

*We Respond*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 24)

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

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

**LECTOR:** 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. **R.**

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

**LECTOR:** 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. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 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!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**Or**

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Genesis 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1: 12-15

**NEXT WEEK** (2nd Sunday of Lent Year B) Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-8; Psalm 115; Romans 8: 31-34; Mark 9:2-10

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### Figuring out Families

Have you listened to Majellan Media's Figuring out Families podcasts yet? A new series, Parenting Sessions, has just begun with parenting expert Dr Rosina McAlpine. In her first few podcasts she speaks about Emotional Intelligence, Win Win Parenting and the Teenage Brain. You can listen to her now at

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*Taking stock  
during Lent*

**21 February 2021 1st Sunday Lent Year B**

course, we can expect the same. Like Mark, Peter is trying to bolster the persecuted men and women of the early Church so they would stand firm.

The reality is that we too have to confront the demons in our lives. Sometimes we recognise these demons inside ourselves, tempting us to addictions or ways of life that we know are not healthy. Sometimes the demons are evident in the chaos that reign in our world, whether they originate in the natural order such as floods and bushfires or whether they arise from the oppressive behaviour of other human beings who disorder the world by their destructive abuse of power and their selfish and callous actions.

Lent provides us with an opportunity to take stock. During these weeks the Church encourages us to enter into the wilderness of the spiritual life and confront our demons. It is an invitation, not to be miserable or negative, but to continue to reorder our lives in the light of the Good News of Jesus.

Angels are God's messengers and they ministered to Jesus. Our aim during Lent is surely to become ministering angels to Christ in all those who continue to suffer the injustices and oppressions of a world, where so many still have a long way to go before they even begin to embrace the Good News.

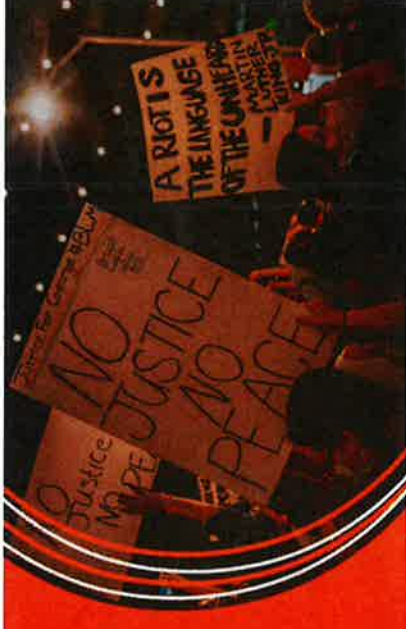
Unlike Matthew and Luke, who both give us detailed descriptions of the way Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, Mark sums it up in a few sentences. There is an urgency about the whole of Mark's gospel. He was writing for the persecuted Christians in Rome, for whom their faith was truly a matter of life and death.

They might well be called upon to confront the wild beasts in the Colosseum and Mark wanted them to know that in essence the battle was already won for them. Likewise, Jesus had to confront the opposition of the evil one, Satan, but "the kingdom of God was close at hand". John the Baptist had done his job and had been arrested, but Jesus had then taken over and established the kingdom in himself. Therefore, no matter what befalls us, the Good News is there for us if we repent and believe.

The ancient scriptures had glimpsed the fulfilment of God's ultimate promise when, after the flood, there appeared a rainbow in the sky: a sign of the new covenant being established with Noah. In his first letter, Peter links the covenants by seeing the water of the flood as a sign of the waters of baptism, which do not just wash us clean, but unite us to Christ and his resurrection and all that will follow.

No matter that the body has to face death, "in the spirit Jesus was raised to life" and, of

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# Sacred Heart Parish

## South Mount Druitt

<b>Sunday Masses</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 6.00 pm Vigil <b>Sunday</b> 7.30 am & 9.00am <b>Monday</b> 9.00 am <b>Tuesday</b> 9.00am <b>Wednesday</b> 7.30pm then Rosary. Week 1 of Lent <b>Thursday</b> 9.00 am <b>Friday</b> 9.00 am & 7.00pm <b>Saturday</b> 9.00 am	<b>1st SUNDAY of LENT</b> 21/2/2021: B <b>The Throne of St. Peter</b> Week 1 of Lent Week 1 of Lent Week 1 of Lent Week 1 of Lent Week 1 of Lent Week 1 of Lent
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 10.30am, Father C. Ashton 9 Ropes Creek Rd, Old Mt. Druitt Ph: 9625-8847 By arrangement - Godparents must be Catholics.	<b>12.00-1.00pm</b> , 5.00-5.30pm (Confessions after Mass: see Fr.)

**Exposition of the Bl Sacrament** for 1/2hr after 9.00am Mass & Rosary Sat'dy if enough

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** God makes a Covenant with Noah, the first of many with men. He will not punish men again with a flood. The sign of this Covenant will remain forever: a Rainbow  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Peter is contrasting the Flood with the waters of Baptism saying it is a symbol of it. The Flood punished mankind's sins; Baptism cleanses the sins of men!

