



PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S



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Weekend Masses:
5pm Sat, 10am Sun

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday 9.15am
Thursday 9.15am
(Italian)

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Weekend Masses:
6pm Sat,
9am Sun (Italian)
11am

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday 9.15am
Friday 9.15am

1st Sunday of Lent - 6 March 2022

1st Reading: Deut 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

2nd Reading: Rom 10: 8-13

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: Lk 4:1-13

Next Week: Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Phil 3: 17 4:1

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

Anniversaries and Deaths

We pray for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Giuseppe Augugliaro, Ettore Del Monaco may they all be at peace with their God.

Diary Dates Please mark your diaries

Monday 7 March

7.30pm Lenten Reflection St A's Meeting Room

Tuesday 8 March

9.15am Senior E Class Mass

Thursday 10 March

8.30am Stations of the Cross (Italian) Holy Spirit

11am Full Staff Meeting at St Mary's

Friday 11 March

9.15am 5/6MCV Class Mass

Monday 14 March

7.30pm Lenten Reflection St A's Meeting Room

Tuesday 15 March

9.15am Senior NB Class Mass

Summit

Did you know? Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Numbers are often significant in the Bible. The number forty denotes an extended period. Thus, in the story of Noah, rain falls for forty days; the Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert; and both Elijah and Moses fast for forty days before an encounter with God.
- 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.
- This text comes immediately after the baptism of Jesus in Luke's Gospel. The baptism takes place in the lower reaches of the Jordan River, just north of the point where it enters the Dead Sea. This is a particularly desolate and barren region of dry river beds (wadis) and steep, rocky cliffs rising up from the Jordan Valley.
- The temple precinct in Jerusalem was built on a mountain. It comprised the temple itself and several courtyards surrounded by a very high wall. This is the parapet referred to in this text.

Exploring the Word

Jesus' fast of forty days in the wilderness recalls the stories of Elijah and Moses, and his temptation recalls the severe testing to which the people of Israel were subjected when they too wandered in the desert. Israel was found wanting and succumbed to the temptations, worshipping false gods, but Jesus uses the word of God to defeat the power of evil: 'Man does not live on bread alone' (Deuteronomy 8:13); 'You must worship the Lord your God' (Deuteronomy 6:13). In testing Jesus, Satan is testing God himself and is dismissed from the story with the words 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test' (Deuteronomy 6:16). Jesus has reversed Israel's experience in the desert and become the founder of a new people.

The Parish of Holy Spirit and St Anthony's and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention OR contact the child safety representatives of our Parish—Margaret Harrington, Pauline Egan, Fran Adamopoulos and Max Gomez.

Sacraments 2022—If your child attends a school other than our Parish Primary school and would like to receive the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office for further details and an enrolment form.

CHURCH CLEANERS needed to go on a cleaning roster at Holy Spirit Church.

Do you have 1/2 hour (on a roster basis) to help with cleaning the Church?

We have got through the stricter cleaning protocols of Covid and are back to our regular weekly cleaning. What is required is tidying, dusting and cleaning the Church and all cleaning items will be supplied. Form a team with a friend and the job will be even quicker. Many hands make light work. A volunteer WWCC will be needed. If you need help to get one that can be arranged.

If you want to help contact the office on 94128439 or Pauline - 0431958083 and leave a message.

TAP AND GO MACHINES

Parishes such as ours have always relied on the financial support of its parishioners. Without this help we couldn't maintain the upkeep of our beautiful buildings and their contents, or provide the liturgical elements required for our Masses such as candles, flowers, and hosts.

Traditionally contributions have been made through the two collections that occur during Mass but as we have been moving to a 'cashless' society the parish has evolved the ways donations can be made to include Direct Debit/Credit Card/QR code. These have been well utilised by members of our parish.

Through the disruption of the past two years, it has become apparent that there are members of our parish who would like to donate more informally and have suggested the implementation of Tap and Go services. After reviewing this suggestion the decision has been made to trial Tap and Go in our churches.

If you would like to make a donation via Tap and Go please use the terminal located in the foyer.

The limit is \$5. All you need to do to make a donation is tap the terminal with your credit card/ debit card/ smart phone or smart watch — donations will go straight into our Church account.

***We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks
to those parishioners who financially support the Parish.***

Parish Telephone Prayer Group: Call in: Tuesday at 11.30am. Cost of a local call.

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**LENT Lent begins this week with 3 Masses on Wednesday 2 March.
9.15am St Anthony's, 11.30am Holy Spirit, 7.30pm Holy Spirit
School children will be attending the 9.15am and the 11.30am Masses.**

Reflection: St Anthony's Meeting Room at 7.30. Transport for two available from Holy Spirit... contact parish Office and Lynn Hale will contact you. Make Lent meaningful and walk with others towards Easter. They will be using "This Cup we Bless by Michael McGirr. "Lent is the period before Easter in which we ask ourselves what really sustains us in our lives. It is a time for more simple living, thoughtful self-denial, reconciliation with God and others, and a focus on the basics of our lives. It is a period of taking stock and, with that, an opportunity for a garage sale of the heart. Getting rid of clutter leaves a bit of room in the soul to celebrate once again the death and resurrection of Jesus".

Prayer: Sheets will be available at the back of the Church with Forty Lenten ideas by Janet Schaeffler OP for you follow if you wish .
"As Lent approaches each year, our minds turn to 'what will we do; what will we give up?' instead of giving up, why not put something in...something that will take hold and stay with us for the rest of our lives. Since Lent is about change/conversion".
Summit home sheets will also be there.

**8.30am Thursdays Stations of the Cross in Italian
Holy Spirit Church**

Alms Giving: Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for the 5 weeks will be available at the Church during Lent. The theme this year is;
"For all future generations"

LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

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/Lent22>
Call 1300 734 880 for more info

ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT 2022

The Little Sisters of the Poor offer young women who desire to deepen their Spiritual Life and draw closer to God six online Lenten Conferences entitled: Merciful Father. To register or for more information please contact Sr Mary Lourdes on phone 94898444 or email voc.mel@lsp.org.au There are no costs involved.

WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME

What a wonderful occasion it was on Friday night as our volunteers and school staff and parish staff welcomed Frs Shabin, Dixon and Stephen.

50 people sat down to dinner served by the fabulous our Italian ladies and their loyal band of helpers. Principals from both school, REL from St Anthony's, Board Member from St Anthony's and representatives from Liturgy, Choirs, Sacristans, Readers, Alphington Vinnies Conference and Altar Servers, Flower teams were there.



The noise was full of laughter and good cheer and it was wonderful to hear after two years of not being able to gather and enjoy each other's company as a Parish Community.

Thank you to everyone who was there it was a great night!!!!

As usual Amanda made a beautiful cake that was enjoyed by all.

