

The Living Word

First Sunday of Lent, Year A

22 February 2026

First Reading Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-19 (or Shorter form Rom 5:12, 17-19)

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous

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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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.

These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others.

How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.

We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated.

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Gospel Mt 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth
of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

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

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

22 February 2026

PARISH NOTICES

!! MASS CANCELLATION

Monday 23rd February—Saturday 28th February : NO 9 AM MASS

Parish Sacramental Program 2026

First Reconciliation

Information day: Friday April 24th, 2026 at 4 pm.

Classes: will be held in the church from 4 pm to 5 pm on the Friday afternoon of the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th of May & 5th, 12th, 19th of June 2026.

Celebration: will be held at St. Patrick's church on Friday June 26th, 4:30 pm.

Confirmation:

Information day: Friday July 17th, 2026 at 4 pm

Classes: will be held in the church from 4 pm to 5 pm on the Friday afternoon of the 24th, 31st of July, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th of August, 4th, 11th of September.

Celebration: will be held at St. Patrick's church on Saturday September 12th, 2026 at 12:30 pm & 2:30 pm.

First Holy Communion:

Information day: Friday October 9th, 2026 at 4 pm

Classes: will be held in the church from 4 pm to 5 pm on the Friday afternoon of the 16th, 23rd, 30th of October, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th of November, 4th of December.

Celebration: will be held at St. Patrick's church: Sunday December 6th, 10:45 am.

St Patrick's Church - religious items for parisioners:

Donated books and religious items, from the Estate of Eva & Maria. Please feel free to take any items of interest. "Free"



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

First Sunday of Lent
21–22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



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CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore

Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford

Our Lady of the Way, Wallan

St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil) 5 pm, Broadford
6.30 pm, Kilmore

Sun 8.45 am, Wallan
10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore

Wed 9 am, Wallan

(Please note: out of school terms,
Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

30 minutes prior to each Mass
& during Adoration (Thu)

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to
each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and
Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan)
10.20 am (Kilmore)

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Presbytery Account
BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382

Second Collection (Church Support)

Church Account
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PARISH DIARY

Sat, 21-Feb: SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

NO 9 am Mass, St. Patrick’s
11am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way
5 pm Vigil Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians
6.30 pm Vigil Mass, St. Patrick’s

Sun, 22-Feb:FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick’s

Mon, 23-Feb: MONDAY OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT

NO MASS

Tue, 24-Feb: TUESDAY OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT

9 am Communion Service, St. Patrick’s
11am Funeral of Frances Mary Fullard, St Pat’s

Wed, 25-Feb: WEDNESDAY OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT

NO 9 am Mass, St. Patrick’s
RCIA Session 15 (7.30 pm, St. Patrick’s Church)

Thu, 26-Feb:THURSDAY OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT

9 am Communion Service, St. Patrick’s

Fri, 27-Feb: FRIDAY OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT

9 am Communion Service, St. Patrick’s
4pm Wedding of Emily Wilson & James Keuneman, St Patrick’s
7pm Stations of the Cross (Kilmore & Wallan)

Sat, 28-Feb: SATURDAY OF THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT

NO 9 am Mass, St. Patrick’s
5 pm Vigil Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians
6.30 pm Vigil Mass, St. Patrick’s

Sun 1 Mar: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick’s
12 noon Baptisms, St Patrick’s

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

Frances Mary Fullard

Anniversaries

Stephen Murphy, Edmond Anthony Scully, Cenere Maria, Maria Campagnolo, John Ryan, Mary Pat Ryan, Denise Marmion, Wal Donahoo, John Cleve, Carmelo Joseph Farrugia, Br. Gilbert Arthur Maybon, Helen Wilson, Ron Shortland, Sandy Wilson, Carmel Palmer, Marie Pearson and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

THIS WEEKEND 21 & 22 February		
Broadford (Sat, 5 pm)	Reader:	P. Fleming
	EMHC:	B. O’Dwyer
Kilmore (Sat, 6.30 pm)	Reader:	R. Emmanuel
	EMHC:	C. Clancy
	PowerPoint:	P. Duff
Wallan (Sun, 8.45 am)	Reader:	R. Quinn
	EMHC:	T. Brincat & A. Moore
	PowerPoint:	F. Thompson
Kilmore (Sun, 10.45 am)	Reader:	K. Pirie
	EMHC:	L. Dunlop
	PowerPoint:	K. Curry
FLOWERS: E. Ferraresi		
HOME COMMUNION: TBA		
CLEANERS KILMORE: TBA		

NEXT WEEKEND 28 February & 1 March		
Broadford (Sat, 5 pm)	Reader:	E. Leahy
	EMHC:	A. Leahy
Kilmore (Sat, 6.30 pm)	Reader:	M. Fleischmann
	EMHC:	TBA
	PowerPoint:	P. Duff
Wallan (Sun, 8.45 am)	Reader:	N. Poulyin
	EMHC:	J. Sapiano & T. Cooney
	PowerPoint:	R. Quinn
Kilmore (Sun, 10.45 am)	Reader:	M. Bourne
	EMHC:	K. Archer
	PowerPoint:	K. Curry
FLOWERS: H. Clancy		
HOME COMMUNION: TBA		
CLEANERS KILMORE: TBA		

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D’Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa’i Su’a, Camilla Banon, Daisy Aguinaldo, James Ahearn, and all people who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks. If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

Station of the Cross will be held in the church at Kilmore and Wallan at 7 pm, each Friday during Lent.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FOCUS ON NIGERIA— 6th March

KILMORE: Christ Church Anglican Church, 11 Union St, Kilmore, at 10am

BROADFORD: Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford, at 10.30am.

The service is a great way for Christians in the area to gather together. Bring and Share Morning Tea to follow. All welcome

ARTICLES FOR THE SHAMROCK MAGAZINE: The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the next edition. We would really love some family stories and photos would be great too. Please email articles to: stpatsparishmagazine@gmail.com

ST PATRICK’S CHURCH OPEN DAYS: Please note that St Patrick’s Church will be open from 9.30am to 5pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for private prayer time.

St. Patrick’s Parish is a Child Safe Environment. All children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.