

STS PETER & PAUL'S

CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTH MELBOURNE

Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

1st March 2020



The First Sunday of Lent A

Tale of Two Adams

In today's Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two "types" of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 15:21–22; 45–59).

Paul's argument in the Epistle is built on a series of contrasts between "one" or "one person" and "the many" or "all." By one person's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all.

This is the drama that unfolds in today's First Reading and Gospel. Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God's own Spirit, Adam was a son of God (see Luke 3:38), created in His image (see Genesis 5:1–3). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (see Psalms 8:6–8; 91:11–13). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father.

Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. But in His hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away.

Still, we sin after the pattern of Adam's transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door (see Genesis 4:7) when we entertain doubts about God's promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation. But the grace won for us by Christ's obedience means that sin is no longer our master.

As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart (see Romans 5:5; Hebrews 8:10). As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday	10am
Saturday (Vigil)	6pm
Mon–Thurs	8am
Friday	10am
Saturday	10am

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday	10.30am
	5.30pm

COMING UP

*Station of The Cross
Every Friday during Lent, 7pm*



Lenten reflection – week 1
(Diocese of Wollongong – Grace Lenten Program 2020)

In the Wilderness, Sr Anastasia, OP.

Have you ever been to the desert? I once spent a few days in the Tanami Desert (Australia). The untouched beauty and vivid colour were enthralling, but in the absence of the usual distractions, the silence and solitude were also confronting. I began to hear a quiet, yet distinct high-pitched ringing in my ears and realised, this is the sound of silence. I remember longing to spend time in the stone church built by the local Aboriginal people and the missionaries. In this place I could really hear God.

This Lent, there is no need for dramatic sacrifices. Instead, take time in prayer to look toward Jesus. Let him lovingly reveal yourself to you. Resolve to make a sincere Confession in the coming weeks. Follow him into that desert, confident that he is full of love and mercy.

Personal reflection for the week ahead.

- ❖ Consider planning for your Lenten journey this year. What disciplines will you put in place? What time will you schedule to make sure it doesn't get forgotten.
- ❖ Do you have a friend, partner or spouse who can walk with you through Lent – keeping each other accountable to your Lenten commitments.
- ❖ Take time to sit in silence, at home or someplace suitable, and draw your mind to the person of Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.



Profiling SPP Parish Margaret Scarlett

When I caught up with Margaret Scarlett at the start of this week, she was busy planning the 2020 roster of workers for the Friday barbecue lunches.

The friars have overall responsibility for Open House at the back of the presbytery and organise its services from Monday to Thursday.

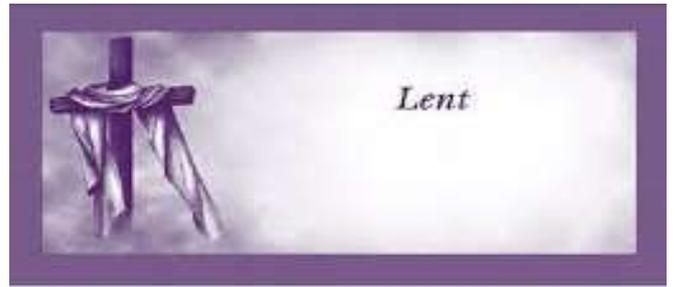
On Fridays lay people continue to prepare the barbecue lunch and welcome visitors as they have for decades.

Margaret coordinates the Friday volunteer teams which are made up of both non-parishioners and parishioners.

Some workers make soup, others do shopping. There are bread collectors and cake makers. As well as cooking and cleaning up, volunteers enjoy spending time with the guests.

As well as a place to feed the hungry, the backyard is a space where the broader community comes together.

If you would like to know more about Fridays at Open House,



LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Please Come and Join us for Lenten Discussion Every Friday during Lent 2pm at Church Hall.

Everyone Welcome.



