

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt: 4: 4

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 Lk: 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.

Rite of Election 2025 – St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Sunday March 9

Do you have anyone in your community preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil?
Please register any catechumens from your parish to attend the Rite of Election using this [REGISTRATION FORM](#) by February 28. All information regarding the liturgy and event details can be found in the Information Pack available to download from the website: ofw-adelaide.org.au/rite-of-election. If you have any further questions regarding this liturgy, please call 8210 8130 or email worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Society Campaign

We can Build a Fairer Australia. In the coming months, and in the lead up to the Federal election, St Vincent de Paul Society nationally will be releasing some ideas on how to improve the quality of life for all Australians, and how to find the funds to make Australia fairer. If this is of interest to you and you would like to comment or hear more, you are welcome to contact the SA Social Needs Analysis and Advocacy Committee – Jennifer Harvey on 8112 8702 or at svdp@svdpsa.org.au

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

'Lift Up' Good Friday Night Walk - A Journey of Reflection & Hope

This Good Friday, you are invited to walk together in the spirit of a pilgrimage, inspired by the 2025 Jubilee Year - *Pilgrims of Hope*. This journey is an opportunity to step away from the everyday and reflect. Our Good Friday night walk is a meaningful way to connect with the Easter story, each other, and the deeper themes of resilience, forgiveness and hope. This event is open to all ages, however it has been inspired and designed with young people in mind by COYYA (Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults). Our journey begins at The Monastery in Urrbrae at 7.30pm. From there, we will walk towards the city. Along the route, we will pause for reflection at St Raphael's in Parkside before continuing towards our final destination - St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The walk is roughly 6.5km total. Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/CZHVW>



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LENT



"Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10

TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL: The temptations experienced by Jesus in the wilderness were not temptations to moral evil as we usually understand it. They were not temptations to steal or murder or commit adultery. They were far more subtle: to give priority to material comfort, to have power over others, to test God. During Lent, let us take some time to examine our own attitudes; are we giving priority to God or in subtle ways putting ourselves first and God Second?

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary. Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deut: 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, the 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

Psalm 90:1-2,10-15

R. 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 Rom: 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 his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

The word of the Lord

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the Wilderness where he was tempted.

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Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters—15/16 Mar 2025 2 nd Week of Lent	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Mary Platten Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Terence Yeow Henry D'Assumpcao Thilini Silva
Children's Liturgy	Nickie Jessie
Count team	Julie Priem Leo Priem Anne Dudzinski George Dudzinski
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong and volunteers

*All those who have volunteered please
arrive at least 15 minutes before the
start time and report to the
commentator for that Mass*

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	01/02 Mar 2025
Planned Giving	\$388.00
Open Plate	\$421.75
PARISH TOTAL	\$809.75

This week's contribution to the
Diocesan Presbytery Fund: \$ 554.00

**Project Compassion Sunday 1st and
2nd of March 2025**

This Lent, we are called to *Unite
Against Poverty* through Caritas
Australia's Project Compassion. Your
generous support this Lenten Season
will enable Caritas Australia to provide
life-changing support to vulnerable
communities in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion
2025 through the donation boxes,
envelopes or by scanning the QR
code above.

Let's pray together

**Please remember
in your prayers**
We pray for those listed and
all the deceased relatives and friends of
our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:

*Eternal rest grant to them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon
them; present them
to God the Most High.*

Sick:
*We pray for the sick and housebound of
our Parish and our relatives and friends
who are unwell.*

**If you know of sick or elderly
parishioners who are house-bound or
in care and would appreciate a visit,
please phone and leave a message
with the parish office.**



**"The Lord never tires of
forgiving. It is we who tire of
asking for forgiveness." "A little
bit of mercy makes the world
less cold and more just."
Pope Francis**



**FRINGE LUNCHTIME ORGAN
RECITALS**

St Francis Xavier's' Cathedral on
Wednesday March 12, Wednesday
March 19 and Sunday March 23
(Young Organists) at 1pm. Entry is
free. All are welcome.

We Journey in Hope

Lenten Reflection 2025 booklets are
available at each entrance of our
church. Please pick up one and read
it at home.

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Lent:

Getting ready for Jesus' death and resurrection

Lent is the special time when we prepare for
the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and
resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing
prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.



Prayer is talking with God.
We need to talk with God even
more than we need to talk to our
family and friends. Lent is a good time to get
into a habit of talking with God every day.

Fasting is eating less than you
normally would. It's a good
idea to give up a little something
you like for Lent. Giving things
up helps us remember we need
God, not just food.



Almsgiving means giving to those who are in
need. It helps us to be generous
like God. Maybe you have a bit
of money you can give to the
poor or to the Church.



Answers to True or False: 1. true, 2. false,
3. false, 4. true, 5. false, 6. true, 7. false.

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Parish Notice

1. Stations of the Cross – Every Friday During Lent

During the season of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday after the Holy Mass. This is a time for prayer, reflection, and drawing closer to Christ through His Passion. All are welcome to join and journey with the Lord in His suffering, leading us to the joy of the Resurrection. Let us walk this Lenten path together in faith and devotion.

2. Calling for Extraordinary Ministers of the Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service

We invite parishioners to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the Liturgy of the Word in our parish community. This sacred ministry allows you to assist in the distribution of the Eucharist during Mass, lead the Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service when needed, and bring Communion to the sick and homebound. If you feel called to this ministry, please inform Fr. Roy John, or contact the parish office as early as possible. Training will be provided to all new ministers. Let us serve the Lord with faith and love.

3. Welcome to Our New Parish Finance Officer

We warmly welcome **Christine Sullivan** as our new Parish Finance Officer. We are grateful for her service and dedication to our parish community. Christine will be available in the parish office on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 AM to 12:20 PM. Please feel free to reach out to her for any financial-related inquiries. Let us keep her in our prayers as she begins this new role.

4. Tap & Go donation Machines

We now have two **Tap & Go donation machines** available for your convenience. You can use your card to make a donation to the church by selecting one of the preset amounts: **\$5, \$10 or \$20**. Simply press the desired amount and place your card on top of the machine. If you wish to contribute more than \$20, please press the **OTHER** button and enter your preferred donation amount. Your generous support helps sustain our parish and its mission. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. **God bless you.** Fr. Roy John Elavumkal

The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent
March 9th, 2025



Luke 4:1-13

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing
for His work. During Lent we spend 40
days getting ready to celebrate Jesus'
death and resurrection.

**Can you find your way into the desert
to be with Jesus?**