



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.

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Gospel Mk 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

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The Living Word

First Sunday of Lent, Year B

18 February 2024

First Reading Gn 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

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.'

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 Pt 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

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.



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SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm.
Spanish Speaking Mass 12:30pm;
Filipino Mass monthly 4th Sunday at 12:15pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Mondays - Church open for private prayer
Tuesday 7pm, Wednesday - Saturday 8:30am

Reconciliation: Saturday after morning Mass or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday - 9:00am to 3:00pm

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Next week 2nd Lent: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10.

Fr Stan writes ...

On the first Sunday of Lent each year, the Gospel reading is always about Jesus' temptation in the desert. In Mark's account this year, 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 invited to strengthen and to renew the promises that we made at our Baptism, to reject Satan and sin so as to live as children of God. Through the grace of God that we received at Baptism, we follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit and know that with Jesus' help, we will be victorious over sin.

If you are still looking for something to do this Lent, why not join us each Friday night in the Parish church for the Stations of the Cross? These are a beautiful devotion and a great way to get into the spirituality of the season of Lent. Each week a different group from the parish will lead us in this devotion. They commence at 7pm.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during weekdays in Lent will take place after daily Mass, Tuesday to Saturday for half an hour.

Stations of the Cross during Lent, each Friday at 7pm

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School Open Days

The school open days are an opportunity for parents who are thinking about sending their child to our school to visit the site and discover the offerings of our wonderful primary school. The Open Days are being held on Sunday, March 3, from 11:00am - 1:00pm and on Wednesday, March 6, from 9:30am - 11:30am. Each session will consist of school tours led by our student leaders in the first hour and an address by the principal at the start of the second hour.

To book, please visit the school website:

<https://hsnryde.syd.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/visit-our-school>.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office 9390 5810/ safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



First Sunday of Lent 17 & 18 February



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



On Monday 19th Feb at 7pm, Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA will visit St Kevin's Parish Eastwood (36 Hillview Rd Eastwood) to celebrate Holy Mass with Eucharistic Healing Service and Devotions.

Fr Peter is a well-travelled international speaker for over twenty years and has spoken at many conferences, retreats, and parish missions all over the world. Fr Peter is the spiritual director of English-Speaking

Divine Mercy pilgrimages to Krakow, Warsaw, Vilnius, Rome, including the Shrine of St Michael the Archangel in Mont Sant Angelo, Italy. Don't miss this opportunity to join Fr Peter at St Kevin's! **ALL WELCOME.**

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Jenny Scully Callaghan, Andrew Chan, Dean Davids, Joseph Papandrea, Vic & Avonia Moran, Joan Johnston, Michael Maglunog, Baby Addison Jean Oldman, Greg Forrester, Vianney Brown.

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: Angelina Gualdi, Tina Colagiuri, Dr Raphael Ibanez, Fr Kevin Bates SM, Yeung Cheung recently deceased.

Also, Giuseppe Petrolò, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Angelo & Carmela & Angelo Scicluna, Albert Khoshaba, George Maiolo, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale & Teresa Papandrea, Tony Bietola, Giovanni & Santina Bietola, John & Robyne Bietola, Sam Tedesco, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, the Escalante & Venal families, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Carmela, Angelo, Paul Scicluna, Ignazio (Jim) Torrisi, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Mary & Sam Bietola, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Gianni Gualdi, Antonino, Tindara & Vincenzo Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Angelina & Antonino Rando, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Fr Kevin O'Grady, Stefano & Giuseppina Zappia, John Granger, Concetta & Giuseppe Mule', Consolacion Salvador, Relina Boquiren and the deceased members of the Granger, Spora, Kearins families.