





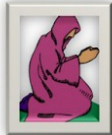




1st Lesson – Genesis 9: 8-17

Epistle – 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel - Mark 1: 9-15

Jesus is Tempted

1				Jesus said: NO
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Prayers

Jesus comes to the hard place of testing.

We remember those who are sorely tested in our world:
Those searching for a way to peace (*in the Middle East and Ukraine*)

Nations with huge debts, nations without natural resources;
Able men and women and children who need access to educational opportunities;

People who need to access a food bank;

Children at risk of abuse or neglect.

At first the challenges seem overwhelming,

**but when we start with prayer to you, O God,
hope grows and help is possible.**

Jesus comes to the hard place of testing.

We remember those tested by sickness and loss:

Those lacking the courage to consult a doctor;

Persons facing dementia or other mental illness,
and their loved ones;

Overworked medical and housekeeping staff members;

Those whose situations feel overwhelming;

Those for whom illness is with them continually.

All who feel overwhelmed by a loss acutely
(*time of silent reflection*).

We remember Amanda, Hope, Bob, and

Gabriel. And for Parishioners and residence in Katui Street,

Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road.

**When we start with prayer to you, O God,
hope grows and help is possible.**

Jesus comes to the hard place of testing.

We remember that the church is tested:

By the need for leadership and financial resources;

By the Sunday alternatives of leisure activities, sport, and shopping;

By the need to support missions and the wider faith community;

By the challenge of communicating the Gospel in a way that makes sense to non-churchgoing folks.

At first the challenge seems too great,

**but when we start with prayer to you, O God,
hope grows and opportunities open up.**

Next Sunday –March 1st – Lent 2

1st Lesson – Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Epistle – Romans 4: 13-25

Gospel – Mark 8: 31-38

8.00am – Colin Stanbridge, Bryncye Owen, Mary Griffiths, Mary Chamberlain.

9.30am – Megan Bowden, Pam Martin, Maureen Christensen.

This Week

Sunday 22	Lent One. Services 8am and 9.30am.
Tuesday 24	Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 12.00. Friendship, fun, good conversation for older people. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 25	10am Holy Communion and Lenten Study One.
Thursday 26	Mainly music. A weekly gathering for preschoolers and their families. Cost \$3.00 per family.
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Friday 6	World Day of Prayer at St. Josephs Takapuna 10.00am
Sunday 15	One Service. A.G.M, Harvest Festival, Mothering

	Sunday.
Sunday 22	One Service. Our team is hosting the Indaba teams.
Sunday 29	Palm Sunday

The 6 Lenten studies this year are entitled Gratitude and Grace.

A group will meet Wednesdays from February 22nd at 10.00am

Others have asked for a book to use at home.

Thank you to all who made pancakes and pizzas last Sunday. What a pleasant brunch.

- ❖ **Sunday March 1st. 5.30 pm at the Bridgeway Fund raiser.** The second best exotic Marigold Hotel. Tickets cost \$20.00. We make \$8.00 a ticket. See Joyce for tickets.
- ❖ **Jars for Jim** to make marmalade jam for the October fair. We are sure you know the size jar Jim likes. If not please ask him.
- ❖ **Certified and Qualified builder/carpenter.** Phone David on 0212 898654 or 488 9248.

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Anglican Board of Missions Lenten Appeal

- **Tarime Clergy, Tanzania: The Diocese of Tarime** is a remote Diocese in Tanzania. Transportation is a challenge due to poor quality of roads and extremely limited public transport. The clergy serving many congregations are in desperate need of reliable transport. This project is to supply motorcycles to key clergy in Tarime.
- **St Luke's Hospital, Nablus, Diocese of Jerusalem:** this hospital serves a large area around the city of Nablus. Due to an increase in demand on their Intensive Care Unit, they require a new monitor so they can care for more people.
- **Ministry Centre, Port Said, Egypt:** the church growth in this large city in Egypt has been massive since the church opened in 2002. Children have their Sunday School in tents, as there

is not enough rooms to house them. We have been asked to
fundraise to supply 2 classrooms for the centre.

Joshua Fellowship warmly invites all men to a meeting at
St Joseph's Centre, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna Speaker:
Deacon David Marshall Topic: Preparing our hearts and minds
this Lent Date: **Wed 25 Feb 2015 - 7.30-9.30pm** Contact: Basil
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