

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,

and they will support you on their hands

in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied,

'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,

and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NOW CO-EDUCATIONAL!





OPEN DAY
Tuesday 10 March
3.00pm – 5.30pm

- Hear about the exciting changes coming to our school.
- Take a tour and see our new facilities.
- Chat with our Principal.
- Take part in interactive activities.

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021 & 2022

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail with your details to Marie at admin@stfelixparish.org.au

Name..... Telephone No.:

Address:.....

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WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES ☐ WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE USING CREDIT CARD ☐ WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE MY DONATION ☐

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187;
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Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 9.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 9.00am

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7am and
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month
at 8.30pm

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Vietnamese Divine Mercy Prayer:
6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please
call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Preparation classes are
held in the Presbytery on the
1st Sunday of each month
after 10AM Mass .



Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She

faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous

health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family.

The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community. Let's Go Further, Together.**

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Comm Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

This weeks readings - Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Next Weekend: 2nd Sun Lent - Year A.

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; 2Timothy 1:8-10;
Matthew 17:1-9.

1st Sunday of Lent - Yr A - 1 March 2020

Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday 09 April - 7.30pm Mass followed by prayers until midnight
Good Friday 10April - 10.30am Youth re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross.
3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion
Easter Saturday 11 April- 7.00pm Vigil Mass. Easter Sunday 12 April- 8.00am; 10.00am & 6.00pm

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of Cross will be held in the Church every Friday evening at 7.30pm during Lent.

Lenten Penance

The Lenten Penance from the Archbishop can be found in the Church foyer. A few copies are available for those who wish to read it at home.

Youth Fundraiser—Thank you

The youth would like to thank everyone for their generous support last week at our fundraiser BBQ. Through all your generous efforts we were able to raise just over \$1000. These funds will go towards the events we run throughout the year for young people. please pray for us throughout the year as we work to help the young people of our parish have a richer relationship with Christ and His Church.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: John (Jack) Lopez; Piere Khawaja; Lillian Jaja; Van Tram.
Anniversary: Ha Van Thien; Phaolo Phan Van Tho; Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Phaolo Minh Truc Le; Jean Marie An
Deceased: Rosie Fernandes; Joseph Marcellus; Da Minh Tiem; Nguyen Thi Tu; Anton
Sick: Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez ; Lillian Jaja, Billy, Fr Ray Farrell; Ginette Sharok

Weekly Rosters

Sat 6pm		1 MARCH		8am	10am	6pm
Comm	Gloria Booby			Thuy Linh Nguyen	Thu Ha Kim	
Reader	Patrick Abourizk			Imelda Dela Cruz	Anthony Rowe	Anthony Eltarraf
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)			An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Emmanuel Icard			Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc
Minister	Cindy Hoang			Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Phu Nguyen
Choir	SMMC			SSOG	St Felix	Youth Choir
8 MARCH						
Comm	Kalisiana Mar			Philip Castillo	Henrietta Owusu	
Reader	Emmanuel Icard			Ligaya Castillo	Emanuela Viner	Nhung Bui
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)			An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Cindy Hoang			Thao Nguyen	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
Minister	Gloria Booby			Melanie Campisi	Ala Pesamino	Jacinta Eltarraf
Choir	St Anne			SSOG	St Felix Children	Sacred Heart
	1 March	8 March	Notes: <u>SSOG:</u> Singing Servants of God <u>SDMG:</u> Samoan Divine Mercy Group <u>SMMC:</u> St Mary Mackillop's Choir <u>Group 2:</u> Robyn Molloy, Rosa House, Jeannette Chong, Anna & Willy Gabut, Hien & Vu Bui (<i>Florist</i>)			
Altar Society	Group 1	Group 2 (<i>see notes</i>)				
Church Cleaners	Mai Hai	Charbel Karam				
SVDP	J Obeid	A Nguyen				
Children's Liturgy	Nicola	Family Mass				
Morning Tea	A & W Gabut	J & S Fonseka				

Reflection

Temptation

When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because he is the Son of God and because he was a human person who lived his Jewish beliefs fully. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Gather your family around the family Bible and read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith. Perhaps the older members of the family can share a favourite Scripture passage with everyone. Younger family members can tell their favourite story from the Bible and be shown where that story can be found. In each case, encourage a deeper sharing of faith by asking each person to tell why the Scripture passage shared is important to him or her. Conclude your time together by again reading Jesus' reply to the devil found in Matthew 4:4 ("One does not live by bread alone . . .") and praying the Lord's Prayer.

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Visit Of The Relics Of St Thérèse Of Lisieux and Her Parents

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Thérèse, and her parents, Louis and Zélie, will visit the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March. A copy of the full itinerary can be found on the Backboard in the Foyer so that you are aware of where and when you can take the opportunity to venerate the relics of one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints and her parents who helped nurture her faith. The Parishes closest to St Felix who will be holding these relics will be;

- ♦ **St Joachim, Lidcombe** on Saturday 14th March from 2.30pm with an all-night vigil until 6am 15/3/20.
- ♦ **St Therese, Padstow** on Sunday 15th March from 7.00am to 1.00pm and
- ♦ **St Peter Chanel & St Joseph's Berala** on Monday 16th March from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Wedding Congratulations

Tien Son Do Nguyen & Vanessa Ga-Yun Lau

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Bishop's Blend Breakfast

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Tues 24 March at 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendtentheedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

Working With Children Checks Update

Working With Children Checks are a legal requirement for anyone who works or volunteers with children other than their own. WWCC's expire after five years. For any volunteers who hold a Working With Children Check if your details have changed or your WWCC number has expired please renew it and advise the Parish office.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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.