



From The Pulpit

Lent bids us to return to the innocence of baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation.

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel.

Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God, living in harmony with the wild beasts, being served by angels.

Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death, Jesus is victorious.

This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son.

We were made children of God, new creations.

But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness.

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm. He feeds us with the bread of angels and cleanses our consciences in the sacrament of reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.

Please pray for our sick and housebound and for those who care for them:

Peter Johnston, David Coia, Peter Mullen, Patricia McCormack, Kathleen Paterson, Alan Robinson, Ian Kennedy, Mary Maxwell, Andrea Tierney, Margaret Rennie, Paul di Ciacca, Elaine Hoolihan, Lucy O'Hara, Mary Queen, Alison McGoff, Peter Creeron, Margaret Totterdell, Betty Carrol, Colin, Nan & Anthony Clarke, Alan Johnston, Angela Patrick, Baby Levi Paretson, Baby Stephen Hawley, Catriona Glen, Betty Mullen, Sara Miller.

Recently Dead: John Mulholland, Francis MacEachen (Memorial Mass Monday 9.30 am), Catherine Lynch, Lorraine Fox, Catherine Leonard, Eileen Feeney, Alice Curley, Rita Currie, Moira Baird

Anniversaries/Months Minds: John McShane, Mary Brolly, Gerard McCarren, Hugh Friel, Nancy Cairney, Jim Radigan, Bill McCluskey, Patricia McKee, Maureen Donnelly, Carole Dickson, Catherine & Thomas O'Neill,

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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REGULAR MASS TIMES:

Monday – Friday: 9.30am

Saturday: 9.30am & 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 10.00am, 12noon, 6.00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon – Fri: Before Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: After 9.30am Mass
& after Vigil Mass

ROSARY

Monday – Saturday: 9.00am

Sunday: Before 10am Mass



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THIS WEEK

Thursday: Feast of Chair of St Peter the Apostle.

Friday: St Polycarp

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND. THIS IS THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN NEEDS

Lenten morning masses Monday-Friday 8 20 & 9 30 am

Stations of the Cross Tuesday & Friday 10am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday - Friday 8 30 - 9 30am

Stations of the Cross: As Christians we are called to take up our cross and follow in the footsteps of Christ. During Lent the church invites us to follow the Lord on his journey to Calvary. Perhaps you might make the Stations privately as part of Lent.