

# ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds

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QR Code  
for our website:



1st Sunday of Lent, Year A

26th February, 2023

### MASS TIMES

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**

Tuesday - Friday: **9.15 am**

Saturday: **8 am**

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 8.30 am

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Moonee Ponds Parish Office:**

**Tue - Thu: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm**

*Strathmore Parish Office:*

*Fri: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm*



## Project Compassion: The First Sunday of Lent



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.***

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

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**MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 5th March 2022 — Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>B Odachowski</b>	<b>M Galioto</b>	<b>R Farfalla</b>	<b>R Gonsalves</b>
10.30 am	<b>J Martin</b>	<b>K Martin</b>	<b>T Vu</b>	<b>D Storace</b>
5.30 pm	<b>J Beckley</b>		<b>M Christian</b>	<b>B Clancy</b>

**CHURCH LINEN**

February - **Connie Munafo**

**CHURCH VACCUMING**

**TEAM 1** - Thursday 2nd March at 9.45am

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries**

Rev Kevin Mogg PE                      Milena Vivoda  
Pasquale Tassone                      Pasquale Monteleone  
Anna Maria Timpano                      Frank & Vera Ellia  
Joe & Nina Caminiti  
Domenico & Caterina Daniele

**The Sick & Seriously Ill**

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Parish who are sick and suffering serious illness, together with their families and loved ones who care for them.



# LENT



**Please join Catholic Theological College to celebrate 50 years of theological education at the**

**Sung Celebration of Evening Prayer**  
Guest Speaker Dr Graeme Blackman AO  
**Chancellor of University of Divinity**

**When: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 3.30pm**  
**Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne**

Enrolments are still open for Semester 1 at Catholic Theological College.

We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as *John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options*

For more information contact: [registrar@ctc.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ctc.edu.au) or visit [ctc.edu.au](http://ctc.edu.au)

**Way of the Cross—Fridays**

3.00pm                      Moonee Ponds—Italian  
7.00pm                      Moonee Ponds—English  
7.00pm                      Strathmore—English

**Triumph—Lenten Program 2023** · Only **FOUR COPIES LEFT** of *Triumph*, the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Program remain, available from the Piety Stall for **\$5.00** each. They contain a reflection for each day of Lent; and for Sundays, a prayer outline and reflection on the Sunday Gospel. They are ideal for both individual and group reflection - why not gather together a group of friends each week to pray and reflect on the Sunday Gospel readings for Lent? For each Sunday, there's also a reflection on a piece of art depicting the theme of that Sunday's Gospel Reading.



**Parish Contact List** • If you have not already done so, please make sure you subscribe to the new Parish Contact List —simply send an email to [MooneePonds@cam.org.au](mailto:MooneePonds@cam.org.au) with the subject line **Parish Contact List**



## Heart of Life

Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

**A Contemplative Space (monthly via Zoom with two in-person sessions), 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of month starting March-November from 10 am – 12pm (AEDT) with Leslie Hanger.** An invitation to take time out and nurture your soul in a contemplative space. These monthly gatherings offer opportunities for meditation, personal reflection and time for sharing. The sessions will be held online except for May and November when the group will meet in-person at Heart of Life. This is a great opportunity to develop connections with others and support each other's contemplative journey. Join us for individual sessions or book for the entire 9 sessions commencing with 10 Mar 2023. Cost: \$25 per session or \$200 for the series. Book and pay by 6/3/23 via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne).

**Understanding Your Personality Type: Gifts Differing (in-person event), Saturday 18 March from 10 am – 3.30 pm with Peter Malone msc.**

Our graced selves, praying, communicating... This is a Myers Briggs reflection day. Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 15/3/23 via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne).



What do we do to deepen **communion**?

What do we do encourage **participation**?

What do we do to promote **mission**?

**Vacancy - Casual Administrative Assistant** • Right to Life Australia Inc is seeking a casual admin. assistant to work with a small team in East Brunswick. We are a not for profit lobby group advocating for the rights of the unborn child and campaigning against euthanasia. The position is for approximately 12 hours per week. Duties include database management, typing and mail merging letters and use of website/social media. If you would like more information please contact Mary Collier on [mary.collier@righttolife.com.au](mailto:mary.collier@righttolife.com.au) or (03)9385 0100 for a position description.

# Lent



*prayer for the good of your soul*



*fasting for the good of your body*



*almsgiving for the good of your neighbor*

### Stewardship Corner

*"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'"*

Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

Special Collections 2023	
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Pastoral Care Appeal
Lent	Project Compassion
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday – Holy Places
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Propagation of the Faith
11 <sup>th</sup> June	SVdP Winter Appeal
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
13 <sup>th</sup> August	CatholicCare
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Priests' Retirement Foundation
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	World Mission Sunday
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Catholic Deaf
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Melbourne Overseas Mission

## Readings at Mass

### The First Sunday of Lent, Year A

#### **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.

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17**

**R.** 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. **R.**

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.**

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.**

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: Romans 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.

#### **Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 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: 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.

**SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME** *(click below)*

Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year A](#)  
[\(weebly.com\)](#)

Children: [February 26 - Sunday 1 LENT](#)  
[\(yearaprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)