

# Tallangatta & Corryong

## February 21st - 2021 1st Sunday of Lent

Please Note: Face coverings are required to be worn again indoors, this includes churches

### Looking at the Readings:

The First Sunday of Lent in the three cycles: A, B & C have the Gospel account of Jesus 40 days in the wilderness and the temptation by the Devil. Mark's account, which we hear today, is very brief. The number and kind of temptations are not given. So brief is the account the next verses about the beginning of his Galilean ministry are added. These added verses provide the connection between fasting, prayer and the proclamation of the Good News. The exercises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are our preparation for hearing the Good News and proclaiming the Easter mysteries.

Unlike Ordinary time, the first readings and the gospels, which are connected in themes, are not connected during the Sundays of Lent. Rather the first readings form a sequence over the five Sundays. In Cycle B the first readings recall the events of God's Covenant (Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jeremiah and Cyrus). The Gospels, third to fifth Sundays of Lent, focus on the forthcoming death and resurrection of Christ.

The five "Second Readings" from three New Testament authors recount our salvation achieved by life in Christ. May we take up the opportunity this Lent to meditate on the rich selection of scripture passages.

### Weekday Mass Readings:

Unlike Ordinary Time, the Lenten First Reading and the Gospel Reading each day are connected to each other. Like Advent, there is one cycle, not two as in Ordinary Time. During the five weeks of Lent the readings give us a way to contemplate on conversion penance, confession, and the mercy and wonderful works of God. Thus enabling us in the active, conscious and fruitful participation in the mystery of faith and the day-to-day living of faith.

### Quotes of the Day:

*"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." Pope Benedict XVI*



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Monday to Friday

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### Weekend Masses

Every weekend

#### Tallangatta

St Michael's Church

Sunday - 9.00 am

#### Corryong:

Sacred Heart Church

Sunday - 11.30 am 2nd,

4th & 5th Sunday.

Walwa, Christ The King,

1st & 3rd Sunday - 11:30am

Mitta North, St Joseph's

Sandy Creek, St Michael's

No Masses

#### TANGAMBALANGA

Our Lady Help of Christians

2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30 am

#### BETHANGA

St Francis No Masses

#### DEDERANG

St Joseph's

1st, 3rd, Sunday 10.30 Mass

5th Sunday 10:30 am Liturgy

of The Word and Communion

#### MT BEAUTY

St Joseph's

1st to 4th Sunday 8.30am

5th Sunday 8.30am

Liturgy of The Word and Communion

#### WEEKDAY MASS:

Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

#### SATURDAY

St Augustine's Church

Saturday 9.30am

#### RECONCILIATION:

Sacred Heart Church Saturday

9.00am to 9.30am

Country Churches before Mass

## Recent Death: Anniversaries:

If you would like your loved ones' recent death, anniversary or ill health acknowledged in this bulletin for prayers to be offered. Please pass this information on to the Priest or email Sonni at : [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au).

**Sick:** For parishioners who are ill, their families and carers.

## Prayers of Intercession:

### **Celebrant:**

Our Saviour calls us to repent and believe the Good News. Let us pray that we will keep the covenant of our baptism in this season of grace.

**Our Prayer: Lord hear our prayer.**

### **Reader:**

That the Church may continue to preach faith and repentance: **Lord hear us**

That the leaders of nations learn that God is offering this world his covenant of peace and justice: **Lord hear us**

That people who rely on material things will learn that "no one lives on bread alone": **Lord hear us**

That we renew our baptism through humble repentance **Lord hear us.**

We pray for all refugees like Jamila who are forced to flee their homeland. May we, as a global family, respond generously to their needs and assist in developing a safe and secure future for all especially through our support of Project Compassion. **Lord hear us.**

For all the sick in our community, those suffering from COVID19 throughout the world, those who care for them and those who have asked for our prayers: **Lord hear us**

For the members of our faith community who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries we now remember that Christ may cleanse them and bring them to glory: **Lord hear us**

### **Celebrant:**

We come before you, Father, confident that you hear us, through the new and eternal covenant, of your beloved Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Readings this week:

Genesis 9:8-15  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15

## Reading next week

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18  
Romans 8:31-34  
Mark 9:2-10

## Responsorial Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

**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!

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer.

## Gospel Mark 1:12:15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days,  
and was tempted by Satan.

He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee.

There he proclaimed the Good News from God.

'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent,  
and believe the Good News.'

### 2021 LENTEN PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES Thursdays 25 Feb, 4,11 & 18 March 2021.

Jesuit College of Spirituality Prof Maryanne Confoy rsc, Fr Chris Gleeson SJ, Fr Michael Head SJ,  
and Frances Tilly.

- **The Spirituality of Ageing: A Paschal Experience?**
- **Exploring Michael Leunig's Prayer for Balance – Aligning Our Inner and Outer Lives**
- **The Years of the Suppression of the Jesuits**
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*Carried by Friends. An Experiential Reflection on the Transformative Relationship of Friendship Through the Prism of the Spiritual Exercises and the Ignatian Way of Proceeding*

ATTEND: Individual lectures or series. TIMES: 6.00 – 8.00 pm VENUE: Online (RSVP for Zoom link) COST: Free RSVP: 2 days before chosen lecture: [enquiries@jcs.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@jcs.edu.au) OR 03 9448 8276.



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Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to [enquire now](#).

**Find out more:** **Ross House**, Mezzanine-Sue Healy Room  
247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE

# PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

## JAMILA'S STORY Week 1

*"Aspire not to have more, but to be more" – Saint Oscar Romero*

Twenty-two-year-old, Jamila, is a single mother, living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. A Rohingya woman, she fled the armed conflict in Myanmar's Rakhine State to save herself, her elderly mother and eight-month-old baby daughter. Having been abandoned by her husband, she faced life in the camp on her own.

Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya people, have crossed into Bangladesh since August 2017. Over 1.3 million people remain in the densely populated camps, in desperate need of humanitarian assistance.

Thanks to the generosity of Caritas Australia's supporters and through our partnership with Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila had access to emergency food and shelter. Then, as her stay in the camp stretched on, Jamila joined the Women Friendly Spaces project where she received counselling and emotional support. She learnt about health and hygiene, participated in a parenting program and learnt sewing skills, to help her to earn an income.

Jamila now has a sense of community around her and feels less alone and more supported - and she is able to 'Be More' to her family.



***"I want to offer my thankful greetings to those who are kindly thinking of us from overseas", Jamila says. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia."***

In challenging times, it is often our instinct to pull back and withdraw into ourselves. It can feel especially hard to help others when we are struggling to satisfy our own needs, unsure what tomorrow might hold. The COVID-19 pandemic has stirred this feeling of unease in many of us and we hope for a more stable and positive 2021.

However, it is when life is toughest and most demanding that the gospel calls us to "dig deeper" and to go further. In Matthew 5, Jesus says "if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles."

Your support allows Caritas to step out into the neediest communities, expressing love and compassion for the most vulnerable on your behalf. Collect your project compassion envelope before leaving Mass today or donate to <https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate>