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First Sunday of Lent, Year C 5 - 6 March 2022

Temptation: an opportunity for recommitment.

In the past I have always thought about temptation in the negative light and have always prayed not to be led into temptation (Luke 11:4). In recent times, however, I have come to realise that temptation is always an occasion and an opportunity for recommitment, though sometimes the hard way (reason we pray not to be led into temptation). In this regard, temptation in itself is not bad, for it affords us the chance to say YES to God again and again and again.

In Luke's rendering of the temptation of Jesus, Luke tells the early Christian community that the Holy Spirit was very much involved in the temptations of Jesus. In the first instance, Jesus is full of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1a), and the same Spirit led Jesus in the wilderness through his temptation moment (Luke 4:1b). The Spirit never abandons us. John also affirms that the Spirit abides with us; and will be in us (John 14:17). At that moment when it feels like you are alone, look deep; the Spirit of God is by your side. If you do not feel the Spirit's presence, make it a prayer point: "Holy, Spirit, where are you. I can't feel your presence. Please come make yourself known to me." Luke's narrative suggests that we need the leading of the Spirit to say yes to God. Likewise, Paul says: "No one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Spirit of God" (1 Cor 12:3). So, in the power of the Spirit, Jesus refuted all the temptations of the evil one and outwitted all their evil ploys. Remember, forces opposed to God are always looking for avenues to test our allegiance to God, but every such moment is also an opportunity to recommitment and witnessing, in other words, for saying YES to God, like Jesus did.

The evangelists (Matthew, Mark and Luke) provide us with three temptations of Jesus as he prepares to launch his mission. Those were his temptations. Jesus' temptations were different from those of Judas, and from Peter's, and the other apostles. In the same way, our temptations are all different. Tempted in different ways but all for the same purpose: an opportunity to re-affirm our commitment to God. Hence James tells us to count it all joy when temptation comes our way (James 1:2-4)

For every time/occasion that we say YES to God, we grow in grace and mature in the Spirit. This gives a deeper meaning to the confession of our lips and the belief of our heart which becomes more real and genuine (Rom 10:8-13). The confession of our lips flows from the belief of our hearts; and the belief of our hearts are genuine when they reflect the content of our faith—total rejection of sin and the evil one, and complete acceptance of Jesus and his teachings. Thus, temptation becomes an opportunity to reaffirm this total commitment to Jesus, formed in our hearts and professed with our lips (sometimes publicly).

The Lenten season, more importantly, gives us (individually as Christians, and collectively as a community of the faithful), the opportunity (or call it an invitation) for a recommitment to God? May our Lenten observances this year re-confirm this recommitment.

On this note, I am inviting you to our first general 2022 Lenten Reflection here in the Cathedral this **Wednesday 9th March. Time is 7.00 pm to finish at 8.30** (check the bulletin for the other dates). It will feature music, prayers, reflections, and supper. Come let us celebrate our faith together.

Fr Francis.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 6 March: Morning Tea for Fr Francis 10.30am
Sun 6 March: Diocesan Rite of Election 3pm
Wed 9 Mar: NO PARISH MASSES & Parish Office Closed
Sat 12 Mar: Diaconate Ordination Mark Hughes. Cranbourne 11am
LENTE REFLECTIONS CATHEDRAL
Wednesday 9th March,
Thursday 17th March,
Thursday 24th March,
Thursday 31st March and
Thursday 7th April
STATIONS OF THE CROSS Cathedral
Friday 11, 18, 25 March and Friday 1 & 8 April at 6pm during Lent.

SYNOD 2023: SYNOD OF BISHOPS: People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

DIACONATE ORDINATION of Mark Hughes will take place at St Agatha's Parish Church, Cranbourne next **Saturday 12 March at 11am.** The bus to the ordination is now full. If you have booked your spot please come into the parish office to pay or you can pay Sue Harvey or Claire Everard. **Please note there will be no 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral or 11am Mass at Loch Sport on Saturday 12 March due to this event.**

RITE OF ELECTION: for Catechumens and the Formal recognition of baptised Candidates for the Diocese of Sale will take place this **Sunday 6 March** (1st Sunday of Lent) at 3pm in the **Cathedral**. Bishop Greg will meet with the Catechumens and Candidates in the Chapter House from 2pm.

WELCOME MORNING TEA for Fr Francis will be held **after 9.30am Mass** in the assembly area of the Cathedral this **Sunday 6 March**.

