



St Mary's on Swanson

(Our Lady of Perpetual Succour)

An inner-city Catholic community
In the care of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

Welcoming all to celebrate with us.



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, The Gadigal people of the Eora Nation

1st Sunday of Lent — Year C

10 March 2019

Gospel Reflection:—

First Sunday of Lent

Archbishop Oscar Romero once said there are two plans in history: God's plan and an idolatrous plan. Jesus' temptations raise two questions for us: 'Who are we?' and 'What are we to do?' These are the questions Jesus faced: do we meet 'my' physical needs, 'my' level of power and place and 'my' access or right to special favours from God. It questions an individualistic view of God who always, through Jesus, directs our attention to seek beyond just our needs and towards the world. Jesus clearly states that he has come for God and from God for others; that his work involves serving humanity and not his own physical, privilege, and powerful self.

Can we put boundaries on our desires for power, wealth or privilege? Will we serve ourselves or define ourselves by our relationship to people who have no bread. Can we imagine how they might long for a 'miracle' of generosity in the hearts of God's people?

The tempter does not want to bring fish or bread, but magic. It is a temptation to address every problem by economic, political and religious solutions. The alluring offer of political power by the tempter means forgoing morality in the public sphere. God wants a new human community that does justice, seeks the welfare of all and makes peace. Jesus chose integrity and humanity in his choices and risked all by entrusting his message and future in the hands of ordinary people rather than the powerful. The question Jesus faced was whether he would walk with people without looking for ways out or flashing rescues. Jesus, who is God in disguise, comes as the homeless one, the hungry one, the forgotten and overlooked one. He continues to be tempted to be a

capitalist and find an individualist solution to the problem of his own hunger: make this stone into a loaf of bread for himself – without reference to others and their needs.

Lent then is not so much the giving up of things but remembering our God who is with us and who calls us to focus once again on others. All the provocations in the gospel lead to one response: Jesus stands firmly in God. In each case, the temptations are calling us to be less than what we truly are in our hearts - to be less human, to be less Christian. They continually rise up and needle us where we are most vulnerable in our resolve to be fully human. But, this is the time to call on the One who walks with us.

(Excerpt from the homily prepared by Fr Claude Mostowik msc available at the church entrance)



The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812

Listening Circle

The Impact of the Sexual Abuse Crisis

Tuesday March 12 7:30pm - 9pm Parish House

An opportunity for people to express how they have been impacted by the sexual abuse crisis within the church and wounded in any way. All of us have been impacted in some way, especially victims, survivors and their families. We can support each other in the shock, trauma and confusion by gathering and speaking openly and listening empathetically.

This is a sharing, it is not a discussion nor debate. A space to talk and be heard and express our feelings in a safe place.

Need more information contact Patricia Thomas
[0438 263 036](tel:0438263036)

Mass Times

Saturday
6pm
Sunday
9am & 6pm
Wed—Fri
9:15am

Call2Mercy Mass
2nd Sunday of the month
11:30am
Healing Mass
1st Tuesday of the month
10:30am

Individual Reconciliation
Sat 5:15pm—5:45pm
Sun 8:15am—8:45am &
5:15pm—5:45pm

Baptisms (1st Sunday of the Month) Please register your enquiry online at:

<http://www.stmaryserskineville.org.au/sacraments/baptism>

Weddings By Appointment

Year C

Lent	2 Lent 17/3/19	3 Lent 24/2/19	4 Lent 31/3/19
Gospel	Luke 9:28-36	Luke 13:1-9	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
1st Reading	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18	Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15	Joshua 5:9-12
2nd Reading	Philippians 3:17-4:1	1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Kid's Church			

Parish Diary 2019

10 Mar	Call2Mercy Mass	11:30am
24 Mar	Meeting for ALL volunteers	10am-11am
18 Apr	Holy Thursday	
19 Apr	Good Friday	

DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) prayer—for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) self-denial—for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as give to the poor of one's own country
 - (c) helping others—for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

LENT LASTS FROM ASH WEDNESDAY (6 March) TO THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER EXCLUSIVE (18 April). ON GOOD FRIDAY AND, IF POSSIBLE, ALSO ON HOLY SATURDAY UNTIL THE EASTER VIGIL, THE EASTER FAST IS OBSERVED.

