

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.

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endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark.

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked
after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness
and he remained there for forty days, and was
tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts,
and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into
Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News
from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the
kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and
believe the Good News.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

LENT: SPRINGTIME FOR ALL GOD'S CREATION

In the southern hemisphere we miss the signs
of nature linked in the northern hemisphere
to Lent, namely the coming of spring. The
word "Lent," is derived from the Old English
"lenctern" meaning spring. This poses a
challenge for us in Australia's autumn, as we
seek to unfold the springtime in our soul.
In our scriptural journey into Lent, we are
greeted with the sign of God's covenant with
Noah: a rainbow. This covenant is not just
with Noah and all descendants but with every
living creature, everything that lives on the
earth. A rainbow may well grace our southern
skies in autumn, enabling us to experience
ourselves in the embrace of God's covenant
with the whole ecological world in which we
live.

In the Gospel, the Spirit drives Jesus into the
wilderness for forty days along with the wild
beasts. Satan the tempter, and the angels who
minister to Jesus. These ministering angels, like
the rainbow, are a sign of God's ever-presence.
As Jesus emerges from his forty days, we hear
him begin his ministry in Galilee with "the
time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has
come near." Evocatively we have entered our
forty days of Lent in a wilderness of ecological
crisis. Unseasonal extremes of temperature,
floods, fires and all manner of tempests call for
us to take heed of the earth in which we dwell.
In this time, we can reflect, ecologically and
spiritually, to change our hearts and believe
the Good News, knowing well God's promise
through the rainbow and through the gift of
his son.

Dr Rosemary Canavan



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / B

THE SAVING WORD

18 FEBRUARY 2024

FIRST READING

Gen 9: 8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you
... the waters shall never again become a flood to
destroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I
establish my Covenant with you, and with your
descendants after you; also with every living
creature to be found with you, birds, cattle
and every wild beast with you: everything that
came out of the ark, everything that lives on
the earth. I establish my Covenant with you:
no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by
the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood
to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant
I make between myself and you and every
living creature with you for all generations: I
set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign
of the Covenant between me and the earth.
When I gather the clouds over the earth and
the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the
Covenant between myself and you and every
living creature of every kind. And so the waters
shall never again become a flood to destroy all
things of flesh.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24: 4-9. R. cf. v. 10

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord,
teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your
truth, and teach me: / for you are God my
saviour. **R.**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love
you have shown from of old. / In your love
remember me, / because of your goodness,
O Lord. **R.**



3. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows
the path to those who stray, / he guides the
humble in the right path; / he teaches his way
to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 3: 18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which
saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died
once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to
God. In the body he was put to death, in the
spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit,
he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now
it was long ago, when Noah was still building
that ark which saved only a small group of
eight people 'by water', and when God was still
waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to
believe. That water is a type of the baptism
which saves you now, and which is not the
washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made
to God from a good conscience, through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered
heaven and is at God's right hand, now that
he has made the angels and Dominations and
Powers his subjects.

■ The word of the Lord.

Welcome to
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1st Sunday of Lent

Reflection:

Genesis sets forth a challenge to us to be the voice for the Earth and all nature when greed and indifference cause people, companies and governments to harm and drain Earth's resources. God, we hear today, is concerned for "the earth...and all living things."

So we ask ourselves:

- What can I do this Lent to take God's side in loving and caring for "all living things?"
- How shall I foster this loving care for creation in my family and friends?

Why Lent ?

In the early Church Lent originated as a time of repentance for those preparing for baptism. Having experienced the call to conversion, those seeking initiation into the Christian community resolved to turn away from sin and embrace a gospel life. They were baptized at the Easter Vigil. Today, the six week period of Lent is a time of repentance and renewal for the whole Church. It is a time when we prayerfully take stock of our lives, turn away from all lifestyle habits that contradict the Gospel and renew our commitment to Christ and each other.

Baptism

We welcome Sebastian Paul Derek Kiel, son of David and Gemma Kiel into our parish community. Sebastian will be baptised this weekend. May God continue to bless the Kiel family.

MASS THIS WEEKEND

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

Sat 17 Feb 6pm

St Dom

Sun 18 Feb 8am Anna and Frank De Souza

OLGC

Sun 18 Feb 9.30am

St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 20 Feb 7pm

St Dom

Wed 21 Feb 9am

St Dom

Thurs 22 Feb 9am

OLGC

Fri 23 Feb 9am

St Dom

Fri 23 Feb 10.30am

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Sat 24 Feb 9am Communion service

St Dom

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 24 Feb 6pm

St Dom

Sun 25 Feb 8am

OLGC

Sun 25 Feb 9.30am

St Dom

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent

Beginning Friday 16 February
6pm at St Dominic's and 7pm at OLGC

The Journey of Forgiveness

During the season of Lent, as part of our preparation for Easter, we are going to explore "The Journey of Forgiveness". You are encouraged to join us each Monday (starting 19th February) between 7.00pm-7.45pm at St Dominic's. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy

Come walk in the Footsteps of St Francis, on an 11 day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from 3-13 Nov 2024. Visit St Mary of the Angel in Assisi, Church of San Francesco, Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle Church). Visit the Shrine of San Padre Pio and his uncorruptible body. We will also be going to Rome to visit the Vatican and St Peters Basilica. Full Board cost is \$6518 for 25 paying persons. For the itinerary and booking form, do whatsapp us or call us at 0433 771 979 (Sheila) or 0402 290 827 (Veronica).

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Upcoming Events

21 Feb: Sacramental parents meeting 6pm OLGC

Rosters this weekend	17 Feb 6pm St Dom	18 Feb 8am OLGC	18 Feb 9.30am St Dom
Readers	M Phillip	B Croxford	R George
Acolyte	W Italiano		O Pilot
Offertory Procession		C & R Zampagna	
Altar Society		M Farmer	
Morning Tea		M Smith J Gates	
EMHC	Pat, Dermott		Ignatius, Donald

Rosters next weekend	24 Feb 6pm St Dom	25 Feb 8am OLGC	25 Feb 9.30am St Dom
Readers	M Munckton	K Wear	C Pilot
Acolyte	Boni		D Ee
Offertory Procession		W McC E Jeffery	
Altar Society	Group 1	I Rodriguez	
Morning Tea		L Howell D D'Souza	
EMHC	Pablo, Berly		Gillian, Luke

Senior's Group

Our next gathering is Tuesday 27 Feb for lunch at the Chinese, Swan Lake, in Herdsman, 12 noon.

Suggest early arrival 11:30am for parking.

Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia