

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / A

22 FEBRUARY 2026

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

SELF-CENTRED SEDUCTIONS

As is traditional on the First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel passage is about Jesus' temptation, an appropriate theme as we begin our own journey in Lent and begin to explore our own seductive temptations. We are all prone to these, and Matthew presents us with a Jesus similarly tested: an egoism exclusive of others especially God, the attraction to power and the seduction of wealth. These temptations are crafted in Old Testament terminology and imagery, particularly present in the Book of Deuteronomy, and ones that Israel experienced in the wilderness.

In today's story, Satan enters the scene, originally a member of the heavenly court (see Job) but, by the time of Matthew, God's adversary who tests the intention and fidelity of those who belong to God. Jesus is his target in three temptations. The first is about food and the temptation to break covenantal fidelity to God due to hunger. The second seeks to question Jesus' conviction of God's care of him. From the parapet of the temple, Jesus is told to throw himself from it, and test God's protection of him. In the third, with a vision of all the earth's kingdoms and seduction of wealth, Jesus is tempted to change his allegiance from God to Satan.

Matthew's point is quite clear writing to a Jewish audience most familiar with Israel's desert failures: Jesus is an authentic Jew who belongs to the Israelite people, knows and experiences their temptations, but resists the seduction of egoism, power and wealth in fidelity to God and his covenantal relationship. In this first week of Lent, today's Gospel invites us to reflect on those self-centred seductions that may compromise our true relationship to God.

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A TIME OF PREPARATION. The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of Lent. Jesus' time in the wilderness was a time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self and not the Father. For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 90:15-16

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

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis
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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. 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, 17-19.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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.

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Longer form 5:12-19

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. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mt 4:1-11

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.



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LITURGICAL TIMES

Weekend Masses: Saturday (vigil): 6.00pm Sunday: 7.30 & 9.30am Korean: 11.30 am Indonesian Mass: 4.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open 24 hours, 7 days a week. Entry from Marmion Street. For access contact Paul Menezes 0413 817 857

Weekday Masses: Monday (Communion Service): 9.00am; Tuesday: 5.30pm; Wednesday: 9.00am; Thursday: 5.30pm; Friday 9.00am

Indonesian Cenacle & Mass: 1st & 3rd Thursday 10.30am

Indonesian Community: St Anthony Novena, 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11.00am

Rosary: Recited after 9.00 am Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays except 1st Friday of the month

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm to 5.50pm and on request

Healing Mass: Friday, 6 March 2026 at 9.00am

Anointing of Sick: After each of the weekend masses on the 7 and 8 March 2026 and on request.

Novena and Benediction Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Tuesday 6.00pm.

22 Feb 2026	First Sunday in Lent	Year A #2293	01 Mar 2026	Second Sunday in Lent	Year A #2294
Acolytes	Sat 6.00pm	A Kuswandi	Acolytes	Sat 6.00pm	C Bui
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer		Sun 7.30am	K Taylor
	Sun 9.30am	R Anandappa		Sun 9.30am	L Rebelo
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	P Massie-Taylor and J Gorza	Readers	Sat 6.00pm	K Gan and A Faria
	Sun 7.30am	K Taylor		Sun 7.30am	P Neale and V France
	Sun 9.30am	L Jung and L Nussey		Sun 9.30am	M O'Keefe and M Cabassi
Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Sr. E Johnson	Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	J Gorza
	Sun 7.30am	D Brayshaw		Sun 7.30am	P Robertson
	Sun 9.30am	L Nussey		Sun 9.30am	C Chalk
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteer, EM Sajan, F Consadine	Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	E&M Fong and T Murphy
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer		Sun 7.30am	Volunteer
	Sun 9.30am	K Varen, L Nyoni, J Jilo		Sun 9.30am	A Saputra, M Beaver, G Colalillo
Greeters	Sat 6.00pm	B D'Cruz	Greeters	Sat 6.00pm	T Iacobellis
	Sun 7.30am	D Brayshaw		Sun 7.30am	C Kuswadi
	Sun 9.30am	P Menezes		Sun 9.30am	G Porgorzelski
Children's Liturgy	Sun 9.30am	M Brown	Children's Liturgy	Sun 9.30am	A Pascoe
Our Lady Statue	Sat 21 Feb	A Kuswandi	Our Lady Statue	Sat 28 Feb	P Menezes
Flower Group	Sat 21 Feb	Indonesian Community	Flower Group	Sat 28 Feb	C Melvin
External Clean	Sat 21 Feb	G Della Maddalena	External Clean	Sat 28 Feb	P & C Taylor

Parish Mission Statement

LIVING WITNESSES TO THE BODY OF CHRIST

In the spirit of our Lord God, we,

the Pater Noster Community, strive to be living witnesses to the Body of Christ.

