held on Tuesdays, after 8am mass.

Way of the Cross will begin Wednesday 24th February and be held in the Church each

Wednesday during Lent, after 8am mass. {not held on Wednesday during Holy Week}

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Parishioners - we will have a working bee for our church and surrounds on Saturday March 13th. More information shortly.

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of "The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped" within the Parish in these difficult times. Even in these times of COVID, the Parishioners of St James Coorparoo have raised \$3,293.85. Your generosity will enable us to carry on our work within our communities on your behalf.

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Our first Brisbane East Deanery (BED) meeting for 2021 at: Sts Peter and Paul, 25 Main Ave Bulimba Thursday February 25, 2021 at 7pm. ph: (07) 33983697

e: reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au with attendance.

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Candles 50c or gold coin donation at each candle stand in the 4 corners of our church.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2021 It will be held on Friday 5th March at 10am: annual global ecumenical movement run by Christian women. Locally, this year St. James will be the host with 5 other local churches joining us. Everyone very welcome.





- 20 7pm-9.30pm St James Hall/Carpark - BBQ and Music Under the Stars (organised YYAM for our parish) Gold coin donation for upcoming projects by YYAM. 23 Group Lenten Reflection after 8am mass
- 24 Way of the Cross after 8am mass
- 26 Friday 9am mass
- 27/28 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite): Year B/1 2nd Sunday Lent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) Baptisms not available.

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- 2 Group Lenten Reflection after 8am mass
 - Way of the Cross after 8am mass;
- З 5 Friday 9am mass 5
 - Friday 10am World Day of Prayer Vanuatu (Venue: St James Church, Coorparoo)
- 6/7 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through Eventbrite); Year B/1 3rd Sunday Lent (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7 & 9am) Baptisms not available during Lent 9
 - Group Lenten Reflection after 8am mass

Due to WDOP 2021 Friday 5th March at 10am, Anointing + Healing Mass is to be held a week later, Friday 12th March @ 9am.

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Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. She was forced to flee the armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly



mother and her eight-month-old baby.

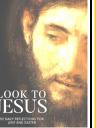
With the support of **Caritas Australia**, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support, and learnt sewing skills to help her earn an income.

Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia," Jamila savs.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Planned Giving for the Week of 14th February, 2021							
Collection <u>Account numbers</u> to be changed beginning 1st March	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total		
1 st Collection Augustinian BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006160102 (to be changed to 100019791 on 1st March)	\$862.60	\$282	\$330	Last week	\$1,474.60		
2 nd Collection Parish BSB: 064 786 Account #: 006161103 (to be changed to 100005891 on 1st March)	\$250.05	\$434	\$420	of each month	\$1,104.05		



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Sunday's Readings: 1st Sunday of Lent

First Reading *Genesis 9: 8-15* I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. **Second Reading** *1 Peter 3: 18-22* The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.



Gospel Reading Mark 1: 12-15 He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

Mass times WEEKEND: <u>Saturday</u> 8 am; Vigil 6 pm <u>Sunday</u> 7 am, 9 am, no longer 6pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

WEEKDAY: Friday 9 am.

RECONCILIATION: <u>Saturday</u> 4.30—5.30 pm... by new Eventbrite link or call parish office. **HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 12th March @ 9am.

Counters

February 20 / 21 Kate & Greg

February 27 / 28 Brendon & ...

Ministry	NEXT WEEK February 27 / 28	SATURDAY 6 PM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 7AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 9AM (SIGN AT DOOR)
COMMENTA	TOR	Ron S	Don T	Morag S
LECTOR		Karleen O'R	Trish R	Ray M
EXTRAORDII MINISTERS (COMMUNION	DF	Anne S Paul D	Yen Mai Vu Marj N	Yen N Pat P
HOSPITALIT	Y	None	during	CV19
ALTAR SERV	/ER/S	Joe / Rodel / Ramil	Gene	Leah
POWERPOIN	IT	Cecilia D	John D / Gilbert	Di / June S
MARSHAL		Lorie / Karen / Will / Rachelle	Brendon G / Trish R	Cathy M

Next Sunday's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Lent

First Reading Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 The sacrifice

of Abraham, our father in faith. **Second Reading** *Romans 8: 31-34* God did not spare his own Son. **Gospel Reading** *Mark 9: 2-10* This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him. For complete Sunday's readings, visit our <u>St James website</u> (look for the Prayer tab). <u>www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au/sundays-readings</u>.