Craft group - We are seeking lavender to be used for items for our Mother's Day stall, if any one has any available now or maybe in a few weeks could you contact Carol on 0402 522 364. Save the date for our Mother's Day stall Sunday April 26th directly after the 10am Mass



FEAST OF THE WEEK

Our Lady of Lourdes 4th March

Saint **Casimir Jagiellon** ([Polish: Kazimierz](#), October 3, 1458 – March 4, 1484) was a prince of the [Kingdom of Poland](#) and of the [Grand Duchy of Lithuania](#). Second oldest son of King [Casimir IV](#), he was tutored by [Johannes Longinus](#), a Polish [chronicler](#) and [diplomat](#). After his elder brother [Vladislaus](#) was elected as [King of Bohemia](#) in 1471, Casimir became the heir apparent. At the age of 13, Casimir participated in the failed military campaign to install him as [King of Hungary](#). He became known for his piety, devotion to God, and generosity towards the sick and poor. There are more than 50 churches named after St. Casimir in Lithuania and Poland.

Please remember in your prayers and Masses the following people who are ill: Sr Annunciata, Valda Hogan, Flo O'Hara, Sr Joyce Stewart, Peter Wood, Vandersman Family, Joanne Kilmer, Liliana Bobadilla, Ruby Roxa, Eunice Costa, Richard Fennessy, Giovanna Santarossa, James Burnes, James Atkins, Bonnie Breen, Jeff Martin, Naomi McSweeney, Alison Fraser, Steven Wallace, Elaine Wallace, Richard, Miles Buntleski, Colin Crawford, Frank O'Connor, Maria Cimino.



1st week of Lent- Year A.

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

1st Reading – Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

One of the two accounts of creation – the biblical myth of the story of the creation of man and woman and their sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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. 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.

A pure heart creates 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. 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.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2nd Reading – Romans 5:12-7

We hear St. Paul's great meditation on the parallel between sin entering the world through one man and how in the one man, Jesus Christ, God's plan was restored.

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 – Matthew 4:1-11

We hear the traditional text on the First Sunday of Lent of how Jesus was tempted in his humanity during his time in the wilderness. We can learn from Jesus' response in time of struggle.

Next week's readings: 1^s Genesis 12:1-4
 2nd 2 Timothy 1:8-10
 Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray together:

Lord, we pray for our Church Leaders, our Pope, and his bishops and priests. May they always be led by the Spirit in their commitment to follow Christ's humble service of others and not succumb to the temptation of power and control.

Lord, we pray that we may develop and share our gifts with increasing generosity of spirit and confidence in God who entrusts these gifts to us.

Lord, we pray for all those who live in fear. May love soon replace fear, acceptance replace prejudice, peace replaces violence, and may these gifts be the gifts we offer each other this Lent.

Lord, we pray for our parish community. May this season of Lent be a special time of renewal for each one of us.

Lord, we remember with compassion our family and friends who have gone before us. Hold them in your keeping, especially those who have died recently Elisa Bartolo, Peter Mulcahy and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Charlie Xuereb, Lila Bryant, Laurie McGrath, Betty Nolen, Fr Paul Maher, Maria Ryszczewski, Rosaleen Dunne, Mary Tynne, Norma & Harry Degenhardt, James Delahuntly.

Collections : Feb 22/23 2020

1st Collection: \$1161

2nd Collection: \$865

Online per week (Jan): \$390

1st Collection goes to the Friars, and the 2nd collection goes to the running costs of the Parish.

EFT Donations:

Account Name: Parish SS Peter & Paul
 BSB: 083 155

Account number: 515577466

	READERS	E.M.E	HOSPITALITY	FLOWERS
Sat 29	Angela			Ann & Priska
Sun 1	Janet & Ann	Geraldine F & Merlyn	Denis & Olwen	
Sat 7	Geraldine C			Doris
Sun 8	Mario & Gerry	Merlyn & Sue	Donovan Family	