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Sunday, 18th February 2024
Thursday, 22nd February 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Feast of The Chair of St Peter, apostle

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WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00am, 10am

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday to Saturday 9.15am

HOLY ROSARY: Tuesday to Saturday 8.30am
Sunday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:40am and 4.30pm And by appointment

BAPTISMS: Sundays after 10am mass and by appointment

WEDDINGS: By appointment (minimum of six months' notice required)

ANOINTING MASS: 2nd Saturday of the month (March, June and September)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 1st Saturday of the month at 4pm
& Each Thursday 5pm – 6pm

PARISH SECRETARY: Thursday & Friday 9am to 5pm
(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)

This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired.

LET US PRAY FOR

Recently Returned to the Father: Margaret Parker, Maizie De Cruze, Miko Markovic, Crispin Francis

In Loving Memory of: Tony Smiroldo, Lavorato & Smiroldo Families, Lily Fernandez, Joseph Fernandez, Donald Rowland, Pippo Ranieri, Margaret Lena, Tony Ranieri, Norman Chestney, and Taniela Funaki
“May their souls through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

Prayers for the sick: Beth Tudehope, Jessica Tungul, Antony Lisica, Denise Mackie, Navjot Singh, Roger Shi, Mary Zheng.

“Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for them”

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Roster for 4th Sunday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Saturday 5pm	Denise Hall Mary Días	Tony Allan
Sunday 8am	Mary Kleist Barbara Mucha	Ruben Baluyot
Sunday 10am	Gilda Kazzi Joey Wang	Nicole Daniel



**Project Compassion Sunday
17 & 18 February**



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support his 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 calling 1800 024 413.1800 024 413.

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, THE APOSTLE On **Thursday, 22nd February**, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Chair of St Peter. At St John of God Parish we will celebrate at 9.15am mass. Everyone is welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING If you have any concerns you wish to raise for the council to discuss, please do so via email at auburncatholicchurch@gmail.com or approach Fr Richard. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 29th February at 7pm.**

ST JOHN OF GOD FEAST DAY, 19th ANNUAL PARISH REUNION To celebrate the feast of our parish we will have a solemn **mass at 10am** followed by a morning tea on **Sunday, 10th March 2024**. We look forward to seeing you all in McDermott House to come together as one. Please bring a plate to share. For any inquires please contact Marian Kelly.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT A reminder, that at St John of God, we celebrate Adoration **each Thursday, 5-6pm**. Let us come before Christ in His entirety: His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity to contemplate His awesomeness and to lovingly adore Him. When we do this, we are in His Real Presence. The sacrament of reconciliation is available during this time.

LENTEN GROUPS Lenten Reflection Groups will be held each Tuesday in the hall throughout Lent starting at **7pm**. Booklets will be available at the first session. All welcome.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every **Friday at 9.40am and 7pm** during Lent, come and participate in one of the most powerful devotions of the Catholic Church, the Stations of the Cross. As we walk in this journey of Lent, let us walk with Jesus on his way to Calvary. The church, as usual is open from 7am to 7pm so you can come and pray the devotion privately or as a group in your own time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Gen 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: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which save you now. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! **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! Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading Mark 1:12-15 Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do to me.

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

On Ash Wednesday, we started the season of lent. Lent recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, fasting and praying. The Gospel ends with Jesus being victorious over the devil and making the right choice. A German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche once said, "Out of life's school of war - what doesn't kill me, makes me stronger." We could reflect on the purpose of temptation.

The example of Jesus struggling against temptation, should act as a spur to us in our struggles with temptation. We can say "No" to temptation. It is hard to reject temptation. Temptation makes evil attractive. It tricks us into thinking we can attain possessions, popularity, and power for ourselves. And we can have all this now! Temptation makes selfishness seem right.

The strong attraction we have to evil is called "Original Sin." It is the universal temptation to focus only on the self and take the "easy way out." This inclination to sin began at the Fall, when Adam and Eve were tempted by the devil and disobeyed God. When Adam and Eve said "No" to God, they found it easier to say "Yes" to temptation. Because it was easier to give into temptation, it was easier to sin. From that point on, people endured the results of evil: ignorance, suffering, and death.

Jesus came to restore the relationship people had with God. He showed us the way when he said "No" to the devil by saying "Yes" to God. He also gives us the power in the gift of the Spirit. The Spirit strengthens us to place our focus on God, not on ourselves alone. By example of Jesus and with the Spirit, we can reject temptation.

Saying "Yes" to God can become a habit. Lent is the perfect time to strengthen this habit. During Lent, we focus on God in prayer, the needs of others with our charity, and away from our selfish wants with fasting. In this way, we can act like Jesus. We can say "No" to temptation and seek the will of God.

Link in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Temptation

Link in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Temptation 2847 – The Holy Spirit makes us discern between trials, which are necessary for the growth of the inner man, and temptation, which leads to sin and death. We must also discern between being tempted and consenting to temptation. Finally, discernment unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good, a "delight to the eyes" and desirable, when in reality its fruit is death.

A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

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 and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or 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.

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