

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

9TH MARCH, 2025

Readings: Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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Lenten Reflection - Journeying through the Desert

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, the liturgy invites us to a profound spiritual journey, beginning with a powerful narrative of temptation, resilience, and divine grace. The readings for the First Sunday of Lent in Year C offer us a deeply transformative message of hope and redemption.

In the Gospel of Luke, we encounter Jesus in the wilderness, facing direct temptation from the devil. This isn't just a historical account, but a deeply personal invitation for each of us to reflect on our own spiritual battles. The desert represents more than a physical landscape—it is a metaphor for those challenging moments in our lives when we feel most vulnerable, most tested.

The first reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of the Israelites' journey, recounting how God remembered His people, heard their cry, and delivered them from oppression. It's a powerful testament to God's unwavering love and faithfulness, even when we find ourselves in our own metaphorical deserts of doubt, struggle, and uncertainty.

Saint Paul's letter to the Romans speaks beautifully of salvation through confession and belief. "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." These words are not just theological doctrine, but a profound invitation to authenticity in our faith journey.

Lent calls us to three fundamental practices: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. But beneath these external actions lies a deeper invitation—to strip away the layers that separate us from God, to confront our vulnerabilities, and to open ourselves to transformative grace.

Just as Jesus was tempted but remained steadfast, we too are called to recognize our own weaknesses while trusting in God's strength. The wilderness is not a place of punishment, but a place of preparation. It's where we can hear God's voice most clearly, where we can be refined and renewed.

As we begin this Lenten journey, let us embrace the desert moments of our lives not with fear, but with hope. Let us remember that after every wilderness, there is resurrection. After every temptation, there is grace.

May this Lent be a time of profound spiritual renewal for each of us. *Fr Odínaka*

A MESSAGE FROM THE LITURGY GROUP REGARDING EASTER

If you are involved in a Ministry and will be here over the Easter Triduum, the nomination sheets for Holy Thursday, Good Friday (Stations of the Cross at 10 am and the Passion of the Lord at 3 pm) and the Easter Vigil are available now until the weekend of 22 and 23 March. The sheets are on the work room bench so please leave your name for consideration if you are able to assist. There are a number of ways in which you can help if you are not involved in a Ministry. Bring your smile and be a greeter at the Masses on Holy Thursday evening and the Easter Vigil before we move to the Easter fire, bring the Offertory gifts forward on Holy Thursday evening, be a cross bearer during the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. Please give this request your prayerful reflection and indicate your willingness to assist. Thank you. Maureen



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St. Joseph's Parish Mass Times
Monday 8:00am, Wednesday 10:00am, Friday 8:00am,
Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation
Wednesday 9:30, Saturday 4:30pm

St John Bosco Church Kenilworth Mass Time
Third Sunday of the month 10:00am

St Augustine's Church Palmwoods Mass Time
Third Sunday of the Month 5:30pm



St John Bosco Church
21 Anne Street
Kenilworth

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

Saturday 8th March

TBC 4:30pm Reconciliation
TBC 6:00pm Mass

Sunday 9th March

First Sunday of Lent

TBC 8:00am Mass @ St Joseph's
9:15am - Week 2 - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 10th March

8:00am Mass

Wednesday 12th March

9:30am Reconciliation

10:00am - Anointing Mass

10:30am Seniors Gathering

10:30am Cenacle of the Marion Movement of Priest

Thursday 13th March

10:30am Funeral Service for the late *David Francis Kuhnert*

5:30pm RCIA meeting

7:00 Church - Gregorian Chant rehearsal

Friday 14th March

8:00am TBC Liturgy of the Word with Communion and morning prayer

5:00pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday 15th March

9:30am St Vincent de Paul Festival Mass & gathering

4:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

7:00pm Youth Group - Formation

Sunday 16th March

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass @ St Joseph's

10:00am Mass @ St John Bosco Church Kenilworth

5:30pm Mass @ St Augustine's Church Kenilworth

9:15am - Week 3 - Sacrament of Reconciliation

PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Please pray for the Sick and needy and their families, particularly Des Mitchell, Irene Flint, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Peter Thrussell, Margaret, Lesley Cole, Baby Olivia Littler, and all those affected by any illness, locally and globally, and their loved ones, and also those remaining in the Parish Journal for the Sick. Please advise the office when anyone is well removed from prayers.



