

RESPONSE: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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.

Response.

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.

Response.

SECOND READING: Romans 5: 12-19
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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ; king of endless glory!
No one live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Gen 12: 1-4; 2 Tim 1: 8-10; Mt 17: 1-9.

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 9:30 am.
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A) 29th / 1st March 2020

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.

FIRST READING: Genesis 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.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 50: 3-6. 12-14. 17

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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.

Response.

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.

Response.

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29 FEBRUARY / 1 MARCH 2020 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 9.30AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D ELLIS (M&H)	M MORELLI
Minister of HC	J KEYSER	J PERERA	G HOGAN
Minister of HC	B CLARK	S DIMICHIEL	VOLUNTEER
Reader	FAMILY MASS	A STANTON	VOLUNTEER
Wardens	L SEETO	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	FAMILY MASS	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	A SHEEKA	NIL	P TREACY
Altar Servers	GROUP 1: JAMES D'MELLO, IAN PILENA & AIDEN SHEEKA	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		D BRENNAN
Counters	GROUP 4: R WHITE G WHITE C DIAS		
Altar Flowers	A PAK / O SHIN	MARCH ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

7 / 8 MARCH 2020 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 9.30AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	A STANTON	J KWONG
	K PERERA	S DIMICHIEL	J MORABITO
Minister of HC	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	G MOODLEY
Minister of HC			A VAZ (H)
Reader	B CLARK	P TREACY	N BRIERLEY
Wardens	P BURGE	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	D BRENNAN
Projection	T MORFUNI	NIL	S PERERA
Altar Servers	GROUP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE AND NOAH EL-AZZI	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		D BRENNAN
Counters	GROUP 5: P HO F HO A STANTON		
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PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Mrs Mary Brennan (*who died last Saturday at 105 years of age - mother Christine Duffy*) and all those who celebrate anniversaries especially Sayed Karem at this time.

Project Compassion – Boxes and Envelopes are available NOW.

Project Compassion this year asks us to consider how, as global neighbours, we can “go further together”. Be generous for we share the same genesis – our common humanity obliges us to share in what we can.

In our Lenten appeal, Project Compassion, we witness the power of compassion as we are invited to raise funds to help people less fortunate than us in our world. Once again we ask for your **support by using the envelopes or money boxes provided at the front of the Church**, as your generosity makes a difference to provide vital learning and renewed hope to those most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice and during Lent is the most appropriate time to show our compassion. All donations are 100% tax deductible.



Family Mass & Welcome BBQ for St Therese School

Welcome to all new parents and children to the school. At the Vigil Mass this weekend we celebrate with them and we wish them a very happy and wonderful time here in our church and school.



Catechesis for 2020.

The sessions continue every Sunday & Thursday at 7:30pm - 8.30pm in the School Hall.

Relics of St Therese & her parents.

Don't forget that the relics of the saints are coming on 17th / 18th March from 7pm till 5am. Please continue to write your names on the sheet provided. Bring your family and friends!

Schedule of Relics.

- 7pm arrival of the relics
- 8pm Mass followed by the Rosary
- 9.30pm till 10.30pm Neocatechumenate community will sing psalms.
- 11pm -12am midnight the Apostolate of Renewal.

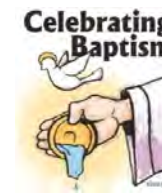
At all other times it will be the time for quiet prayer, so bring your favourite prayer book or a Bible to help you.

Living Collection for FOUR Cobargo families.

Don't forget about the collection THIS weekend for the FOUR families who lost their homes and possessions in Cobargo after the devastating bushfires on the South Coast.

Baptism

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Emilio Chivers. We congratulate his parents David, Florinda and their families.



Welcome to the Di Maio family.

At the 9.30am Mass this Sunday we will be welcoming the Di Maio family whose daughter Alice will be baptised next weekend. Let us all welcome them and pray that they have a happy parish life here at St Therese.

Stations of the Cross.

Continue every Friday evening throughout Lent at 7.30pm.

Cuppa

This Sunday after the 9.30am Mass come and share a “cuppa” with parish friends. All are welcome!

Mothers Prayers

Change of venue! These prayers will now be held at the school. They are still on the first Thursday of the month at 2.15pm.

Working Bee 14th March.

On Saturday the 14th March at 9.30 am will have a working bee to help prepare the church for the arrival of the relics of St Therese and her parents. Your help would be appreciated.

Health reminders.

A few healthy precautions for us all to follow in our parish community:

- If you are sick please don't come to Mass.
- Everyone should wash their hands before coming to Mass.
- If you feel more comfortable, do not use the holy water as you enter the church, shake hands at the Sign of Peace (*instead just nod or bow*), or receive Holy Communion on the tongue (*instead choose to receive the bread of life in the hand*).

Catholic Women's League Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday the 6th March 2020 2013 at 10am. Newcomers are always welcome.



Lenten programmes begins this week.

Group 1 - Tuesday, 3rd March at 2.30pm.
Group 2 - Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm. Both groups will meet in the presbytery.

Chocolate Paschal Lambs.

These will be on sale on the weekend of the 14th and 15th March for \$8.00 each.



All profits will go towards supporting the missionary work in Papua New Guinea.

Fr Marlon Henao

Fr Marlon, the Dean of Studies at Redemptorist Mater, will celebrate Mass here once a month at the Saturday Vigil. His first Mass will be on the 14th March.

Days of Penance!

Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), and (c).

1. Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Good Friday.
2. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) Prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making that Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) Self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) Helping other – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.