

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 21 February 2021



Readings for
this week:

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

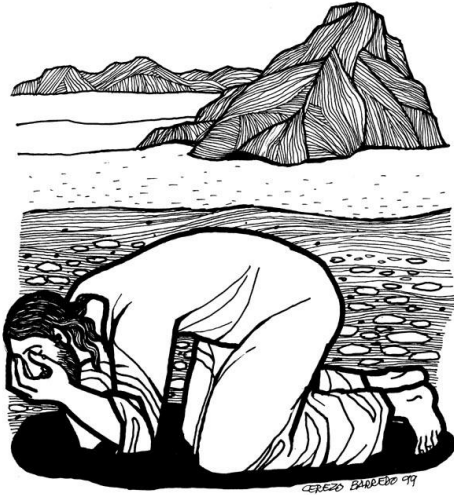


Readings for
next week

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10



Liturgical Jottings

Lent

“The season of Lent is most appropriate for celebrating the sacrament of penance. Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God heard the solemn invitation ‘Repent and believe in the Gospel.’ It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts” (Rite of Penance 13)

During Lent the Eucharistic Prayers of Reconciliation I & II are most appropriate. These Prayers come with their own Prefaces. But a new rubric in the 2011 Roman Missal suggests the use of the Lenten Prefaces that refer to conversion and penance.

Looking at the Readings

The First Sunday of Lent in the three cycles: A, B & C have the Gospel account of Jesus 40 days in the wilderness and the temptation by the Devil. Mark’s account, which we hear today, is very brief. The number and kind of temptations are not given. So brief is the account the next verses about the beginning of his Galilean ministry are added. These added verses provide the connection between fasting, prayer and the proclamation of the Good News. The exercises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are our preparation for hearing the Good News and proclaiming the Easter mysteries.

Unlike Ordinary time, the first readings and the gospels, which are connected in themes, are not connected during the Sundays of Lent. Rather the first readings form a sequences over the five Sundays. In Cycle B the first readings recall the events of God’s Covenant (Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jeremiah and Cyrus). The Gospels, third to fifth Sundays of Lent, focus on forthcoming death and resurrection of Christ.

The five “Second Readings” from three New Testament authors recount our salvation achieved by life in Christ. May we take up the opportunity this Lent to meditate on the rich selection of scripture passages.

Weekday Mass Readings

Unlike Ordinary Time, the Lenten First Reading and the Gospel Reading each day are connected to each other. Like Advent, there is one cycle, not two as in Ordinary Time. During the five weeks of Lent the readings give us a way to contemplate on conversion penance, confession, and the mercy and wonderful works of God. Thus enabling us in the active, conscious and fruitful participation in the mystery of faith and the day-to-day living of faith.

Quotes of the Day

“Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life...”
Pope Benedict XVI

On the Lighter Side

What animals on Noah’s ark had the highest intellect?

Giraffes

On Noah’s ark cows produced milk. What did the ducks give?

Quakers!

After the flood Noah told the animals to go forth and multiply

But the snakes objected. They said they were adders.





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Last Sunday was Project Compassion Sunday when boxes and envelopes are distributed in Catholic parishes across Australia.. As has been said many times, 2020 was a year like no other! Sadly, Project Compassion was cut short and, as expected, donations were well down. Nationally, Project Compassion raise \$7.9 million – a decrease of 27%. Sandhurst Diocese can be very proud of its contribution to that total, \$393,000 – a decrease of 21%. Thank you for your part in this. Your generosity enabled Caritas to help thousands in our global community whose needs become greater as the year progressed.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “Be More”.



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 says.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

Director, Mission and Pastoral Life, Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst, Bendigo

An exciting opportunity exists to become part of the senior leadership of the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst. This is a full-time role reporting to the Bishop.

Some of the key responsibilities will include:

- Supervise the missionary and evangelising staff of the Diocese.
- Build and effectively lead an agile and innovative team that will facilitate the missionary orientation of Diocesan and Parish life.
- Strategically implement directions within the vision for the missionary footing for the Diocese of Sandhurst.
- Build effective relationships with all stakeholders working in the mission and formation areas throughout the Diocese.
- Identify areas of need for support for mission, evangelisation and formation in parishes and develop strategies to provide this support.
- Engage and build strong relationships with the Chancery staff, Clergy and Parishes throughout the Diocese.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: 12 March, 2021

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For more information, a copy of the position description and how to apply.

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/director-of-mission-and-pastoral-life>

Your Parish Needs You

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a sign of a lively parish. The PPC provides a voice for all our pastoral activities.

If you are interested in ensuring our Parish is vibrant and lively please consider putting your hand up to become part of the PPC.

It would be wonderful to see our younger parishioners and parents of our school children become a more active part of our Parish. So if you have a desire to make sure that we continue as a viable, active and faith filled community. Then please consider becoming part of our PPC.

For more information, please email Debbie Worm our PPC Secretary on ldworm@bigpond.net.au.

