



# CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH

Under the pastoral care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



*The call of Jesus Christ, heard within the Church through people's need for salvation, draws us together as Missionary Oblates of Mary.' (Oblate Constitution 1)*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

22ND FEBRUARY 2026

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

*Source: Loyola Press*



### The Temptations of Christ

Painting by Eric Armusik,

Painted in 2011, Oil on canvas

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See art reflection here: <https://tinyurl.com/ykayc3e6>

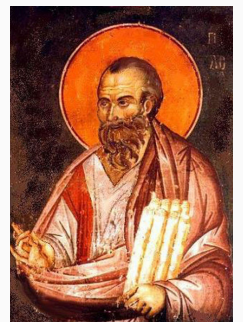
*Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.*

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### Saint Polycarp (c. AD 69 – c. AD 155)

Saint Polycarp was Bishop of Smyrna (modern-day Izmir in Turkey) in the second century and a disciple of St John the Apostle. As one of the Apostolic Fathers, he provided a vital link between the apostles and the early Church. A devoted shepherd, he strengthened his community during times of persecution and defended the true faith with clarity and courage.

When ordered to renounce Christ, Polycarp steadfastly refused, professing his loyalty to the Lord he had served for eighty-six years. He was martyred around AD 155, becoming one of the earliest recorded Christian martyrs. His life and witness continue to encourage us to remain faithful to Christ in every season of life. *See more here: <https://tinyurl.com/2nrkdyku>*



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading - Genesis 12:1-4

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

#### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 32

*R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

#### Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1:8-10

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

#### Gospel Reading - Matthew 17:1-9

*His face shone like the sun.*

### Mass Intentions

Week beginning 22nd February - 9 am

24/02 Tuesday: Oblate Youth Ministries

25/02 Wednesday: Springvale North

26/02 Thursday: Rosies, VIC & QLD

27/02 Friday: Iona College/Passion Play

*Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish*

## MASSES & MEETINGS

### Cannon Hill - St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:00am  
Saturday - 6:00pm; Sunday - 9:30am

### Tingalpa - Holy Family Catholic Church:

Thursday - 9:00am; Sunday - 8:00am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 5:00pm - 5:30pm - St Oliver Plunkett Church

**Prayer Intentions Prayer Group:** Every Friday at 9.30am - St Oliver Plunkett Church (exc. during Lent).

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 1st Friday of the month following 9:00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church (except during Lent).

**Baptisms:** 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month held after the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. (*Welcoming Mass combined with the Baptism Mass.*)

**Little Lanterns Liturgy:** 1st Sunday of the month (except January) during the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. All primary school-aged children are welcome to attend.

**Hospitality - Parish Morning Tea:** 1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both Churches; Every Wednesday after 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

## THIS WEEKEND

**21 FEB - SAT:** RCIA Rite of Election, SOP.

**22 FEB - SUN:** First Sunday of Lent; Baptisms, SOP;  
*LAUNCH OF PROJECT COMPASSION - envelopes and donation boxes available at the church entrance.*

## COMING UP...

**23 FEB - MON:** St Polycarp (MEM).

**25 FEB - WED:** Anointing & Healing Mass, 9:00am, St Oliver Plunkett Church, Cannon Hill.

**06 MAR - FRI:** World Day of Prayer

**07 MAR - SAT:** Saints Perpetua and Felicity (MEM).

**17 MAR - TUE:** 2nd Rite Reconciliation, 6:00pm, St Oliver Plunkett Church.

**25 MAR - WED:** Special Mass with the Superior General at Iona College. All welcome to attend.

**26 MAR - THU:** Special Mass with Superior General at St Oliver Plunkett Church, 9:00am and morning tea.

**EASTER MASS TIMES - SEE PAGE 3.**

## REGULAR MEETINGS

**MON: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference**

Fortnightly at 6:15pm

Next meeting: **Monday, 2nd March**

Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

**TUE: Parish Leadership Team**

Fortnightly at 6:00pm

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 24th February**

**WED: Parish Liturgy Meeting**

Monthly at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, TBA**

**THU: Parish Finance Council Meeting**

Bi-monthly at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: **Thursday, 19th March**

### Plate Collections - 15th February 2026

1st Collection (Oblates): **\$660.50** | 2nd Collection (Parish): **\$381.70**

*Thank you for your ongoing support.*

## THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL - MATT 4:1-11

*Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,

and they will support you on their hands

in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,

and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading - Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7**

*Creation of our first parents, and sin.*

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 50:3**

*R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

**Second Reading - Romans 5:12, 17-19**

*Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.*

**Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 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 Reading - Matthew 4:1-11**

*Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.*



*Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace. <https://tinyurl.com/6xd5wt4f>*

Pope Leo XIV, Feb 2026

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**5.30pm each week during Lent, followed by Mass:**

**Thursdays** – Holy Family Church

**Fridays** – St Oliver Plunkett Church

*NB. No 9am or 9.30am (Adoration) Masses at Cannon Hill or Tingalpa on these days.*

### Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request? Share your prayer requests via Flocknote link or place in the Prayer Request box in the foyer, so that our parish community can keep your intentions in our prayers. <https://tinyurl.com/CH-prayer>



# PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### OUR SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is sick and would appreciate a home visit. **We pray for those in the community who are sick. May the healing spirit of Christ bring them comfort and hope.**

Gary Smith, Margaret Kykkanen, Lameki Eketi, Damon Stokes; Eli Jorna, Marina Gilbert, Edgar Tan, Vincy Law Tan, Sam Swann, Athol Young, Ken Drego, Karen Marrinan, Carol-Ann Marrinan, Jeanette Hill, Lucia Giaccio, Rob Connolly, Ashley Anthony, Daniel Normyle, Lani Clow, Carol Flannigan, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika, Harry Lynas, Michael Simpson, John la Spina, Von Leeman, Imelda Khoo, Lorretta Stephenson, Brian Crimmins, Angela White, Mary Stevenson, Veronica Roberts, Melisa Duffy.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Connie McGlynn (1st)  
Owen Grimes (1st)

