



# OUR PARISH

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm

On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am

Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

## WEEKDAY MASSES Mondays 9:10am Communion service

Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass for an hour.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

## BAPTISMS By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on

the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

## MARRIAGES By appointment at least 6 months notice.

## First Sunday of Lent/B 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

### Gospel Reading Mark 1:12-15

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

Fr Danai  
Parish Administrator

## Thought of the Week

"Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth." — St. Peter Damian



## WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Ella Rose Abi Shefa who will be baptised this weekend.

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays of the month at 11am.

## Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

#### (RCIA):

Heartfelt Congratulations to our Catechumens namely, **Ngoc Tran Ngo and Peter Nguyen Tran**, who will participate in the "Rite of Sending" this Sunday at the 8:00 am, Mass. Their names will be inscribed in the Book of the Elect to be taken to St Mary's Cathedral next week (18<sup>th</sup> of February) for the "Rite of Election", to be presented to Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Please continue to support our soon to be "the Elect" catechumens through your prayers and encouragement. Thank you from the RCIA Team

#### We pray for...

**Our sick:** Alan Biag, Josephine Schembri, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Bernice Mack, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Zvonko, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Ed Malapitan, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Steve, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Roque Noronha, Ana, Maria & Richard, Tony Surace, Mate, Tania, Anka, Roman, Cecilia Felipe, Marcus Batros, Vincenzo Melissari, Josipa, Gioseppina Bartone, Alex, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Sipina family, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo, Lina (Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Renza Martignago, Lilian Camba, Dennis De Martin, Gil Ilagan, John Svircevic, Zenaida Matias, Carlo Farrugia, Tobia Panuccio, Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen, Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis, and those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** Mario Todaro, Giuseppe Varrica, Sandro Oselli, Josip & Andelko Lozina, Grazia & Giuseppe Panuccio **Other deceased including:** Gaetano and Agnes Cordina, Purificacion Ortega, Rosaro Violi, Juliana Medina & Rolando Olano, Thomas Yousif, Steven Suplat, Albert & Jean Montgomery, Thelma Fernandes, Mario & Antonina Sinacori, Frank Ieroianni, Angelita Bowrow, Slavko Kucinic, Ramon Umali, Pasquale Carboni, Anna Cattelini, Carlo Farrugia, Stefano Cantele, Anita Wilson, Margaret Bastic, Stephen & Maria Suplat, Francesco Papalia, Milagros Gaspi, William Barton, Reynaldo Morales, Bernard Gitz, Agostino & Carmela, Ivan Bonza, Mario Cutajar, Louis Borg, Agostino Ranieu, Carmela Ranieu, Conor Dinan, Margaret Bastic, Maria & Teresa & Conor Dinan, Emmanuel Attard, Vincenzo Demaio, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Tom & Patrick Anderson, Nonata San Miguel, Derrick Mack, Grant Colomb, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Guido & Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. **May they rest in peace.**

**Funeral:** Renza Martignago on the 20th February at 12pm.

**Other Intentions:** Ana, Marija-Marina, A Froio, Ljuvicic & Serka, Michael, Melisa

### The Parent's information evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be on the 7th March at 6pm in the church.

Children must be 8 years old & above at the time of preparation. Please bring the baptismal copy and a \$50 fee.



## Parish Diary



<b>Monday</b> 19th February	<b>9:10am</b> Communion Service <b>10:00am</b> Praise & Worship— Italians
<b>Tuesday</b> 20th February	<b>9:10am</b> Mass <b>12:00pm</b> Funeral-Renza Martignago <b>7:00pm</b> Lenten Reflection—Deacon <b>7:00pm</b> Praise & Worship
<b>Wednesday</b> 21st February	<b>St Peter Damian</b> <b>9:10am</b> Mass <b>7:00pm</b> Choir <b>7:30pm</b> Finance Meeting
<b>Thursday</b> 22nd February	<b>The Chair of St Peter</b> <b>9:10am</b> Mass Adoration after the Mass for an hour.
<b>Friday</b> 23rd February	<b>St Polycarp</b> <b>8:30am</b> Stations of the Cross <b>9:10am</b> Mass-Whole school <b>7:00pm</b> Stations of the Cross <b>7:30pm</b> Praise & Worship –JHPGroup <b>7:30pm</b> Rosary -Disciples of Sacred Heart of Jesus
<b>Saturday</b> 24th February	<b>5:00pm</b> Reconciliation <b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass <b>7:30pm</b> Adorers of the Holy Eucharist
<b>Sunday</b> 25th February	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> <b>8:00am</b> Mass <b>10:00am</b> Mass-Kindy & Y6 attending <b>6:00pm</b> Mass

### First Sunday of Lent

<b>1st Reading</b>	Genesis 9:8-15
<b>2nd Reading</b>	1 Peter 3:18-22
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 1:12-15
<b>Next Weekend:</b>	Genesis 22:1-2,9-13.15-18
<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	Romans 8:31-34
	Mark 9:2-10

**Freeman Catholic College Open Day on Wednesday, 28th February from 4pm-7:30pm**

## Striving to be a “Loving, Caring, Christian Community”

From the Liturgy Office...