Sacramental Program 2019

Sacramental Programs are for baptised Catholic children only. Please contact the Parish Priest for further details.

Registrations will open approximately 1 month prior to Parent Information Night for each Sacrament. Registration prior to Information Night is required.

See notice board for dates



Safeguarding @St Mary's 2019-20

As we work towards renewal in our Church though the Plenary 2020 process and recognising the need to acknowledge the Church a place of abuse in Australia and elsewhere around the world, we are working at St Mary's to promote practices which foster safety for all and especially the vulnerable members of our community.

1. **Raising awareness** in our community, through information in the bulletin and at Church.
2. **Training for safe practice** for volunteers and at parish gatherings and meetings.
3. **Fostering a culture of safeguarding** through risk-aware practice; code of conduct and accountability.

Attention all volunteers, please fill in the form, available in the foyer, with your name, phone number, email and the ministry that you volunteer for e.g. collecting money during Mass, readers, sacristy, Eucharistic Ministers, Finance & Pastoral Council members.

Damian Giurco, our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO) will be conducting a meeting for ALL volunteers after Mass on Sunday 24 March from 10am-11am.

Walk the Lenten Journey on your Mobile Phone

In his message for Lent 2019, Pope Francis emphasised that we should "not allow this season of grace to pass in vain." With new content daily, the Lent Calendar App can help those who desire to journey through Lent with purpose. The App includes the daily Gospel, a suggested Lent act, and a multimedia feature to pray and reflect upon. Available as an App on Apple and Android devices, and online at www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent

St Patrick's Day Mass

Please join Bishop Terry Brady for the Annual St Patrick's Day Mass on 17 March 2019 and 18 March 2019. The Masses will take place at St Patrick's Church Hill on Sunday, 17 March 2019 commencing at 12:00pm and in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Monday, 18 March 2019 commencing at 10:30am.



How to change lives in the Erko Community (in less than 25 minutes per week)

Gift of Bread meets each **Monday** in the Parish church foyer at 5pm. We pack the daily leftover bread from Bakers Delight (you won't believe how much bread is left over at the end of the day – absolutely insane!) and give it to disadvantaged families in Erskineville and Waterloo. The transformation something as simple as fresh bread provides these families is hard to put into words. Come and see it for yourself. Don't miss out on your chance to help our disadvantaged neighbours in Erko.



BONUS You get to take bread home for your family too.



Millennials Work for Free? Muffin Doing

*Breanna Dempsey,
Eureka Street, Vol. 29, No.4*

Recently Natalie Brennan, general manager of Muffin Break, spoke about how millennials are too entitled to work for free and no longer see the value in 'experience' and the opportunities this provides. She suggested that millennials have an 'inflated view of their self-importance'.

Generally speaking, a millennial is anyone born after 1980. We're kind of a cross between Gen Y (mid 70s to mid 90s) and Gen Z (mid 90s to mid 00s) and personally I can't really figure out why the term even exists, given Gen Y and Gen Z are perfectly acceptable descriptors. But, it's certainly a buzz term and one mostly used to denigrate young people.

So, what exactly is Brennan on about? Ironically, she has an inflated view of her company's importance and believes that 'millennials' should jump at the opportunity to work for her in an unpaid internship.

Perhaps if we had access to free education as the generations before us did, we would jump at the opportunity to gain 'experience'. However, according to a 2017 report by Universities Australia, research showed that 30 per cent of full-time domestic undergraduate students were working more than 20 hours per week in paid employment in addition to their studies. This study also suggested that only 35 per cent of students in paid employment felt their work/study balance was satisfactory, with more than a quarter missing class because of work commitments. Unfortunately for us, 'experience' won't pay the bills.

Sadly, the ideas espoused by Brennan are not uncommon and see workers in all industries, but most specifically retail, fast food and hospitality, losing not only their rights at work but also their wages in stolen penalty rates and unpaid superannuation.