Please pray for those who are seriously ill or suffering in hospital including Barry Pobjoy, Don Hartley, Ted Hannan, Peter Nix, Leanne Kreis, John Rowe, Pauline McAney, Christene Page (former Teacher of St Joseph's Primary), Imelda Danara Ronario, Jo von Schomburg, John Collard, Margaret Wasmund, Peggy Caton, Elaine Martyn, Paul Mullane, Doreen Ayres, Jack Green, Colin Erbacher, Herbert Lehner, Paul Byrne, Marian Bull, Noel Reddy, Paul Azzopardi, Dorothy Kelly (Perth), Nevaeh Coogan (8 years of age), Baby Huxley Hudson (newborn), Shirley Haslem, Jim Turfrey, Josephina O'phelia, Margaret Madden, Des Mitchell, Wally Jankiwskyj, Peter Madue, Glenda Kassulke, Dave Pitt, Noeline Herdy Ferguson, Maree Kruger, Bruce Power, Marie Gannon, Anne Strudwicke, along with all those who work and serve in hospitals, in any capacity. *Please advise the office if your loved ones are now well and can be removed from the prayer list.*

Please pray for all Parishioners & Friends in residential or home care and those who care for them including Noreen Ryan, Elaine Lawrence, Irene Ford, Elvira Quinn, Eileen Bradford, Kathleen D'Rozario, Glenda & Les Atkinson, Pia Aarts, Cherrie Gerathy, Maria Rowe, Denis Kidcaff, and all those in the Parish Prayer petition book. The Prayer petition book is present at masses where the larger list of names of the sick, seriously ill and residential people are placed. The petitions will be updated regularly and present at all masses.

Anniversaries: Remember in your prayers Nell Hopkinson 25/02, Paddy Kenny 22/2/23, Therese Woods 23/1/2012, William (Ian) Cole 30/1/22, and all those whose Anniversary occurs at this time and we pray for all their families and loved ones.

Please pray for the suffering souls in Purgatory, especially deceased relatives and friends.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the recently departed especially David Francis Kuhnert, Winifred Rose Marucci, Benildus Jayasekera, Fr Leo Burke, Marlene Jackson (wife of Ross), Eugene Walsh (Ireland), Elena Galler (Stephen & Monique), Tita Marshall. Please also pray for loved ones in their grieving.

Funeral Notice: On behalf of Fr Odinaka and the family of the Late Fr Leo Burke, Parishioners and friends are invited to attend the Requiem for Fr Leo which will be held at St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane on Friday 14th March at 10:00am.

JOURNEY WITH OTHERS THIS LENT IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER

The 2025 Lenten Program resource 'Metanoia' contains reflections for each day of Lent and Holy Week. If you would like to join in with a group please phone the Parish office.



Congratulations and blessings to *Elaine Lawrence* who celebrated her 87th birthday on 4/3/25.

Sundays:

6:00am TV Mass at Home ch10
Mass on Demand is available 24/7 on <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>

Tuesdays:

9:15am Tai Chi 2025 resumes *February 18th* in the Ryan Room
Phone Parish office

ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH KENILWORTH

Thursdays:

9:30am Christian Meditation

Sundays:

9:00am Lay Led Liturgy of the word with Communion

Third Sundays:

10:00am Mass

Fifth Sundays:

9:00am Ecumenical Service



ST JOSEPH'S SENIORS INVITE PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS TO THEIR ST. PADDY'S DAY MORNING TEA

Celebration - following the 10am Anointing Mass on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Dress Code: Green / Prize: Best dressed Leprechaun / Irish Music / Singing - Lucky Door / Fun & Friendship...to be sure.. to be sure!
New Parishioners Most Welcome! May the love & protection St. Patrick can give be yours in abundance as long as you live!



JUBILEE COLUMN

JUBILEE OF THE WORLD OF VOLUNTEERING 8-9 MARCH

The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering is an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who contribute to the world through volunteering.

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From the Address of His Holiness Benedict XVI to Participants in the Meeting Promoted by the Pontifical Council “Cor Unum” (2011):



PROJECT COMPASSION



Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet

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2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR RECONCILIATION

Week 2: March 8th/9th

Week 3: March 15th/16th

Week 4: March 22nd/23rd

First Reconciliation Celebrated: Friday, March 28th @ 4:00pm

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE: THANKYOU EVERYONE OUR BANK BALANCE IS RISING.