### Themes for the 1st Sunday of Lent Year B

The readings for this weekend get us thinking how God is faithful even when we wander away from him. The readings are also rich in themes that delve into the essence of Lent as a period of renewal, repentance, and preparation for Easter. Here are some key themes drawn from these readings:

- **Covenant and Promise:** The Genesis reading highlights God's covenant with Noah, symbolizing a universal promise of salvation and a new beginning for all creation. This reminds us of God's faithfulness and the enduring nature of His promises.
- **Salvation and Baptism:** The second reading connects the story of Noah to the sacrament of Baptism. It emphasizes Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection as the ultimate act of reconciliation between humanity and God.
- **Temptation and Victory:** Mark's Gospel describes Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, reflecting the trials and temptations that believers face. Jesus' victory over these temptations symbolizes His divinity and human strength, offering hope and encouragement for followers to overcome their own temptations.
- **Repentance and the Kingdom of God:** Jesus' message focuses on the call to repentance and the urgent announcement of God's Kingdom. This theme is central to the Lenten journey, urging believers to reflect, turn away from sin, and embrace the Gospel message with renewed commitment.
- **New Beginnings and Preparation:** Lent is a season of preparation, mirroring Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. This time is an invitation for personal and communal reflection, repentance, and preparation for the celebration of Easter, symbolizing the new life and hope that comes from Jesus' resurrection.
- **Divine Protection and Support:** The readings convey a sense of divine protection and support through God's promises, Christ's victory over temptation, and the guiding presence of angels. This reassurance is a source of strength and comfort for believers as they navigate their Lenten journey.

Therefore, these themes for the 1st Sunday of Lent Year B invite us to reflect on God's faithfulness, the significance of baptism, the importance of repentance and conversion, and the strength that comes from God's support in overcoming challenges. They frame Lent as a time to deepen one's faith and commitment to living according to the Gospel. *(Sourced from Young Catholics)*

God bless,  
Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

### Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

#### FEBRUARY: For The Terminally Ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.



## 2nd Sunday of Lent 24/25 February 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
<b>Commentator</b>	J Haddad	C Aranda	S Andrijic	J baulman
<b>Minister of the Word</b>	E Sadsad	R Williams	N Redoblado	E Gaspi
<b>EMHC</b>	F Di Marco Volunteer	A Froio R Wright G Kruk	E Laria V Pante	T Corpus L Bykowski S Seychell
<b>Data Proj/ Musician</b>	A&A La Rosa M Balgos	T Pham M Vargas	Volunteer Jesus the Healer	S Perez
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A La Rosa J Bahbah K Liang	Volunteer	J Batros	E&A Fleita M Nicolaou
<b>Piety Stall</b>	M La Rosa	C Maaka	K Vadala	R Rossi
<b>Counter:</b> Group 4 E San Miguel R Tripodi	<b>Altar Linen :</b> C Maaka	<b>Flowers :</b> No flowers during Lent	<b>Cleaners :</b> Group 8 M Liska S Skondro	

### LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

**All are invited to attend the Lenten Reflection to be led by Deacon Mervyn**

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish centre, led by Deacon Mervyn is providing an opportunity for the faithful to come together to pray and to prepare for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, using the **Lenten Companion now available in the foyer**. Please register (clipboard in the foyer).

#### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday throughout Lent commencing on the 16th Feb. at 8.30am and 7pm in the Church.

#### 23/24 March—Passion (Palm) Sunday

Procession of Palms into the Church

Masses: Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

#### 28 March—Holy Thursday

Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11:00pm

#### 29 March—Friday of the Passion of the Lord

10:00am - Morning Prayer

10:30am - Stations of the Cross

1:00pm - Filipino Liturgy

4:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

#### 30 March—Easter Vigil—Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer at 10am followed by the Blessing of Easter foods. Easter Vigil commencing (time tba) with the Blessing of Easter Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle & procession.

#### 31 March - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12pm (Laos Community)

**Note : No 6pm Mass**



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April 17- May 1, 2024

Please see Fr Danai