As a student, I am aware of the competition and drive that exists among other students as we near the end of our courses, whether that be at TAFE or uni, the desperation to make it through the course and come out somewhat unscathed. But before the celebrations of graduating have even begun, there's the realisation of the debt accrued, and the panic of finding a job ensues.

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Throughout our courses we're told time and time again, by staff and other students, that simply having the piece of paper and degree title is no longer enough to guarantee a job offer when you graduate. So students fight each other for scarce internships and placements, offered through the institution and outside of it. We volunteer, we work part-time, we do whatever we can to stand out from our peers and stay alive.

Unfortunately for us, the desperation and panic we feel, leaves us open and susceptible to exploitation. There's this idea that we'll work for free because 'experience' is everything. And big businesses have noticed this, they've caught onto this panic and are using it to their advantage. There's hundreds of internships available, so long as you are prepared to work for free. This has been the case for years, but only recently has it appeared in the general media sphere, specifically thanks to Muffin Break.

Naturally Natalie Brennan's comments went viral and a mem page was even created in her honour (yes, 'millennials' do love a good meme!). ACTU Secretary Sally McManus congratulated young workers on standing up to 'being robbed', and Maddison Johnstone of Franchise Redress told the *Guardian* that 'people are willing to put up with exploitation because they're desperate and fearful and really need a job'. HospoVoice, the relevant union for employees of Muffin Break, said in a Facebook post,

'Gen Y is fighting back and we're coming for every boss that behaves like you.'

To get involved with standing up to these dodgy employers you can follow the Twitter account @dodgyinternship or visit HospoVoice campaigns 'Rate My Boss' or 'Fair Plate' when choosing your next restaurant or café. It is important to support these organisations and union campaigns as they are there to support young workers in the fight to ensure their safety and rights at work.

This is not only important for ensuring workers are paid fairly but also for ensuring they are not exposed to assault, bullying or OH&S concerns while working. Young workers, especially those from overseas, are often unaware of their rights and feel easily silenced by employers. But we are not alone, and we are not powerless.

For a Slave-free Lenten Weekend of March 9 and 10 2019

Pope Francis said that 'every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral –and not simply an economic –act.' Cocoa is a key ingredient of chocolate and many children in West Africa are enslaved to pick the cocoa beans. They will never taste the delicious chocolate their slavery helps produce. Buy only slavery-free chocolate to ensure no enslaved children were involved in the production. To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate look for any of these three certification symbols (below) on the wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ. It's delicious and you can buy it at ALDI, Haigh's, Oxfam and other leading supermarkets and shops.



Good news: Late in 2018 the Federal Government passed the Modern Slavery Act, which will ask big companies to report on their efforts to introduce slavery-free goods and services.

Action: Watch the Pope's video at: <https://acrath.org.au/pope-francis-invites-prayer-for-human-trafficking-victims/> ACRATH Brochures are available in Social Justice Stand in Foyer – please take one home & educate oneself about this little known aspect of modern Australia.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

**1st Sunday of Lent
10 March 2019**

 **Caritas
AUSTRALIA**

Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Responsorial Psalm:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

2nd Reading:

Romans 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

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!

Gospel:

Luke 4:1-13

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

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



Please keep in your prayers:

Please contact the office if you know of anyone who can come off this list.

Nick Hurst, Nadia Kumar, Betty Brady, Bernie Newman, Graham Meyer, Gerard Cash, Trevor Wiencke, Mandy Hartas, Rosa Maria Santos, Barry Bamber, Colleen Bombaci, Ken Hogan, Sophia Gill, Lauren Learmoth, Basil Comely, Wendy Bridges, Keryn Wallace, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Joan McCormick, John Leahy, Val Hartas, Lee Tillam, Michael Dillon, Malcolm Skeritt, Margaret & Colin Farrugea, Ernie Anderson, Graham Sims.

In Memoriam:

Ofelia Parker, Lilly Porter, Anna Nguyen, Raymond John McQuillan, Mary McClement, Frank O'Dea, William Phillip Watson, Ray Medhurst

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