



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH
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Christ in the Centre
 ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

6th March 2022
 1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

“I CAN RESIST EVERYTHING – EXCEPT TEMPTATION”

“I can resist everything – except temptation,” said Oscar Wilde. Of all things in this world, temptation is something that we are not short of, and something which most of us find difficult to resist.

Temptations: they come to every one of us. Is there anything more deceptive and sneakier and two-faced than temptations?

Temptations offer us something good but entice us to use it in a false and selfish way. Temptations offer us something that appears to be a quick-fix but in reality, is a quick-disaster.

Temptation tries to convince us with a false charm...but is not there to help us pick up the pieces and deal with guilt afterwards.

A temptation is therefore irrational and has no sense. A temptation hopes we will not use our brains, because if we do use our brains when temptation comes, we will quickly notice how stupid following a temptation would be.

It is no wonder that temptation succeeds best during those times when our brains are not at full potential, e.g., when under the influence of alcohol or drugs or when tired or under stress.

No wonder that temptations come from the devil, whom Jesus called the father of lies (John 8:44). When temptations come to us, we have a choice; either to follow them like Adam and Eve, or to overcome them like Jesus (Matt 4:1-11).

We have the example of Jesus in the Gospel today. He suffered real temptations. Jesus overcame the temptations, not just in the desert, but temptations he experienced at any time, the temptation from Peter not to suffer his Passion and the temptation in Gethsemane not to face his Passion.

As we begin our Lenten journey this week, we are reminded that we will be tempted, just as our Lord was tempted by the devil in our gospel. The tempter is always looking for a point of contact or weakness as he did when Jesus was very hungry. We should not give the tempter any chance this season and in our entire lifetime as Christ did not give him the chance to use Him. Let us close all the avenues (the avenues of hunger and thirst for sin, the avenue of cheap popularity, vain glory, gossip, pride, and selfishness) during this journey by wearing the sign: *“Road Closed or No Vacancy Here!”* These avenues are the obstacles to our spiritual growth, victory, and of course, to our salvation. Let us be led by the Holy Spirit and be dominated by a single passion to follow Jesus in his footsteps.



Father Job Thyikalamuriyil
 Assistant Priest

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral hosts the **Rite of Election** this Sunday where Candidates & Catechumens from around the Diocese preparing to become Catholic at Easter are presented to Archbishop Paul. Please keep them in your prayers.

Masses offered for: Keith Wilkinson, Lois Bird, Johanna Gray (anniversary), Juliette Gill.



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish website
www.catholiccathedralchch.org.nz

SUNDAY MASS TIMES During Traffic Light Red

Registration required for all Masses

My Vaccine Pass

Saturday Vigils 4:30pm, 5:30pm
 Sunday 7am, 8am, 9am,
 10am, 11am, 4pm & 5pm

No Pass Required

Sunday 6.00pm

Te Rangimarie Centre
 110am (Miha Māori)

All Masses at Te Rangimarie Centre are with My Vaccine Pass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday

7:30am No Pass Required
 9:15am, 12:05pm My Vaccine Pass
 Saturday 9:15am My Vaccine Pass
 Public Holidays
 9:15am My Vaccine Pass

RECONCILIATION

Currently in the side chapel
 Monday to Friday 11:30am
 Saturday 9:45am

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

DEUT 26: 4-10; ROM 10: 8-13; GOSPEL: LUKE 4: 1-13
PSALM RESPONSE: BE WITH ME, LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE.

LENT - PRAYER

CARITAS Lenten Bible Study Set aside time for spiritual nourishment this coming Lent. We are offering a weekly hour-long morning and evening Caritas Bible Study during Lent. Tuesday Morning after the 9:15am Mass (Music Centre) and 7pm each Wednesday Evening (Narthex).

