**Note: Please leave this on the ambo, thanks.**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C**

**Introduction**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

Today, the first Sunday of Lent, is Week 1 of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia’s six-week Lenten fundraising appeal.

In our Gospel the temptation of Jesus in the desert is a great reminder that temptations in our lives can be overcome if we go to Jesus and choose to remain with him.

This year’s Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

As Pope Francis said, “The future does have a name… and its name is hope.”

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

Please stand and join in singing the Entrance Hymn.

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First Reading

Dt 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: ‘The priest shall take the pannier 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.’

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

Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

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.

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!

Gospel

Lk 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

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.

**Fr: The Word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest**: — As Jesus uses God’s word to counter the devil’s temptations, let us ask our heavenly Father that we may be filled with the spirit of obedience to his Word. In a special way we lift up to God the Father the needs of all migrants everywhere.

**R — Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That Church leaders continue to live the example of Christ who overcame sin and temptations through constant prayer, fasting, and abstinence,

We pray;

**R — Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That civil leaders will do their best to serve the people entrusted to them, mindful also of their responsibility to take care of migrants and their families,

We Pray;

**R — Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the sick, the elderly, the handicapped, the depressed, and those who are greatly seduced by worldly allurements find strength and hope in God’s powerful Word,

We Pray;

**R — Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mention in our parish bulletin. May God’s merciful love shine on them and their loved ones left behind.

We Pray;

**R — Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For our sisters and brothers around the world who do not have access to clean fresh water, that together as a global family we work hard to ensure that this basic human right is upheld in the hope of a better future.

We Pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mention in our parish bulletin. May God’s merciful love shine on them and their loved ones left behind.

We Pray;

**R — Lord hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Together we now pray our parish community prayer for the season of

 Lent:

**All:** Loving God, during the sacred season of Lent, bring us closer to you.

Prepare a place in our homes and hearts for silence and solitude, so that we may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help us to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul remind us of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge our hearts so that we give to those in need and, in doing so,

re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle our love and faith in you.

**Priest:** May these prayers, O heavenly Father, sustain us with the help of your Spirit as we journey in this holy season of Lent. May we always live in fidelity to your Word. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.