

A TIME FOR PREPARATION

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps90:15-16
When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

1st Reading GEN 2: 7-9; 3:1-7
A reading from the book of Genesis
The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17
RESPONSE: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. *R/*

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. *R/*
A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *R/*

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. *R/*

2nd Reading ROM 5:12-19
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. [Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal.] If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

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 Mt 4: 1-11
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
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.

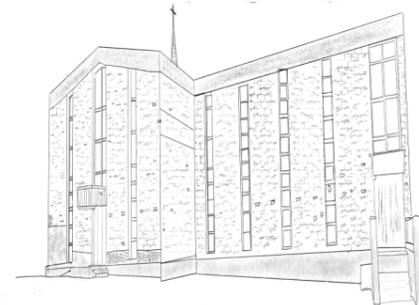
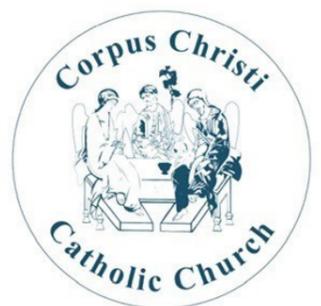
The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



St Mary Star of the Sea & CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

1st Sunday of Lent Year A

22nd February 2026



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PARISH CALENDAR – FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Sunday, 22nd February 2026

8:30am Mass—Mosman Park
10:00am Mass—Cottesloe
Children's Liturgy
12:00pm Mass (Spanish)—Cottesloe
5:00pm Mass—Cottesloe

Monday, 23rd February 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Tuesday, 24th February 2026

8:15am Mass—Mosman Park
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Wednesday, 25th February 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Thursday, 26th February 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Friday, 27th February 2026

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
8:30am Cottesloe
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00pm Mosman Park

Saturday, 28th February 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe
12:00pm Confessions—Cottesloe
5:00pm Confessions—Mosman Park
5:30pm Vigil Mass—Mosman Park
8:00pm Neocatechumenal
Community Mass
(Parish Centre Cottesloe)



JESUS FASTED FOR FORTY days and NIGHTS

We must not expect baptism to free us from the temptations of our persecutor. The body that concealed him made even the Word of God a target for the enemy; his assumption of a visible form made even the invisible light an object of attack. Nevertheless, since we have at hand the means of overcoming our enemy, we must have no fear of the struggle. Flaunt in his face the water and the Spirit. In them will be extinguished all the flaming darts of the evil one. Suppose the tempter makes us feel the pinch of poverty, as he did even to Christ, and taking advantage of our hunger, talks of turning stones into bread: we must not be taken in by him, but let him learn what he has still not grasped. Refute him with the word of life, with the word that is the bread sent down from heaven and that gives life to the world. He may try to ensnare us through our vanity, as he tried to ensnare Christ when he set him on the pinnacle of the temple

and said: "Prove your divinity: throw yourself down. *' Let us beware of succumbing to pride, for the tempter will by no means stop at one success. He is never satisfied and is always pursuing us. Often he beguiles us with some-thing good and useful, but its end is always evil. That is simply his method of waging war. We also know how well-versed the devil is in Scripture. When Christ answered the temptation to turn stones into bread with a rebuke from Scripture beginning: It is written, the devil countered with the same words, tempting Christ to throw himself down from the pinnacle of the temple. For it is written, he quoted, he will give his angels charge of you, and on their hands they will bear you up. O past master of all evil, why suppress the verse that follows? You did not finish the quotation, but I know full well what it means: that we shall tread on you as on an adder or a cobra; protected by the Trinity, we shall trample on you

as on serpents or scorpions. If the tempter tries to overthrow us through our greed, showing us at one glance all the kingdoms of the world—as if they belonged to him—and demanding that we fall down and worship him* we should despise him, for we know him to be a penniless impostor. Strong in our baptism, each of us can say: "I too am made in the image of God, but unlike you, I have not yet become an outcast from heaven through my pride, I have put on Christ; by my baptism I have become one with him. It is you that should fall prostrate before me." At these words he can only surrender and retire in shame; as he retreated before Christ, the light of the world, so will he depart from those illumined by that light. Such are the gifts conferred by baptism on those who understand its power; such the rich banquet it lays before those who hunger for the things of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11
Commentary: Gregory Nazianzen

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH—STATION OF THE CROSS

8:30am St Mary Star of the Sea Church Cottesloe
6:00pm Corpus Christi Church Mosman Park

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

+ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Online enrolments will close **Monday 23rd March 2026**

+ **CONFIRMATION** Online enrolments will close **Monday 17th August 2026**

Please register online at: <https://staroftheseachurch.org.au/sacramental-programme/>

For all inquiries and further information needed please contact Natasha Colli, Sacraments Coordinator: sacraments.cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au

Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Calendar

Mon	Feb	23	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Polycarp (commemoration)
Fri	Feb	27	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Gregory of Narek (commemoration)
Sun	Mar	1	Sunday	10:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Sunday Welcoming Mass & Morning Tea
Wed	Mar	4	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Casimir (commemoration)
Fri	Mar	6	Adoration	9:00am	Benediction	Cottesloe	1st Friday of the month
Fri	Mar	6	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Ember Day
Sat	Mar	7	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saints Perpetua and Felicity (commemoration)
Mon	Mar	9	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Frances of Rome (commemoration)
Tue	Mar	17	Feast Day	8:15am	Mass	Mosman Pk	St Patrick, Feast Day
Tue	Mar	17	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St Patrick, Feast Day
Wed	Mar	18	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem (commemoration)
Thu	Mar	19	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon	Mar	23	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Turibius de Mogrovejo (commemoration)
Wed	Mar	25	Solemnity	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Mon	Mar	30	Holy Week	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Monday of Holy Week
Tue	Mar	31	Holy Week	8:15am	Mass	Mosman Pk	Tuesday of Holy Week
Tue	Mar	31	Holy Week	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Tuesday of Holy Week



PARISH NEWS

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT – 22 February



This Lent, our parish community is called to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Each year, Project Compassion invites us to encounter stories of courage and hope from people around the world who are striving for a brighter future. In 2026, Project Compassion shares four stories of resilience and strength. We'll meet Sisilia, a young student from Tanzania, whose education was being disrupted by long daily walks to collect water for her family. With the support of **Caritas Australia** and people like you, Sisilia now has access to clean water from taps installed in her school and village. We'll get to know Monoranjon from Bangladesh, where communities are heavily impacted by natural disasters and climate change. Caritas Australia, together with supporters across Australia, has helped Monoranjon to learn climate-resilient farming skills. We'll be introduced to Manaini from Fiji, who struggled with poverty and food insecurity. With support, she gained training in food processing and

gardening, improving nutrition and creating income to support her children's education. And we'll hear the story of **Ahmad**, a Caritas Jerusalem worker from Gaza who was displaced many times due to ongoing conflict. Despite this hardship, he continues to serve families in need through Caritas' emergency response.

Please donate today: You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation envelopes in the pews and boxes at the entrance of the church on the tables, **Or online at:** caritas.org.au/project-compassion **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413



INVITATION TO JOIN A CATHOLIC BROTHERHOOD

The Fremantle Catenian Circle is currently seeking new members. In a world fraught with challenges and uncertainties, the need for solidarity among Catholic men has never been greater. We meet once a month for formal prayer and to discuss the integrity of our Circle and ways we can offer charitable works for our community, especially in assisting the financial needs of young peoples' education. Following our one hour meeting, we enjoy fellowship and a meal. Partners and widows join us for fellowship every second month. I invite you to join us, as our guest, at our next meeting. Please contact **Terry 0437055724** or **Louis 0419923038** if you wish to embark on this journey of faith, friendship, and service together.

24TH FEBRUARY TUESDAY 8:15AM MASS AT CORPUS CHRISTI

1st & 2nd Collection Cashless Point Tap terminals at the church entrance

1st & 2nd Collection Direct Debit information below

FIRST COLLECTION (PRIESTS)

Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park

Account No: 115134447

BSB: 086006

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SECOND COLLECTION (PARISH)

Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park

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WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (2ND PLATE): COTTESLOE \$885.22 MOSMAN PARK \$650.11

MOSMAN ROSTERS	This Weekend 21/22 Feb '26	Next Weekend 28 Feb/1 Mar '26
Flowers	R Beech	N Gourlay
Church Cleaning	C Donnelly	M Cooray
Readers Sat 5.30am	M Davis	N Farias
Readers Sun 8.30am	S Cannon	M Beech
		C Davie
		A Santelli
COTTESLOE ROSTERS	This Weekend 21/22 Feb '26	Next Weekend 28 Feb/1 Mar '26
Flowers	D Hintz & J Bryant	J Davidson & M Prosperi
Church Cleaning	N Colli & P Colli	Spanish Community
Readers Sun 10am	R Ardon & E O'Loughlin	A Marerwa & K Lewis
Readers Sun 5pm	J von Perger	Volunteer
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea	Welcoming Morning Tea

POPE'S INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Lenten Prayer of Intercession

For those experiencing poverty and marginalisation, that our support for Project Compassion during Lent will be a sign to them of the love of God for all people.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Community through baptism:

Fiorella Jazmin Riba Ingham
daughter of

Cecilia Merced Riba & Ashley Ingham
We ask God to bless Fiorella her parents, Godparents, and families, surround them with Your goodness and lead them in Your light each day of their life.

OUR SICK

Please keep those who are sick at home, and in nursing homes and in the general community in your prayers. Let us keep our parishioners who are unable to be with us at Mass:

Dariusz Rapcewicz
Francesca Letizia
Maria Blaszczyńska
Leon & Burchell Jones
Julie Atrache
Tim and Estelle Beckett
Marie and Ivo Milicich



Requiescat in Pace

For family members & friends who have recently passed to Eternal Life, and especially for all the departed Souls:

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."