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First Sunday of Lent - Year A
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Dear Parishioners,

During the season of Lent, the church invites us to examine our lives, to repent of our sins and do penance. By means of fasting, penance and prayers, the faithful obtain strength they need to overcome the sinful tendencies. The passage from the Gospel of Matthew tells us of the victory of Jesus over the evil in the desert. Led by the Spirit Jesus went into the wilderness, where he prayed and fasted for forty days. He was tempted three times and he resisted all the three temptations coming from the devil. These temptations indicate the victory of Jesus as he is told to be unfaithful to his mission. The episode is the explanation of human temptations and with the grace of God we too can be triumphant in our battle against evil.

The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis describes the "Original Temptation" – "*You will be like gods, knowing what is good and what is evil.*" Adam and Eve were given the possibility of making a choice to live for God, dependent upon and obedient to His will, or to say no to God. The temptation to evil led Adam and Eve to an act of faithlessness and sin. In contrast, today's Gospel from St. Matthew shows us how Jesus Christ conquered temptation by relying on Faith in God's Word and authority.

Every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, power, and glory, and to use any means, even unjust or sinful ones, to gain these things. Jesus serves as a model for us in conquering temptations by strengthening himself through prayer, penance, and the effective use of the Word of God. Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer (especially by participating in the Holy Mass), with penance, and with meditative reading of the Bible.

We are to grow in holiness during Lent by prayer, reconciliation, and sharing: by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him in fervent prayer and listening to Him through the meditative reading of the Bible; by getting reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reconciled with others by asking their forgiveness for our offenses against them and by sharing our love with others through selfless and humble service, almsgiving, and helping those in need.

God bless you,

Fr Raju Joseph CMI



Weekday Mass

Tuesday 28 February

05.30pm Boonah

6.00pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 01 March

5.40pm Stations of the Cross

6.00pm Peak Crossing

Thursday 02 March

9.00am Boonah

Friday 03 March

9.00am Boonah (School Mass)

10.30am World Day of Prayer (Peak Crossing)

6.00pm First Friday Adoration (Boonah)

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday 04 March

04.00pm to 4.30pm (Reconciliation)

05.00pm Mass, Boonah

Sunday 05 March

7.30am Mass, Harrisville

9.30am Mass, Boonah

Marriages by appointment - at least six months notice is required.

Baptisms by appointment only.

We pray with and for those who are sick in our parish and beyond:

Jim Stanton, Trevor Dickmann, Mary Wittman, Chris Healy, Paul White, Arthur Devin, Liliana Toohill, Libby Shields, Marko Babic, Max Gardiner, Bernadette Pinchin, Cate Mitten, Bernice Brault, Paula Ebrington, Fletcher Casey, Jill Archer, Louisa, Lynne Nunan, Bea Bedard (USA), Carol Libke, Angela Kearney, Tony Pisani, Lorraine Bakon, Maureen Wilson, Moira Lehmann, Robert Hensen, Wally Velasquez, Hans Mitterlechner, Sandra Skerritt, Dominic Vakaci, Robert Parkes, Kath Seymour and sick members of parish families and those beyond our parish boundaries.



ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SOMETHING MORE?

All the baptised are called to play a role in the mission of Christ to make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:19-20). You are invited to discern if you are being called to engage in the instituted ministries of Lector, Acolyte & Catechist. More info: evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/institutedministries/



LENT 2023 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>

World Day of Prayer 2023

We celebrate world day of Prayer on Friday, 3rd March 2023. In Boonah this event is held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Dugandan from 10am onwards. World Day of Prayer at Peak Crossing will be held at St John's Catholic Church at 10.30am. May our special prayer on this day witness peace and harmony in the world.



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**". Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

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We respectfully acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land on which the Boonah Catholic Parish is located. We acknowledge the Elders of the past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.