Guided by faith and love, we commit ourselves

to nurturing faith, reaching out to others, and reflecting the Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

2026 World Day of Prayer: Friday, 6 March

Is an international prayer day with the service to be hosted at St Thomas Anglican Church, Willagee commencing 10.30am.

Each year a different country is chosen to prepare the service and this year's service will be prepared by Nigeria.

The service lasts approximately 35 minutes and there will be a cup of tea and coffee afterwards.

This is a great opportunity to meet other Christians in the area

Mary MacKillop Today – Breakfast in the Garden

When: 8.00am Saturday, 14 March

Where: GARDEN VENUE at the Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth.

Bring: \$20.00 for breakfast, BYO chairs, sunscreen and smiles.

Extra's: Free raffle ticket on entry, assorted range of potted plants and music by students from Ursula Frayne Catholic College.

The use of cash is encouraged.

RSVP: By 10 March to robcan52@icloud.com or 0459 364 872

Stations of the Cross: Friday, 27 February

Acolyte: Cong Bui

Altar Servers: Ruby and Millie Beaver

Reader Margaret Cabassi

Lent with St Joseph

From 11 March to 1 April each Wednesday night from 7.30pm to 8.30pm (4 sessions) at Myaree Parish.

This course explores the interior workings of St Joseph's lived experience of God's sacrificial love.

For Parishioners wanting to attend, please place your name on the clipboard in the foyer.

Cost is \$20.00 and the presenter is Ms Natalie Thomas.

Further information or to register, email cfe@perthcatholic.org or call 08 9278 0261

Patriarchy: How it has Shaped the Church and Every Aspect of our Lives

The Council for Catholic Women Perth present renowned international lay theologian, Virginia Saldanha, who will speak on patriarchy in the Church and its impact.

For over 20 years she has worked for the empowerment of women at the diocesan, national and international level of the Indian Church.

At Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street South Perth on Friday 27 February, 5.30pm to 8.00pm - 6.00pm start.

RSVP Thursday 26 February to mobile 0400 886 835 or email kerrymacfarlane2@gmail.com.

Cost is a donation.

Farewell Luncheon for Joy Winthrop

After more than 60 years of involvement and dedication to our Parish, Joy has relocated, to be nearer to family and so will no longer be attending Pater Noster Church.

The Parish is giving Joy a send off on **Saturday, 7th March** in the **Parish Hall** in the form of a bring and share luncheon at **12 noon**.

We would love to see as many people as possible attend to say farewell to Joy and wish her well in her new home and Parish.

A plate of preferably finger food to share, either sweet or savoury, would be appreciated.

BYO drinks but tea and coffee provided.

Could you please complete the attendance sheet with your name and the number of people attending, this will assist with setting up the Hall.

Please put this date in your diary and come along.

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage(2026)

Join a Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to Greece, Poland, and Turkey from 21 September to 17 October 2026.

Visiting the Island of Patmos, the Seven Churches of Revelation, Our Lady of Czestochowa, a Nazi Concentration Camp, salt mine in Wieliczka, the family Home of John Paul II in Wadowice, Poland as well as joining a Gallipoli Tour.

Follow the footsteps of St Paul and St John revelling in rich archaeological history linked to Paul's ministry and John's letters

Contact Fr Emmanuel-tv on 0417 999 553, 9342 3079; email: fremmanueltv@gmail.com for further information.

On this First Sunday of Lent let us ask for God's grace to pray that our faith may be strengthened during this penitential season and that our Lenten resolutions may remain clear and firm.

That each of us may experience a real awakening to the love that is God and the place of God in our lives, and that we may follow together our Lord Jesus Christ more fully day by day and come to know him more completely as our friend.

2nd COLLECTION from last weekend Masses: was 98% of the Parish target. We are fortunate to have our Parishioners.

DIRECT DEBIT: please ask Father Joseph for a form and return completed to Father or Deacon John.

INTERNET BANKING: BSB: 086-006 **No:** 508212450 **Name:** Pater Noster Myaree Parish. Enter a brief description in the space provided, e.g. 2nd collection.

EFTPOS FACILITIES: available at each weekend masses. Please confirm if all or part funds are to go other than the 2nd collection.

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