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With this holy season of the 40 days of Lent, which the Church has made a time of recollection and penance, in preparation for the greatest of all her feasts, we suffer with Christ in his forty days in the wilderness so that we can share in the glory of his Resurrection.

The number 40, as St. Jerome teaches, denotes punishment and affliction: "Let us remember the 40 days and 40 nights of the Deluge (Genesis 7:12), sent by God in his anger, when he repented that he had made man, and destroyed the whole human race, with the exception of one family. Let us consider how the Hebrew people, in punishment for their ingratitude, wandered 40 years in the desert, before they were permitted to enter the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33). Let us listen to our God commanding the Prophet Ezekiel to lie 40 days on his right side, as a figure of the siege, which was to bring destruction on Jerusalem (Ezekiel 4:6).

With these mysteries we can understand why it was, that the Son of God, having become Man for our salvation, and wanting to subject himself to the pain of fasting, chose the number of forty days. So Lent is brought before us with everything that can impress us with its solemn character, and with its power of appeasing God and purifying our souls. Let us, therefore, look beyond the little world which surrounds us, and see how the whole Christian universe is, at this very time, offering this forty days penance as a sacrifice of penance to the offended Majesty of God; and let us hope, that he will mercifully pardon our sins.

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*The Forty Days of*  
**LENT**

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Holy Rosary

### Rosters

### Altar Society

### Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

### Counters

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Traditional Latin Mass

Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,  
11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

### Children's Liturgy

### Rosters

### Church Cleaning

### Readers

### Vigil

10:00 a.m.

### Children's Liturgy

### Counters

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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# N O T I C E S

## First Collection and Second Collection Contributions

With the current public health restrictions we are unable to take up our usual collections during Mass. Because of this, we have placed two boxes by the doors of the church for the first collection and the second collection. Your support of these collections is greatly appreciated.

The money raised in the first collection supports some of the works of the diocese. The money raised in the second collection directly supports the works of the parish and helps us to meet our expenses and to continue to meet the costs and expenses of operating the parish.

Thank you, especially, to those who are a part of the planned giving programme and use their envelopes to contribute each week to the parish. Your regular contributions are a great support.

You can also financially support the parish by arranging a direct debit. If you would like to set up a regular contribution, or even a one-off contribution, let us know and we will be happy to assist you with this. Or, if you would like to be part of the planned giving programme, we will be pleased to arrange a set of envelopes for you for regular contributions which greatly assist the parish in planning the work we carry out.

## Caritas Project Compassion Boxes

Project Compassion boxes from Caritas are available at the doors of the church.



Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, Project Compassion brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

For more information on Caritas and Project Compassion or to make an online donation visit [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au).

## Lenten Devotions

Our Lenten devotions began last week with devotions available across the parish at both churches. Make the most of this Lent and truly prepare yourself for the great solemnity of the resurrection of Our Lord at Easter.

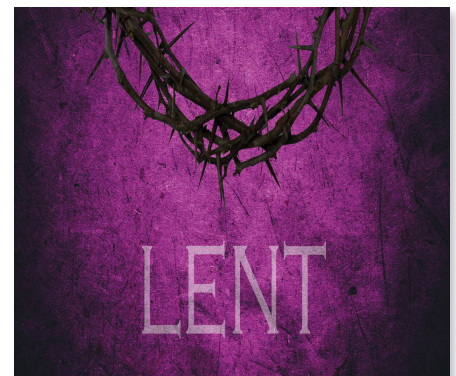
On Tuesday evenings at Holy Trinity Church there is Holy Mass at 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings at Holy Family Church there is Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. and the Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday evenings at Holy Trinity Church there is the Traditional Latin Mass at 6:00 p.m.

On Friday evenings there is Stations of the Cross at Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m. and at Holy Trinity Church at 7:00 p.m.

And throughout the week there are 18 Masses as well as two times for Confessions and two times for Stations of the Cross. So make sure to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities available this Lent.





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## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

As we prepare by these forty days of Lent  
to celebrate the solemnity of the Resurrection of Our Lord,  
join us for these Lenten devotions  
and strengthen your own spiritual exercises  
through Holy Mass, confession, and the Stations of the Cross

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### TUESDAYS

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#### *Holy Mass*

Holy Family Church 9:15 a.m.  
Holy Trinity Church 6:30 p.m.

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### WEDNESDAYS

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#### *Holy Mass*

Holy Trinity Church 8:15 a.m.  
Holy Family Church 6:00 p.m.

#### *Confessions*

Holy Family Church 6:30 p.m.

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### THURSDAYS

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#### *Holy Mass*

Holy Trinity Church 8:15 a.m.  
Holy Family Church 9:15 a.m.

#### *Traditional Latin Mass*

Holy Trinity Church 6:00 p.m.

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### FRIDAYS

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#### *Holy Mass*

Holy Trinity Church 8:15 a.m.  
Holy Family Church 9:15 a.m.