Fr. John Paul

Position Vacant - Cleaner

We are looking to appoint a cleaner for the Parish House, approximately 4 hours per fortnight.

For more information call Mary on 0484 332 397.

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Peter Kerrins, Monsignor Collins
	Our sick and their carers	Sue MacDonald

Please note that names on the sick list only remain for four weeks unless, unless the Parish Office is asked for them to remain on the list for an additional four weeks.

C. W. L. Annual Conference

"The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga will hold its Annual Conference on Wednesday 3rd March at St. Joseph's Church and Presbytery, 42 Arundel St. Benalla. There will be Holy Mass at 10am, Morning Tea, opening prayer, followed by the Meeting. Lunch is at 12.30. At 1.30 Fr. Vijay Bandanadam, the Administrator of the Parish, has kindly agreed to be our Guest Speaker. Various reports will be presented, announcement of Office Bearers, and final prayers, concluding at approximately 3.30pm.

All are welcome, including non-members.

Fr. Peter Ferwerda, Spiritual Director." 16/2/21

Please note there is no
Reconciliation or Mass on
Saturday 27th February 2021

And no Reconciliation on
Saturday 6th March



Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Mon 1st March 7.30 – 9pm** (meals from 6pm optional) Come and join the conversation about **WHY GO BACK TO MASS?** Speakers are **Cathy Jenkins**, Assistant to the Director: Leadership with Catholic Education and one of Sandhurst Diocese' Delegates to the Plenary Council. And **Alma Limbrick**, Pastoral Associate in Kyabram Parish.

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Sandhurst Diocese Lent 2021 leaflets

The Sandhurst Diocese Lent 2021 leaflets invite reflection on excerpts from Pope Francis' 'Let us Dream', with suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary Council Thematic Discernment papers: 'How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is humble, healing and merciful?'

The leaflets for the First Sunday of Lent are in Narthex, please collect one and read and reflect over it.

For the complete set you can download it from the Sandhurst website.

Go to www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au menu 'News & Events' 'News'.

Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of

Denis Wood

will be offered at St Augustines Church Kyabram on Saturday 13th March at 10 am.

Mass Timetable Week commencing 22nd February

Weekday Mass

Monday 22 nd February	No Mass
Tuesday 23 rd February	No Mass
Wednesday 24 th February	No Mass
Thursday 25 th February	No Mass
Friday 26 th February	9:15 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 27 th February	5:30 pm
Sunday 28 th February	9:30 am

Reconciliation (in the Nuns Chapel)

Saturday 28 th February	No Reconciliation
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Convent Furniture

The completion of renovation works at the convent has brought about a need for the Parish to dispose of some older furniture that is now surplus to our needs.

For those interested in securing any of this furniture, it will be available for inspection immediately after Sunday Mass.

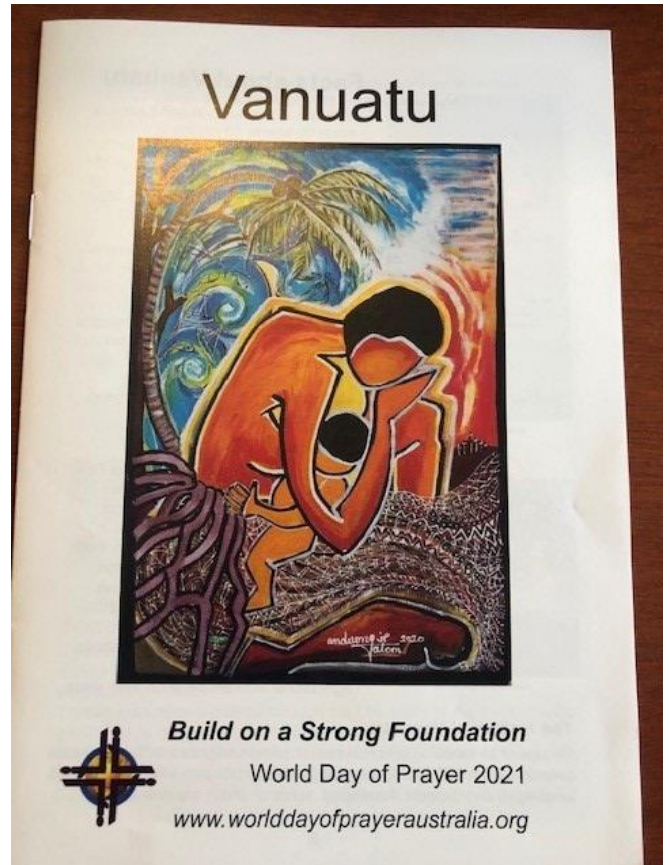
In the event that any parishioners wish to take any furniture they may wish to make a small donation to the Parish.

The following photos represent a small selection of what is available.



World Day of Prayer 2021 5 March 2021

This year on the World Day of Prayer we will be praying for Vanuatu.



Date: Friday 5 March 2021

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Sacred Heart Church, Tatura

Contact Person: Gwen Ranson, 5824 1251