*Names will remain on Our Sick list until advised otherwise. Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by Thursday morning at the latest (preferably via email). Thank you.*



### BAPTISMS

We are delighted to welcome **Harrison, Evelyn and Archer Stewart** as their baptisms are celebrated in our parish this Sunday. *May God's peace, joy, and protection be with them and their families on this joyous occasion and throughout their lives.*

- **ANointing MASS - Wednesday, 25th Feb at 9:00am** at St Oliver Plunkett Church. At this Mass, we pray for the physical, spiritual, and emotional healing of the sick and elderly. Through this Sacrament, we seek God's gifts of peace, hope, and the strength to endure the challenges of illness and old age, trusting in His healing care.
- **CONNECT DINNER** - join us on **Thursday, 26th Feb at 6pm** in the parish hall. Please bring a plate to share and enjoy good food and interesting conversations. All welcome!
- **LITTLE LANTERNS LITURGY** will be held next **Sunday, 1st Mar** during the 9.30am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.
- **SUNDAY MORNING TEA (HOSPITALITY)** - join us for morning tea and a chat next **Sunday, 1st March** following Mass. All are welcome!

### Mission Kenya - Paul Vorrasi

During my recent mission trip to Kenya, I kept a daily journal and took a number of photos to document the work and the people I met along the way. If you would like a more insight into the experience, follow the link or QR code provided. Thank you again for your support. Your generosity has made a genuine difference to this community. Link: <https://tinyurl.com/PaulVorrasi>



### EASTER MASS TIMES

PALM SUNDAY	Sat, 28 <sup>th</sup> March	6:00 pm	St Oliver Plunkett Church
	Sun, 29 <sup>th</sup> March	8:00 am	Holy Family Church
		9:30 am	St Oliver Plunkett Church
HOLY THURSDAY	Thu, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	6:00 pm	St Oliver Plunkett Church
		<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall until 10pm.</i>	
GOOD FRIDAY	Fri, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9:00 am	St Oliver Plunkett Church
		<i>Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy &amp; Confession.</i>	
		3:00 pm	St Oliver Plunkett Church
		<i>Adoration of the Cross.</i>	
EASTER VIGIL	Sat, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	6:00 pm	St Oliver Plunkett Church
EASTER SUNDAY	Sun, 5 <sup>th</sup> April	8:00 am	Holy Family Church
		9:30 am	St Oliver Plunkett Church

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am - 2.30pm

### ADDRESS

**St Oliver Plunkett Church & Parish Centre**

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### Parish Leadership Team:

Sachin Rasquinha, Ronda Vorrasi, Guy Elliot, Michael Hill



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From the moment the Oblates arrived in Fremantle in 1894, they have dedicated themselves to the mission of the Church in Australia. They dedicate themselves to serving the poor in parishes, schools, prisons, among the youth and with those on the streets. The Oblates preach Christ to the poor and the most abandoned and have served them in Australia for more than 100 years.

To learn more go to [www.omi.com.au](http://www.omi.com.au)

### DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

Thank you for your generous support, which impacts the lives of those we serve. Your donations directly foster the growth and prosperity of our community and sustain our ministries. Donations can be made via the EFTPOS terminal at the church entrance (split between 1st and 2nd collections) or through our secure online direct debit system (call the Parish Office to organise). Please consider including our *Perpetual Endowment Fund* in your Will to help continue our mission for future generations. For more Bequest info. contact the Catholic Foundation on 3324 3200 or call the Parish Office. Donate using the QR Code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/parish-donate>



# OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS



## First Sunday of Lent 21–22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



**UNITE AGAINST POVERTY**  
this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

Envelopes and boxes now available in the foyer.



World Day of Prayer 2026

Focus on **Nigeria**



## Friday, 6th March

This program invites us to recognize that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care. God knows us intimately, and we are special to God in our uniqueness. When we open the doors of our hearts to this truth, everything in our life changes. We glow from within, and we begin treating others as beloved children of God. Through this program, we hope people will be spiritually uplifted as they come to trust the great love of God.

**Find a location near you**

<https://tinyurl.com/5m9tbsk3>



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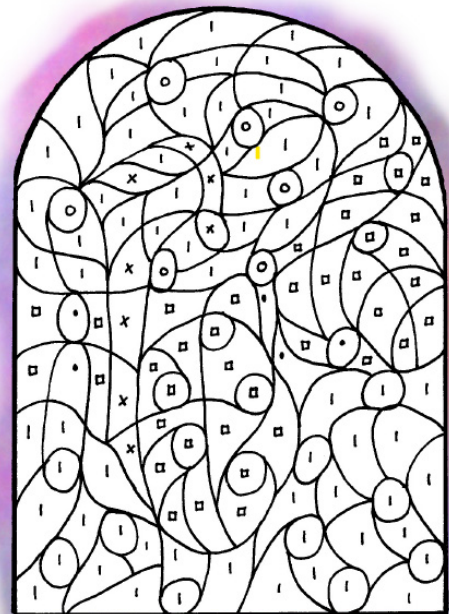
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## For the Children

First Sunday of Lent  
February 22nd, 2026

*Today's first reading tells us about sin.  
Use the code at the bottom to colour in the spaces  
and find out what the story was.*



- blue
- red
- † green
- skin colour
- ✕ brown

**For more fun activities, grab a copy of *The Kid's Bulletin* in the church foyer. Available every week.**