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**Sunday, 18 February 2018**  
**First Sunday of Lent – Year B**

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

So, having arrived at Lent-time, when we focus on our own ongoing conversion through personal penance, how can we make it a season that is going to bring a sense of renewal and hope?

Scripture and the early Fathers of the Church both attest to three principal ways of penance: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. These three ways of penance express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* adds this:

1435 Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defence of justice and right, by the admission of faults to one's brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance. cf. Luke 9.23

1436 Eucharist and Penance. Daily conversion and penance find their source and nourishment in the Eucharist, for in it is made present the sacrifice of Christ which has reconciled us with God. Through the Eucharist those who live from the life of Christ are fed and strengthened. "It is a remedy to free us from our daily faults and to preserve us from mortal sins." Council of Trent (1551) DS 1638

1437 Reading Sacred Scripture, praying the Liturgy of the Hours and the Our Father - every sincere act of worship or devotion revives the spirit of conversion and repentance within us and contributes to the forgiveness of our sins.

A further aspect of Lent to bear in mind is that, as Baptised members of the Church, we're all in this together! We are all part of the Body of Christ, the Church. The sins of each one of the Baptised cast a shadow over the holiness of the Church, and so, together, we do penance not only for our own personal sins but also for the sins of our brothers and sisters. Your sins and mine make the Church's holiness less obvious than it should be. Doing penance for the sins of others we are imitating Jesus Christ: sinless himself, he suffered and died to take away the sins of others. But such penance needs to have love of God and our neighbour as its prime motivation (and not something pragmatic like weight-loss, which may nevertheless be a beneficial side-effect)!

Fr Don Richardson, Dean



*Liturgy...*

**First Reading    Gen 9:8-15**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, ‘See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.’

God said, ‘Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.’

**The word of the Lord.  
Response: Thanks be to God!**



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**Responsorial Psalm    Ps 24:4-9. R. v.10**

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

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

*Liturgy...*

**Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22**

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

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**Gospel Acclamation**

**Mt 4:4**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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!

**Alleluia!**

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*Liturgy...*

**Gospel      Mk 1:12-15**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

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.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**





**CATHEDRAL CLERGY**

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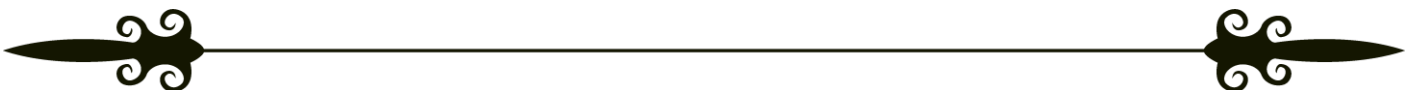
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<b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass); 12noon Latin Mass in the extraordinary form; 6.00pm Mass
<b>Weekday Mass</b>	Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm; Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon Public Holidays: 9am (or as advertised)
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Monday-Friday: 12noon -1.00pm & 5.00pm to 5.25pm Saturday 11.30am- 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
<b>Vespers (Evening Prayer)</b>	Monday to Thursday: 5.00pm; Saturday 5.30pm; Sunday 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacraments)
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Fridays: 4.30pm – 16 & 23 February, 2, 9, 16 & 23 March



**\*\*COELIACS:** Special Provision is made for Coeliacs at the Cathedral. Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion either from the Chalice or with a gluten low host. Application should be made to the Sacristan before Mass.