



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.

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## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

After his baptism Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where the devil put him to the test. Jesus was offered three shortcuts to his living in harmony with the will of his Heavenly Father.

First, when *he* was hungry there would be bread out of stones.

Second, when he wanted to change the world he could have absolute political power.

Third, when he needed to take risks, angels would keep him safe.

Our baptism does not insulate us from the same threefold pattern of temptation. Do you find yourself saying:

I want the whole world to change to satisfy me, or

I want to exercise power over others, or  
I want to take stupid risks and come out unharmed, or all three!

What must we do when such temptations assail us?

Realise that such temptations are much less powerful than they seem – the last gasp of the vanquished devil. Imitate Jesus in going to the Scriptures, preferably the Gospels, in order to have the words to hurl back at the devil as you are tested.

We could pause to make a Lenten resolution to read a Gospel, and to do so confident of our Baptismal identity as beloved daughters and sons of God.

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## St Patrick's, Mackay St Francis Xavier, West Mackay St Mary's, South Mackay, St Michael's, Sarina

First Sunday of Lent, Year C

6 March 2022

### First Reading Dt 26:4-10

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

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.'

### 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

*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

*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.'



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#### WEEKDAY MASS:

##### **Monday**

12.10pm St Patrick's

##### **Tuesday**

5.30pm St Mary's

##### **Wednesday**

6.30am St Francis Xavier church

4.00pm Francis of Assisi Chapel

##### **Thursday**

9.00am St Michael's, Sarina

5.30pm St Mary's

##### **Friday**

6.30am St Francis Xavier

12.10pm St Patrick's

##### **Saturday**

7.00am Francis of Assisi chapel

#### **DEVOTIONS - St Patrick's**

**Tuesday:** 7.00pm Novena

##### **Friday:**

11.00am Exposition of the Holy Eucharist.

12 noon Angelus



#### SUNDAY MASS:

##### **2nd Sunday of Lent - Year C**

##### **Saturday 12th March:**

5.00pm St Mary's, South Mackay

6.00pm St Francis Xavier, West Mackay

##### **Sunday 13th March:**

7.00am St Patrick's, Mackay

9.00am St Francis Xavier, West Mackay

9.00am St Michael's, Sarina

10.45am Francis of Assisi Chapel

6.00pm St Patrick's, Mackay

(only Sunday night Mass in Mackay)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

##### **St Patrick's Church**

Friday & Saturday 11.30am - 12.00 noon

##### **St Francis Xavier Church**

Saturday 10.30am - 11.00am



**SAFEGUARDING:** The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the *National Catholic Safeguarding Standards* (2013), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults.

**Response line:** 1800 830 113 (free call) or email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

**COVID Update:** As the Queensland Government has announced, face masks will no longer be required to be worn in some venues from 6pm Friday March 4th. It is recommended that masks still be worn whenever you cannot socially distance. You may continue to wear a mask if you would prefer. Thank you to everyone that has continued to wear a mask during this period. Please continue to sanitise your hands when entering and leaving the Church and if feeling unwell please stay at home and get tested.

**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Women's League General meeting** will be on Friday, 11th March starting 9am, at the Parish Centre. Yearly subscriptions due this meeting.

**St Patrick's Parish** are looking for volunteers to lead the Rosary before Sunday 7.00am Mass. If you are interested please contact Paul on 0437 345 734.



**Project Compassion 2022:** Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.

**National Church Life Survey - listening to every voice:** Thankyou to those who have taken part in the survey. Forms should have been returned to Churches this weekend. If you wish to complete the survey **online** please go to [attendersurvey.ncls.org.au](https://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au). When completing your survey form you will find a section marked 'Your Local Church Code'. The Codes for each Parish are as follows: **St Patrick's Mackay:** TAJ02101; **St Francis Xavier West Mackay:** TAJ02301; **St Mary's South Mackay:** TAJ02201; **St Michael's Sarina:** TAJ03301

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

#### **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Frank Caruana, Peter Wright, Rose Bugeja, Sue Christensen, Grace Mifsud, Fred Maes, Debbie Jones, Cathy Stevenson Knezvic, Melissa Smith, Pat Holdsworth, John Bugeja jnr, Kiana Bugeja, Ty Smith, Jim Scriha, Natalie Valmadre, Debbie Hagger, Mary Walsh, Gavin Carter. (permission of people needed for names to be printed)

**THE FAITHFUL RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Theodore Kennedy, Tom Leonard, Paul Pace, John Wood, Sr Bernarda Camenzuli (Malta), Melvin Janke, Sam Vassallo (Syd), Alfred Micallef, Fr Spiru Galea (Malta), Carmel Micallef, Charlie Del Simone, Bernie Connor, David Deguara, Heather Brady, Ian Scott, Alfred Grech, John Langford, Anthony Bugeja (G'Coast), Neville Graves, Chris Ryan, Sr Mary Hellen RSM (R'ton), Colin Hogan, Kevin Sullivan (R'ton), Jarrod Vella, Dorothy Robinson, Arthur Noonan, Rosaria D'Alessio, David Dreghorn, Colin Taylor, John Jabore

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Des Hinton 21/2, Harold Hinton 22/2, Ann Hinton 22/3, Gerard Falzon 22/3, Fr Kevin Treacy 26/3, Ken Denning 8/3, John Cabassi 24/2, Les German 6/3, Susan Hackett 22/3, John Burke 11/2, Giuseppe Morabito 12/2, Ted Hanrahan 15/2, Paul Gauci 27/2, Connie Gauci 26/3, Valda Mason 28/2, Ryan Shields 16/02

**WE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED:** Barry Waddington, Joseph Grech, Philip Micallef, Sebastiano, Rosaria & Joe Leotta, Charlie Borg, Paul & Teresa Camilleri, Doris McSherry, Paul Grech, Anthony & Pat Brazil, Margot McGrath (Bris), Madonna Bennett, John Anderson, Emanuel Bugeja, David Pace, Jim Vella, Frank Vella, George Vella, Joe, Vince and Caterina Cortis, Joe Mifsud, Rosaleen Noonan, Joyce Bonehill, Henry Miller, Tony Falzon, Daniel Connor, Monty Martin, Joe Zammit, Joe Bartolo, Giuseppe (Joe) D'Anna, Mary Falzon, George Camilleri, Lawrence Bugeja, Bernard McGuire, John Styles, Alfred & Hellen Miller, Peter & Francis Corby, Joe & Frances Vella, Giuseppe & Maria Sorbello, Albert & Mary Deguara, Mary De Thomas, Jessie Berardi, Len & Myrtle Butterworth, Marlene Comin, Margaret Hackett, Brian Hill, Gerard Hill, Ben Faa, Casey Zarb, Vince Guinea, Tony & Vera Galea, Louis & Grace Bezzina, Frank Camilleri, Jack & Mary Camilleri. **Deceased members of the** Casey, Hackett, De Brincat, Marano, Sorbello, Galea, Muscat, Mirabella, Quinn, Guinea, Donnelly & Noonan Families.