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Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

6 March 2022 - First Sunday of Lent

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Brian Cornish, Stuart Squires, Margot McCarthy,
Deceased:

Anniversary: James Meredith; Lucy Moran & Jim Moran; Peter Daniels; William Sevil; Kevin Green; Charles Lantry; Patrick McNamara; Kai Fitzpatrick; Ken Heath; Gavin Carlisle; Gregory Trudgett; Neville Egan; Phyliss Lord; Anthony Conlan; Kathleen (Tish) Egan; Brian Redgrove; Len Dalton; Felicity McGrath; Barry Hill; John Garrity; James Cooper; Marcus Plevy; Roger Gleeson; Brian Purcell; Gordon Nean; Jim Jones; Ron McGrath; Patricia Gleeson; Matthew McGrath; Donald Davidson; Anthony (Mailey) O'Donnell; Helen Plevy; Sylvia Green; May Barr; Allan Pengilly

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.

And for those who are ill: Jenny McGiniskiri; David Henry; Pat Reedy; Rohan Guest; Dawn & Colin Graham; Brian Lobley; Noel Leech; Gary Smith; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Billy Godder; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lisa Brown; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Lucy Giggli; Joan Greentree; all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

Roster

13/3/2022 R: H Passfield
14/3/2022 R: D Ryan
C: K Sweep & C Taylor

Flower/Altar Roster for March R Harris & K Murphy

Coming Events

Mon 7, Tues 8, Wed 9 Clergy Assembly in Armidale - No Mass
Wed 9 First Confession Lessons begin at 3.50pm in the Parish Hall
Thurs 10 CWL Meeting in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall at 10.30am
Fri 11 **Mass at 8.30am today - please note the change of time**
Fri 11 Funeral Service for Brian Cornish at 10.00am
Fri 11 Lenten Group to meet after 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Centre
Sat 11 Stations of the Cross at 5.00pm at St Brigid's
Sat 19 Armidale Diocesan Men's Gathering at McCarthy Catholic College at 7.30am
Sat 19 St Joseph's Day - Mass at 9.30am at St Brigid's

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday No Mass
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 9.30am - Werris Creek
Friday 8.30am - Quirindi

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses
5.00pm - Quirindi
6.30pm - Werris Creek
Sunday: 8.00am - Willow Tree
9.30am - Quirindi

Carona: Last Sunday of the Month

Baptism: At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 4.15pm - 4.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday of the Month

Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays along with prayers to Our Lady of La Salette

Project Compassion This year's theme reminds us that what we do today can have an impact. *For All Future Generations*. This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival, and those whose needs at this time are far beyond ours. By putting compassion into action, we can make a difference today. *For all Future Generations*.

Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.

Catholic Women's League Quirindi Branch are holding an Easter Raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 and are available at the back of the church. Drawn 3 April 2022.

Saints to Remember
Sts Perpetua & Felicity - Memorial - 7th
St John of God - Memorial - 8th
St Frances of Rome - Memorial - 9th

Baptism This weekend we welcome Cooper & Jax Colbourne into our Christian Community and Baptised into the Mystery of Christ and his Church. Please pray for the parents Scott & Melissa and the Godparents.

For the health and safety of all concerned, parishioners are encouraged to comply with all relevant Public Health Orders.

During Lent Confessions will be heard after 9.30am Mass on a Friday.
Usual Saturday Confessions 4.15pm - 4.45pm
Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 5.00pm

Planned Giving \$613.00 + \$10.00 = \$623.00

Father Vince Amaro You are all invited to attend **Father Vince's farewell**. It will be on **Sunday 10th April 2022 at Quirindi RSL Club 12 noon for 12.30pm. Two course meal for \$30.00 per person. RSVP 31st March 2022.**

If you can please write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church and how many will be attending. Money to be paid prior to the day by either placing in an envelope and given direct to Bernice or put it on the plate or you can credit our account direct.
Account Name: St Brigid's Church Hall AVC
BSB 082 105
Account Number 001056915
Ensuring you put your name in the reference

Armidale Diocesan Men's Gathering 2022

Saturday morning 19th March
McCarthy College Tamworth
For laymen by laymen!
Extraordinary Speakers and open Q & A
Come for breakfast & home at luncheon
Registration Now Open
Details on the cards and poster at the back of the church
Simply register online.
www.eventcreate.com/armedale-diocesan-mens-gat
Or call: 0427851651 or 0419011096
Bring a Friend!

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.
You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



First Collection \$227.05

GOSPEL

Lk 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

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

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands

in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

CONFESSION OF FAITH

It is said that without the faculty of memory there can be no sense of identity. We don't know who we are or where we are going without knowing where we have been. For the people of Israel, it was critical to remember with gratitude the saving acts of God that had brought them to the land of promise, passing from slavery to freedom. Today's text from Deuteronomy was Israel's first creed and it played an important role in forming Israel's identity as a people cherished and chosen to be God's people in a unique way.

In the temptation scene, we see Jesus coming to terms with his identity as God's Son. Where was his life going? How was he to live as Son of God? For 40 days the devil searches and probes, entices, and challenges. Ultimately, Jesus proclaims that God is the source of his life, the devil's offer of power an illusion, and forcing God's hand is not acceptable for the person of faith.

In writing to the Christian community of Rome, Paul had to deal with the question of the identity of Christians and their relationship to the people of Israel and the Jewish law. While the people of Israel continued to have a special place in God's plans, Paul knew that the law that had been given to Moses now played a secondary role for Christians. Paul makes it clear that due to God's graciousness both Jews and Gentiles can be saved by means of faith in Jesus.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / C

THE SAVING WORD

6 MARCH 2022

FIRST READING

Deut 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v. 15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High / and abides in the shade of the Almighty / says to the Lord: 'My refuge, / my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, / no plague approach where you dwell. / For you has he commanded his angels, / to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

3. They shall bear you upon their hands / lest you strike your foot against a stone. / On the lion and the viper you will tread / and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**



4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; / protect him for he knows my name. / When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' / I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek; all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

■ The word of the Lord.

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!