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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

Mass 11.00am—Wednesday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

READINGS

SEVENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 19;1-2,17-18

Psalm 103

1Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel Matthew 5:38-48

*'In this way you will be sons of your
Father in Heaven.'*



MINISTERS

GREETER: Kay Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Frances Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: D Chipman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: A Douglas

COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans

DATA PROJECTOR: Jameena Aralar

SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2023

READINGS

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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

Psalm 51

Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

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

MINISTERS

GREETER: Colleen Jordan

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Ros Foster

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Croymans

COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

The Gospel today continues the theme of going beyond what is required by law but here Jesus takes the teaching much further. More than honouring the spirit of the law over the letter of the law, Jesus advocates what must have sounded like the ravings of a madman to his hearers. Don't just allow a person to strike you once, but offer him the other cheek as well. If asked, don't just give away your tunic, give your cloak as well! Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. What was Jesus thinking?

It is the final verse of this text which gives us the clue to the meaning of this demanding passage. In essence, what Jesus is saying that believers must emulate God's own actions. God is a God of total self giving.

God is a God of unbounded generosity, even to those who may not seem to deserve such magnanimity. God is a God whose love and self giving embraces all, both the honest and the dishonest. The offer of the kingdom of heaven is open to all who seek to be God like in their dealings with others.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Combined Service to be held on Wednesday 22nd February at St Paschal's—11am

'All are from the dust and to dust all return'

St Francis will have Masses at 9.15am (with school) and 6pm.



DID YOU KNOW?

In years gone by, Catholics did not eat meat on any Friday, and later, on Fridays in Lent. Today there are two days of the year when Catholics are expected to forgo meat—Ash Wednesday and Good Friday—but all the Fridays of Lent are still days when we should 'fast'.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH, after Mass.

Mark this date in your diary and come along to hear how your Parish is going, both Financially and Spiritually.

We are always keen to have new members join the council so please give this some thought.



There is no Pancake Night this week but we hope to organise a social occasion sometime soon.



Congratulations to Mike and Moya Lynch who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 29th January.

God bless you both.....

This text today follows immediately from the baptism of Jesus. The final words of that text come from the voice from heaven: "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." It is interesting that Satan uses the words, "If you are the Son of God..." to introduce two of his temptations. In this way, Satan is disputing the claim from heaven and trying to force Jesus to prove his Sonship. In response to the first temptation, Jesus affirms his trust in God. Satan seizes on this as the basis for his second temptation, but again Jesus rejects any attempt to force God's hand. The final temptation reveals the true nature of the contest: it is a struggle between God and Satan, but Jesus shows his choice is made and rejects Satan.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
TAIWAN 2023**

On Friday 3rd March the Co-operating Church will be hosting the 'World Day of Prayer' with St Paschal's Church parishioners helping. Everyone is very welcome to attend and it starts at 10am in Co-operating Church.

Please bring a plate for a shared morning tea.

The theme for 2023 is "**I have heard about your faith**" based on Ephesians 1:

15-19 the letter sent to a faith community to express gratitude. Paul gave thanks to God for the Ephesians living out their love and faith, and prayed that they could see these three truths: the hope to which God has called the disciples, the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of God's power.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Monthly meeting will follow the World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March

Lent, a time of fasting, prayer and giving for all Christians, also runs for forty days and is a special time of final preparation for people who will be receiving the sacraments at Easter.



RECONCILIATION RITE II

An important part of our preparation for Easter.

**NGATEA—WEDNESDAY
15TH MARCH @ 6 PM**

Father will also offer reconciliation after Mass during Lent.

MINISTERS – 5th March 2023

GREETER: Stephen Croymans
COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Chaplow
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

MINISTERS – 12th March 2023

GREETER: Lorraine Hayward
COMMENTATOR: Kathy Karl
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: A Douglas
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Robert Hicks
COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans
DATA PROJECTOR: Jameena Aralar

READINGS – 5th March 2023

Second Week of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm 33
2Timothy 1:8-10
Gospel Matthew 17:1-9



READINGS – 12th March 2023

Third Week of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-2,5-8
Gospel John 4:5-42

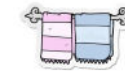


ANOINTING MASS

Sunday 5th March

CHURCH LINEN

FEBRUARY P Hayward
MARCH C Jordan



FLOWERS

Lent—no flowers



Feb 23 Helen Reynolds
24 Ashan Roshan

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Fay Hayward, Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of February: Eileen Hicks, Bishop Gerry, Maggie Tawhiti, Piet Lighthart, Frank Leonard, Terry Leonard, Mary Unternahrer.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS
Please join us in the Parish Hall for a cup of tea after Mass.

