



SUNDAY 9TH MARCH, 2025. 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT. YEAR C

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (LUKE (4:1-11))

Lent is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into the “wilderness” or “desert place” and grappling with the mysteries of life. While deserts are often depicted as uninhabited or desolate regions, anyone who has spent time in such places knows that the desert supports a rich diversity of other-than-human life.

Human retreat to the wilderness can be an opportunity to encounter God in the unfamiliar and to understand oneself in relation to the other-than-human. It can reveal to us our capacities for right relationship with God, with each other, and with the Earth. Right relationship resides in “power-with” rather than “power-over”.

In Israel’s story, the wilderness is the place of testing for God’s people: “Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness...testing you to know what was in your heart” (Deuteronomy 8:2).

Jesus is “filled with the Holy Spirit” and, like so many human beings before and since, is “led by the Spirit” into the wilderness to be “tested” there.

[“Tested” is a more accurate translation of the Greek *peirazein* than the usual “tempted”].

The three-fold drama of the testing of Jesus in the wilderness is about the proper exercise of power and about trust in a loving God. In refusing to turn the stones of the wilderness into bread in order to satisfy his own hunger, the Lukan Jesus demonstrates that he is not prepared to exercise power over the other-than-human Earth, even if he had the capacity to work such magic.

By refusing to accept the “glory of all the kingdoms of the world”, he shows that power over the human communities of the Earth is not “of God” and that worship belongs to God alone. Finally, in refusing to cast himself from the parapet of Israel’s holiest shrine, the Jerusalem Temple, he makes it clear that he is not prepared to test the power of God to rescue

him from a self-inflicted death or to use God’s holy place to such ends. The Lukan Jesus passes the tests that the people Israel failed in the wilderness of Sinai.

Adelaide priest, Michael Trainor, in a wonderfully sensitive reading of Luke’s Gospel, detects three ecological ethical principles in today’s Gospel reading:

1) Earth is to be cared for and treated respectfully, not ravaged through greed;

2) All ecological and environmental engagement is grounded in and enhanced by one’s communion with God;

and 3) Earth’s resources are to be respected by all and not usurped as a means of power and control by one over another (About Earth’s Child 2012, pages 107-109).

These principles derive from the story as a whole with its three-fold testing and from Jesus’ three-fold response to these tests.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES:

We pray for the health of **Pope Francis** as he receives medical care in hospital.

We pray for **Fr Peter Carrucan** and **Barbara Prakash** who died recently;

And for **Raymond Folwell**

whose anniversary
occurs about this time.

May they rest in peace.

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.

The Gloria is not said.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner 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. (R.) Thanks be to God.

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: Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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. (R.) Thanks be to God.

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: Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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.
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and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living
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the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 4:4

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

JOSEPH'S CORNER

On the weekend of 29th and 30th March, Joseph's
Corner will set up a stall, selling plants and knitwear
after the 5pm and 9.30 am Masses at St. Augustine's.

HOSPITALITY

Our next Hospitality Weekend will take place
**after 5pm Mass on Saturday 15th March & Sunday
16th March after 9.30am Mass at St. Augustine's.**

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR VOLUNTEERS

All Safeguarding requirements need to be completed
before volunteers can be rostered. If you have any
difficulty, please contact the Parish Office for help.

PROJECT COMPASSION

You can support Project Compassion through the
donation **boxes or envelopes** or **by calling:** 1800 024
413 **Or online at:** caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by scanning the QR code on the envelope.

Project Compassion stories of **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam
and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo
(DRC). Each story reflects diverse challenges to create
better futures for themselves and their communities.



On the first Sunday of
Lent our Catechumens and Candidates from the
parishes of St Augustine's Yarraville and Corpus
Christi Kingsville, together with those from St
Joseph's Newport and Spotswood, will travel to the
Cathedral with their catechists and sponsors for the
Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing
Conversion. This wonderful liturgy, celebrated by
Archbishop Comensoli, will be attended by many
people from across the parishes of the Archdiocese
of Melbourne. The Rite marks the beginning of the
final weeks of preparation for our Catechumens and
Candidates. We ask your continued prayers for all
those preparing for initiation and for communion
with the Catholic Church this Easter.

RITE OF WELCOME

This Saturday evening at the 5pm Mass we will have
the **Rite of Welcome** for our candidates and
Catechumens. They will travel into the Cathedral on
Sunday afternoon along with our Parish Catechists and
Sponsors, to be presented to the Archbishop as their
next step to full communion with the Catholic Church
at Easter.

SEASON OF LENT

LIGHT IN THE DESERT: Lenten program

We encourage you to be part of a weekly group
**reflection on Thursday evenings during Lent
at 7pm at the Presbytery at St. Augustine's.**

Each week includes an excerpt from the next
Sunday's Gospel, a short reflection and questions to
prompt deeper thought. The program is designed to
bring people together in prayer and conversation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross

- at St. Augustine's on Tuesday evenings
after the 6pm Mass.
- At Corpus Christi on Friday evenings at 6pm
in Vietnamese.

MEETINGS

Safeguarding Meeting

6.00pm Wednesday 12th March in the Presbytery

Baptism Meeting

7.00pm Wednesday 12th March

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LITURGY TIMES

TUESDAY MASS

St Augustine's....6.00 pm

Exposition: 5.30 –6.00pm

WEDNESDAY MASS

Corpus Christi.....9.15 am

THURSDAY MASS

St Augustine's...9.15 am

FRIDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

SATURDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.30 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

St Augustine's...5.00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Annunciation....8.00 am

St Augustine's...9.30 am

Corpus Christi..11.00 am

St Augustine's..11.30 am

(Polish)

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS after 9.30am

Mass at Corpus Christi

St. Augustine's...4.15pm

NEXT ITALIAN MASS

Thursday March 6th at

11am at St. Augustine's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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VIETNAMESE LEGION OF MARY

Meets at 3.00pm Saturdays

at Corpus Christi Kingsville

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP

Meets at 10.00am Thursdays

at St. Augustine's Yarraville

TRUE NORTH YOUNG ADULTS

Contact Kim: ktruong49@gmail.com

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

At Yarraville, Kingsville and Brooklyn, we hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our communities. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of all the Churches and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office.

www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY - We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

(8th & 9th March)

1st Sunday of Lent. Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Peter Matheson

9.30am Tere Tutai

Anna Messina

Counting..... Phillip Marques

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Juliana Barr

Mandy Rodrigues

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm..... Kath Baker

9.30am..... Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am..... Joe Fusca

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(15th & 16th March)

2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Greg Buhagiar

9.30am Thiago

Sam Polzella

Counting.....John Ryan

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Cass Pelino

AJ Pelino

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Mary Vella

9.30am.....Pina Guzzardi

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Kahn Nguyen

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Baskets are left in the churches for regular donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year.

Cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta sauce, washing powder/liquid, baked beans, spaghetti, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes are always needed.

Many thanks for your generous support.