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
February 28	L. VILLAPANANA	A. WIGGINS	A. WONG
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	W. FARQUHARSON	A. APAP	F. ANTOWN
March 7	J. SALAZAR	E. MERJUDIO	M. ZORE
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	E. GEMZON	T. MERJUDIO	H. CRUZ

**PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady** will be at the home of the D'Rozario family, 41 Durham St. this week. You are welcome for a Rosary for the Parish each night at 6.30pm!  
**FREE BREAD** is available every Friday night at No. 96a Mt. Druitt Rd. (just around the corner from Ropes Creek Rd heading north towards the Railway line) He starts about 7.00pm and goes a couple of hours. He has all types of bread: loaves, sliced, rolls in plastic bags

**A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held tonight 21 Feb. Parish Hall 7.30pm.  
**GIVE LORD ETERNAL REST** to the souls of all the faithful departed especially Liem SINGHO, Anna LACEK, Matti YOUNAN, Dungal DELOSANGELES, Yousif MANSOUR, Apolonia & Joseph SAPICO, Vicente & Bonifacia CALANAGIN, Scholastyka & Edward WOJASINSKI, Henry FARES, Adam PERRY, Aniceto ABAT, Reynaldo VILLARICA, Moises CHUA, Janina & Goffryd KELLER, Owen DAVOREN, Mary & David DAS, Elisa SANJOSE, Corinne PIETERSZ, Antonio FALLA, Yousif DANKA, Ive KUSTERA, Sime & Bozo ARBANAS, Marko SIMURINA, Abigail MEDINA, Michelle COYLE, Adena SESINOVA, Joseph DELLAPIETA, Niurka DAVILA, Robert SHAY, Enchong UY, KiongLoc TENG, George & Whitemena LAVIS, Leonida & Rosalinda VERGARA, Fred HOLTZMAN, Linda EDWARDS, Keith FREER, Peter & Joseph WONG, Belma RUIZ, Lubica KIRIN, Niky SRBIN, John & Anastasia TWARDOWSKI. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory!

**The LEGION OF MARY** is celebrating this year its 100 year centenary from its foundation in 1921 on the 7 September by Frank Duff in Ireland. This is an apostolic organisation that works to spread the Teachings and Church of Christ to all men as was Christ's intention on coming into the world 2021 years ago. In commemoration of its founding a Pilgrim Statue of Mary is circulating through the Diocese and will be in our Parish on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. This will be celebrated with an evening Mass at 7.30pm Monday night 1<sup>st</sup> March in the Church. This will be followed by the Rosary, the Legion Prayers, and a supper in the Hall afterwards. All Legionaries, auxiliaries, and parishioners are invited to be a part of the celebrations on that Monday night. The next day it will depart for the neighbouring Parish!

**A DIOCESAN SPORTS DAY** is to be featured again this year on Sunday 14 March. Our Parish team, "The Ashtons" are the current champions; if you are interested in contributing your help to defend their title as the best team in the Diocese call Mark on 0477 / 004-678. To be eligible, men and women must be between 16-35 yrs to compete in Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, & Touch Football!

**Father FABIU of Uganda** was here two years ago. He was trying to raise funds for his Primary School, called the "Pere Achte School" (after an early French priest of last century), in the Parish and town of "Fort Portal" in the far west of Uganda near the border with the Congo (where you would not want to be if you could be anywhere else but his duty is to be the Parish Priest of that place). At present there are 600 children in the School with only 3 toilets for them all. The style of toilets there in Uganda everywhere is the drainable "Pit Latrine" type, a bit like the backyard "dunne" in Australian backyards in the 30s & 40s. The drain has to be pumped out quite regularly. The original toilet block in the school collapsed gradually, but there was no money to buy concrete to lay strong foundations, so construction uses mortar and porous materials which overtime with heavy rains eventually crumbles. Their Education Department has been asked for a new block but have been told it will take at least 12 months if not longer. Classes commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Some pictures of the "squat toilets" they use over there are on the side door of the Church over the photo of the seminarians. Apparently, these are used everywhere in Uganda because they can't afford the "Bowl" type toilets we have the luxury of using here. Have a look; see if you would like toilets like those in your bathroom? (I doubt it!) But it's that, or a hole in the ground.  
Better than that nothing! He needs \$6000AUD to put in 8 more "stance toilets" in a new "pit latrine" for them.

Try and imagine how you would feel if tonight when you got home that was what you'd have to face?

The Green Box in the centre aisle is for him and this endeavour. Good Luck!!  
**The STATIONS:** Friday night after 7.00pm Mass. Mr. Mark Buhagiar will officiate tonight!  
**At the beginning of each Station: Verse:** We adore You, O Christ, and praise You.

**Response:** Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world  
**Between the Stations is recited:**  
O Jesus who for love of me, didst bear Thy Cross to Calvary;  
In Thy sweet Mercy grant to me to suffer and to die with Thee.