HOUSE BLESSINGS Bookings for house blessings can be made by contacting the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

INVITATION TO LENTEN REFLECTIONS

here in the Cathedral:
Wednesday 9th March,
Thursday 17th March,
Thursday 24th March,
Thursday 31st March and
Thursday 7th April

These sessions will be led by Frs Francis and Jithin, and Mark Hughes. Great moving and reflective music, and sumptuous supper also provided. **Each evening will go from 7.00pm - 8.30pm.** Please lock these dates in your diaries for a time of great catch up... spread the word.

LENTE BOOKS 'The Spirit and the Cross' a nourishing accompaniment to your Lenten journey are now available with **only 3 copies** left. Cost is \$10 each. Please call into the Parish office if you would like to obtain a copy.

PROJECT COMPASSION Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed '**For All Future Generations**'. If you don't wish to use the box/envelopes you can also donate by phoning **1800 024 413** or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion. You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. **Lives change when we all give 100%.**

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on **Wednesday 9 March** as Mark Durrant will be absent.

NO MASS WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH There will be no Masses in the Parish on **Wednesday 9 March** as the Priests will be on a Lenten Reflection Day with the Bishop and Clergy of Sale Diocese.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in St Mary's Cathedral each **Friday night at 6pm** during Lent. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,
we give you thanks and praise for our
Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming and
serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord.
Amen.*

COUNTERS We are going to commence counter rosters once again in the Parish. We have a number of names already but if you would like to be included and have not yet given your name please sign up at the Covid sign in desk or call Clare in the Parish Office on 5144 4100 to give your contact information. Training for all counters will be provided at a date to be advised.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 7 - 13 March. Please pray for vocations.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Parker Hunt daughter of Amelia and Owen Sandeman children of Bronwyn & Jordan. Congratulations to the family from us all.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS are available for collection from this weekend. Please collect these in order to save the parish money if we need to post them out. If you are a direct giver via direct debit, direct credit or credit card there will be a receipt only to collect.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed 9 Mar 10.30am AH: Neville McLeod (A)

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am-10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. **MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,449.00
Presbytery:	\$787.90
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**Mass Timetable this week
First Sunday of Lent, Year C
5 - 6 March 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 5 March	9.30am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 6 March	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 7 March	NO	MASS
Tuesday 8 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 9 March	NO	MASSES
Thursday 10 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 11 March	11.00am	Cathedral
Exposition & Reconciliation	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 12 March	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
<u>No Saturday morning Masses.</u>	9.30am	Cathedral
Sunday 13 March	9.30am 5.30pm	Briagolong Cathedral

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for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation has an entire year of reflections, mini retreats and seminars planned!

More information about our Program is available at <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/wp-content/uploads/HoL-2022-Program-2.pdf>. Lenten Reflections' (via Zoom), Thursday evenings, 7.30pm-8.30pm from 3/3/22 to 7/4/22. Join us on a Thursday evening during Lent for some reflective time. Each week there will be guided meditation, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for group sharing. Come to one or all. Cost: Donation. Book via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, tel 9890 1101.



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MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE (MMHC)

'Çuppa with Mary' – When visiting Melbourne, please include a visit to the Mary MacKillop Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ's story. Entry is free. Do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a 'Çuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which includes a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$20 per person. Contact Kate on 9926 9300 for a group booking.

Learn about the Mary MacKillop's story and ministry through participation in a two-day program at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. Titled Mary MacKillop "Daughter of Melbourne" in this program, you have opportunity to explore the Life and Spirit of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop as well as have a guided tour of places in Melbourne that were connected with Mary and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Victorian story and time for personal reflection. While this is an opportunity to learn about and be touched by the life and spirit of Mary MacKillop, it is also an opportunity for you to explore and share the challenges and stirrings in your own heart as you respond with others to action today. You can access more information, obtain a brochure and register for this two day event here.

Mary MacKillop Gift shop – With Easter coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop (communion & confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items).

Accommodation Specials - With Melbourne opening up again, book a stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate on 9926 9300.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Brian 'Peter' Kerr, John Mahoney (Brother of Fr Bernard)** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Neville McLeod, Jim Gray, Bernard Peavey**. Please pray for those who are sick Margaret Lee, Brendan Lee, Fr Tao Pham, Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Dawn Carroll, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin, Cynthia Freshwater and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**When he calls on me, I will answer;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

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!**

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come,
I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You:
never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral - Friday following Mass

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

1st Reading: **Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 3:17 - 4:1**

Gospel: **Luke 9:28-36**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

Saturday: Rosedale - 7.00pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.