Lenten Prayer Set aside time to be with God this Lent by joining Kirsten Challies weekdays for daily prayer on Facebook or receive the online link. If you don't have Facebook, email Kirsten Challies to receive the link via email at kchallies@cathedralparish.nz

LENT - ALMSGIVING

CARITAS Support the annual Lenten Caritas Appeal by picking up a set of 6 weekly envelopes or a single donation envelope from the Narthex.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SVDP are happy to receive donations of food and/or money. Pick up a Vinnies envelope from the stand in the Narthex and make St Vincent de Paul the recipient of your Lenten giving this year. They help our local community directly. Donate directly to 03 1700 0027831 00

Prayer for Ukraine We have three opportunities for you to join in praying for the situation in Ukraine. We are joining with other denominations in the central city, to stop at 7pm every evening you are able, light a candle and spend some time praying for Ukraine and Russia. A prayer card is available at the Church doors to assist with this if it is helpful. We also have an opportunity on Friday evenings at 5pm, before Stations of the Cross, to join together in the Church to pray for half an hour. The Diocese also invites us to join online on Friday evenings during Lent, starting from Friday 11th March, to pray the Rosary with others around the Diocese at 8pm on the Diocesan Facebook page.

Prayer Support This weekend we recommence our personal prayer ministry at the conclusion of weekend Masses. We have trained parishioners available to stand alongside you in the presence of Our Lord and support you in prayer. This will be available in the chapel after 5:30pm (Saturday), 9am, 10am & 5pm (Sunday) Masses so please come forward if you are seeking prayer support for any reason. **NB** *the Masses where this Ministry is available will vary from week to week and these will be announced at the conclusion of the Mass.*

Booking for Sunday Mass Online Bookings open 5pm each Wednesday & close midday on Saturday. Please book early to avoid missing out on your preferred Mass time. You will find the link on the parish website. Please only book for the 6pm (No Pass Required) Mass on Sunday evening if you don't have a My Vaccine Pass or come with family who do not have a Pass. This Mass is limited to 25 people.



Our 9am Sunday Mass is livestreamed via the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GaCYJqNX8>

Kai for the Community – Dinner for the homeless Our Parish is providing dinner on **Sunday 20th March**. Due to being in Level Red we need to provide food that can be popped into take away containers. If you are able to help can you provide a dish of cottage pie, sausage casserole, pasta or vegetable bake OR baking for dessert? Bring it hot to Oxford Terrace Baptist Church on the 20th at 4:30pm. We need 6 people to help pack up the meals. To offer help email Phil.clare.bell@gmail.com

Planned Giving & Financial Year End The Parish Office is preparing for the upcoming financial year end and providing tax receipts to donors. If you have been thinking about joining the Parish Planned Giving Programme or moving from Envelope Giving to Automatic Payment please contact the parish office on 379 1068 or office@cathedralparish.nz **NB** Tax receipts will be emailed out after FYE, if you would like to ensure we hold your current email address please get in touch.

Parish Baptism Preparation Class Have you been thinking about getting your baby baptised? We run a preparation class on the 2nd Thursday (7pm) of each month. Contact the parish office to register for this week's class or pick up a Baptism Form from the Narthex.

Engaged Couples Are you preparing to get married? Talk to one of our priests about taking part in the Marriage Preparation Course that is run through the parish.

Youth Activity The Catholic Youth Team are running The Amazing Race on the Sunday 20th March starting at 10:00am. It is for young people from Year 7 to 13. We are registering several teams of 4. If you would like to be part of a team email Clare for details cbell@cathedralparish.nz

Catholic Scout Group A Catholic-sponsored scout group has now been established in Christchurch. More boys and girls are welcome join St George's Scout Group as a Kea, Cub or Scout. The group is meeting at Christ the King Church Hall, 90 Greers Road, Burnside on **Tuesdays** between 5.00 and 6.30pm. Contact: Edmund le Grelle on stgeorges.chch@group.scouts.nz or 021 2619369.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil -Right to Life extends an invitation to all to attend a one-hour prayer vigil on Mondays at 2.00pm to pray for women and their precious unborn and for an end to abortion. The vigil site is in South Hagley Park opposite the chapel next to Christchurch Women's Hospital. For more information on pro-life issues see www.righttolife.org.nz

Volunteer Help Needed Flourish Charity Op Shop, which funds the Pregnancy Choice Centre, needs volunteers for a variety of roles: to sort items, collect items, shop assistant, befriend young mothers, and check donated electrical items for safety (prefer an electrician for this). We welcome enquiries. Please call 351 3227 or email: flourishop-shop@gmail.com