#### *Stations of the Cross*

Holy Family Church 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Trinity Church 7:00 p.m.

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### SATURDAYS

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#### *Holy Mass*

Holy Trinity Church 8:15 a.m.  
Holy Family Church 9:15 a.m.

#### *Confessions*

Holy Trinity Church 10:00 a.m.



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# TEMPORARY SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY  
VIGILS

Holy Family Church 4:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Church 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church 7:30 a.m.

Holy Family Church 8:30 a.m.

Holy Trinity Church 10:00 a.m.

Holy Trinity Church 3:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church 5:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays, Holy Family Church 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays, Holy Trinity Church 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

In order to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass  
and to comply with N.S.W. Government legislation  
regarding church occupancy limits and physical distancing,  
additional temporary times for Mass have been arranged.

Please consider attending one of these additional times  
so that we can ensure compliance with the restrictions that have been placed on us.

These times are temporary and will only remain in place  
until physical distancing restrictions are removed.

*Please be aware that the N.S.W. Government will impose fines on the parish  
and individually on those attending Mass if these limits are exceeded.*

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# LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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The Seven Sundays Devotion is a long-standing tradition of the Church  
in preparation for the feast of St. Joseph on March 19.

The devotion begins on the seventh Sunday before March 19  
and honours the seven joys and seven sorrows that St. Joseph experienced  
as husband of the Mother of God, faithful guardian of Christ, and head of the holy family.

The devotion is a prayerful opportunity to "help us find out what God is telling us through the simple life of Mary's  
husband" (St. Josemaria Escriva; *"Christ is Passing By"*, no. 39).

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Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,  
St. Joseph...  
Noble son of the House of David...  
Light of patriarchs...  
Husband of the Mother of God...  
Guardian of the Virgin...  
Foster father of the Son of God...  
Faithful guardian of Christ...  
Head of the holy family...  
Joseph, chaste and just...  
Joseph, prudent and brave...  
Joseph, obedient and loyal...  
Pattern of patience...  
Lover of poverty...  
Model of workers...  
Example to parents...  
Guardian of virgins...  
Pillar of family life...  
Comfort of the troubled...  
Hope of the sick...  
Patron of the dying...  
Terror of evil spirits...  
Protector of the Church...

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

God made him master of his household,

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
have mercy on us.

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have mercy on us.  
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have mercy on us.

and put him in charge  
of all that he owned.

Almighty God, in your infinite wisdom and love you chose Joseph  
to be the husband of Mary, the mother of your Son.

As we enjoy his protection on earth, may we have the help of his prayers in heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Saints & STUFF

## THE ANGELS IN THE DESERT

In the Gospel of Matthew, once the temptations of Satan are ended, Angels look after Christ as he remains in the desert. It is important to note that the Angels did not come to him whilst he was being tempted but only after. That is because Christ, sharing in all the suffering of humanity, was tempted in all the ways we are and defeated those temptations.



Christ also promised to us that Angels will care for us. Later in the Gospel of Matthew he says: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven". Here he promised to us our Guardian Angel, who remains by our side from the moment of our conception to the moment we face judgement.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Jesus' Temptations*

**538** The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him. At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves him "until an opportune time".

**539** The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfills Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: he "binds the strong man" to take back his plunder. Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father.

**540** By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

# CATHOLIC Trivia

## 5 Lies from the Devil and What God Has to Say About Them

### 1. You Need to Overwork Yourself to Pull Ahead

Satan likes telling us that we have to compete through life to keep up appearances and to remain in good standing, but constant competition can lead to the derailment of our hearts and minds. The devil likes to keep us busy and stretch ourselves to the breaking point, but we don't have to do that to ourselves. We've already won. The moment we accept that God reigns over all others, we pull ourselves ahead and only need to rely on Him and hold tight to His promise that His grace is enough. Always.

Just like St. Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians:

**"[The Lord] said to me,  
'My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect  
in weakness.'**

**I will all the more gladly boast  
of my weaknesses,  
that the power of Christ  
may rest upon me."**

*(2 Corinthians 12:9)*



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## First Sunday of Lent, Year B

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### The Readings

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#### **Introit** (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.

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#### **First Reading**

##### **The Book of Genesis (9:8-15)**

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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#### **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 24:4-9. *℟.* see v. 10)

*℟.* Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. *℟.*

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. *℟.*

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. *℟.*

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#### **Second Reading**

##### **The First Letter of St. Peter (3:18-22)**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water'

and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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#### **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!

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#### **Gospel of Mark (1:12-15)**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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#### **Communio** (Mt 4:4)

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

“Lent reminds us that Christian life  
is a never-ending combat  
in which the “weapons”  
of prayer, fasting and penance are used.  
Fighting against evil,  
against every form of selfishness and hate,  
and dying to oneself to live in God  
is the ascetic journey  
that every disciple of Jesus  
is called to make with humility and patience,  
with generosity and perseverance.”

—Pope Benedict XVI