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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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26th February, 2023

1st Sunday of Lent - Year A

**Stations of the Cross (Fridays During Lent)
6pm.**

FIRST READING:

Creations of our first parents, and sin

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v.3

SECOND READING:

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Romans 5:12-19

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.

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Mt 4-4

GOSPEL:

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Matthew 4:1-11

St. Michael's Parish Notice

Sick: Joseph Haggar, Vince Buchan, Nada Vucetic, Eloise Fraser,
David Low & Jimmy Chandra

Mass Intentions Sun 8am Justine Frances Ca Adrianto (Birthday blessings)

Collection w/e 19/2/23

1st Collection: \$699.80, 2nd Collection: \$366.50, Planned Giving \$820.00

Thank You for your generous support.

Parish Ministry Rosters:

The new rosters are due to start at the beginning of **April**. Parishioners wishing to apply for any of the Ministries should contact the Parish Office by **Fri 3rd March, 2023**. Anyone wanting to alter or resign from their current ministry should also inform the office.

A Big Thank You to all ministers for your continued support and commitment.

Electronic Donations

If anyone wishes to donate electronically, please click on the QR code and you will be directed to our donation page on our website. THANK YOU for your generous support. It is very much appreciated.



SPIRIT AND TRUTH: The Power of Christ Revealed - Lenten Companion 2023

The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion *SPIRIT AND TRUTH: The Power of Christ Revealed*. This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Sister Joanna Marie Collins OP, Daniel Ang, Fr Lewi Barakat, Mat De Sousa, Anna Harrison, Elizabeth Flynn MCR and Bishop Richard Umbers. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online, the resource will be available in parishes and online at www.gomakedisciples.org.au.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

Child sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Or contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial integrity office at (02) 9390-5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

***Please observe silence in God's house.
Please turn your mobile off or put it on silent.***



Project Compassion 2023

Money boxes will be available in the foyer to take home, fill up and to return after Easter. Project Compassion raises funds which help provide opportunities to people in vulnerable communities in Australia & overseas. Using a holistic approach, training & employment are provided which concentrates on social, economic & spiritual development.

Origin of Ash Wednesday

The practice of putting ashes on one's forehead has been known from ancient times. In the Nordic Pagan Religion placing ashes above one's brow was believed to ensure the protection of the Norse god, *Odin*. This practice spread to Europe during the Vikings conquests. This laying on of ashes was done on Wednesday, the day named for Odin, Odin's Day. The liturgical use of ashes originated in the Old Testament times. Ashes symbolized mourning, mortality, and penance. The priest would bless the dying person with holy water, saying, "Remember that thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return. In the early Christian church, there were only 36 days of fasting (excluding Sundays). In the 7th century, 4 days were added before the first Sunday in Lent in order to establish 40 fasting days, an imitation of Jesus Christ's fast in the desert.

Lenten Observance

- 1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, *must be* observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.**
- 2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:**
 - (a) prayer - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.**
 - (b) self-denial - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.**
 - (c) helping others - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.**

Lent lasts from ASH WEDNESDAY (22nd February, 2023) to the MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (6th April, 2023). On GOOD FRIDAY and, if possible on HOLY SATURDAY until THE EASTER VIGIL, THE EASTER FAST IS OBSERVED.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, 2023, and Trinity Sunday (4th June 2023). All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year

Mass Times: **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
 Weekday: **Monday:**
 Tuesday: 7:30am
 Wednesday: 7:00pm
 Thursday: 7:30am
 Friday: 9:15am

On Public Holiday Monday, Tuesday or Thursday: 9:15am

2nd & 4th Saturday: 9:30am (Southern Cross Hostel)

Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:15pm – 6:45pm

Saturday: 4:15pm – 4:45pm



Contact The Presbytery

Parish Office Hours: Thurs & Fri 9:00am to 2:30pm

Holy Hour: Wednesday, 6:00pm

Baptisms & Weddings: by appointment.

Baptisms: Sundays after the 10am Mass

Volunteers Roster:

This weekend - 26th February

Vigil: (A) Hartanto, A Yap (R) F Hogan, M Vassallo (M) Thomas W

8am: (A) Andy H (R) Justine, A Burke (M) Thomas W

10am: (A) N Jenner (R) D Sarmiento, M Lam (M) M Sarmiento

Piety Stall: (Vigil) F Wu (Sun, 8am) J Busutil (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

Next weekend - 5th March

Vigil: (A) Hartanto, A Yap (R) L Paquin, G Metternicht (M) Thomas W

8am: (A) Andy H (R) Justine, G Guerrero (M) Thomas W

10am: (A) N Jenner (R) K Wong & A Suryadi (M) M Sarmiento

Piety Stall: (Vigil) C Lan Kam (Sun, 8am) I Koeswanto (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

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 Thank you!