Please support St Joseph's Church Nambour fundraising initiative for the 2024 Parish Study Groups. Save your bottles and cans and go to the Burnside depot at 7/1 Windsor Road. Hand over your items and **Key in the code C11246505. The funds automatically go to St Joseph's account.**



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

DATE CLAIMERS 2025:

Working Bee

On **Sunday March 9th, from 9-11am** we are holding a working bee to clean parts of the Good Samaritan Centre in readiness for our centennial celebrations and the gallery display. Can you give us an hour of your time to help us wipe down walls, gurney external walkways, clean away trash and tidy up gardens to make this a proud space to show off our history? We would appreciate any helping hands on this morning. Starting 9:00am.

School Open Day Saturday 22nd March 9:30am -12:30pm

Come and see what our school has to offer your family. Meet our Leadership Team, Student Leaders and tour our facilities, including our original and heritage listed Convent opened by the Good Samaritan Sisters in 1925. School Tours will be held at 9:30am and 11:30am Morning tea and coffee included. <https://www.trybooking.com/CZAVJ>

Community Mass and Breakfast Sunday 23rd March @ 9:00am

A reminder to please book your ticket for our combined school and parish mass & BBQ breakfast via <https://www.trybooking.com/CZAVP>

“100” frames for “100” years

Part of the gallery will include one hundred frames for one hundred years. You can book a frame through <https://www.trybooking.com/CZOJJ> to use to share your story. This might be a photo collage, a snippet of history or whatever you like in the space of an A4 frame that will help share who we are and how we have come from 1925 to 2025. Spread the word with the broader community who might have a story to share.

Fr Hefferan Bursary & Awards:
Seeking a Volunteer parishioner who has an accounting background. Please contact the Parish Office.

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Trevor & Judy Smith.

Communion to the Sick
To be confirmed

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Trevor Smith & Annette Baker.

Servers
Maureen Murphy.

Children's Liturgy
Jocelyn Lysaght.

Sacramental Programs
Rosanna Tumelty.

Baptism Ministry
Rosanna Tumelty.

Ecumenical Ministry
Joan Pobjoy.

Eucharistic Adoration
Rosanna Tumelty
& Adrian Eldridge.

Helping Hands
Kate Bourassa/Jan Inmarisio.

Youth Minister
To be confirmed

Contact all Ministry Coordinators
C/- Parish Office 54411034

WEDDINGS & FUNERALS
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

ST JOSEPH'S MONTHLY DIARY

1st Monday:

◆ 5:30pm Liturgy Meeting

1st Wednesday:

◆ 10:00am Anointing Mass

◆ 10:30am Seniors Gathering & M/tea—new Parishioners welcome

◆ 6:00pm Leadership meetings bi monthly—(next tba)

1st Friday:

◆ 8:30am—6:00pm

10 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Followed by Benediction concluding At 6:30pm

1st Saturday:

◆ 8:30am Baptism Preparation

◆ 11:00am Mass Marion Movement Combined Cenacle SSCoast—all welcome

3rd Sunday:

◆ 10:00am Mass at Kenilworth

◆ 5:30pm Mass at Palmwoods

5th Sunday:

◆ 9:00am Ecumenical Service at Kenilworth

Last Monday-bi-monthly

◆ 5:15pm Helping Hands

Next meeting tbc

Last Friday:

◆ 6:00pm

St Joseph's Men's Group

AGED CARE MONTHLY DIARY

1st Thursday

Nambour Garden Care
10:00am - Communion Service with Anointing

1st Friday

Sundale Bowder Lodge
11:00am - Anointing Mass

3rd Thursday

Sundale Palmwoods
10:30am - Communion Service with Anointing

4th Thursday

Estia Care, Nambour
10:00am - Communion Service with Anointing

Planned Giving Last week

Loose \$646.65
Envelopes \$986.25

Counters: This week - Group 2: S. Brinnand, J. Bourassa, M. Murphy, D. Cuskelly
Next Week—Group 3: M. & B. Barker, C. Cadzow, M. Thrussell, J. Goggin, J. Bourassa
Please contact the Parish Office if any Parishioner/s would be in a position to join the counting Ministry for 2025. NB: Police check required for Parish Policy via the Parish office. Thank you, Cecilia.



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TERM 1 DATES

FEBRUARY 15 (FORMATION)
MARCH 1 (SOCIAL)
MARCH 15 (FORMATION)
MARCH 29 (SOCIAL)

SATURDAY NIGHTS

7PM - 8:30PM
(FOLLOWING GPM
MASS)

SOCIAL NIGHTS
YEAR 6 - 12

FORMATION NIGHTS
YEAR 9 - 12

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