

## Mass Intentions from Feb 17-23, 2024

Sat. Feb 17/4:30 p.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird

Sun. Feb 18/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird  
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott families  
Giuseppe Venanzi & Joe Giancola - Angela Venanzi  
Clinton & Hamiltus Seneviratne - Kahawita family

Wed. Feb 21 /10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

### Feast – Chair of St. Peter (Apostle)

Thu. Feb 12/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird

### Stations of the Cross after mass

Fri. Feb 23/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird



**First Reading** (Genesis 9:8-15 ) God gives us the rainbow as a sign of God's everlasting covenant with humankind.

**Second Reading** (1 Peter 3:18-22) God's will is to save us all. Baptism is God's pledge to us of this desire.

**Gospel** (Mark 1:12-15)

After being tempted in the wilderness by Satan, Jesus begins his proclamation of the Good News from God.

### Reflection

Solitude in the wilderness radically changes our perception of ourselves and the world. Jesus became empowered through being driven by the Spirit into the wilderness, emerging from it to proclaim the kingdom of God. We may grow through our Lenten practices and through solitude to become channels of the life of the Spirit in this world.

### Love for All

Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creature are dependent on one another. Each is responsible for the care of this family.

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**CONFESSION: Every Sunday 9:30 to 9:45 am with Fr George.**

## A reflection for the 1st Sunday in Lent (February 18)

Lent is a time of spiritual re-birth. We are given the opportunity to focus on what is essential in our covenant relationship with God. That which is dead and non-productive must be removed and buried so that new life which comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus can take effect in our lives.

If we make good use of the next 40 days, we will be able to celebrate the paschal mystery of our salvation during The Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

### Prayer is...

**“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will act.”**

Psalm 37:4

As we begin this Lenten journey together, let's focus this week on prayer. In the Psalms, the word "selah" is used to create a space to pause and reflect. During our Lenten journey, we will be pausing for prayer and reflection as a community.

The season of Lent can feel differently each year, depending on what is on our minds and hearts – and this year is no exception.

Often, we choose to spend time in reflection, considering the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and preparing to celebrate his resurrection and coming again.

This Lent let's take time to pause and reflect on the great need to care for children around the world who wrestle with the impact of poverty and hunger every day.

Below is Mary's Meals prayer. Allow yourself to hear each word and listen to your mind and heart. Consider this prayer during Lent.

### Our Father

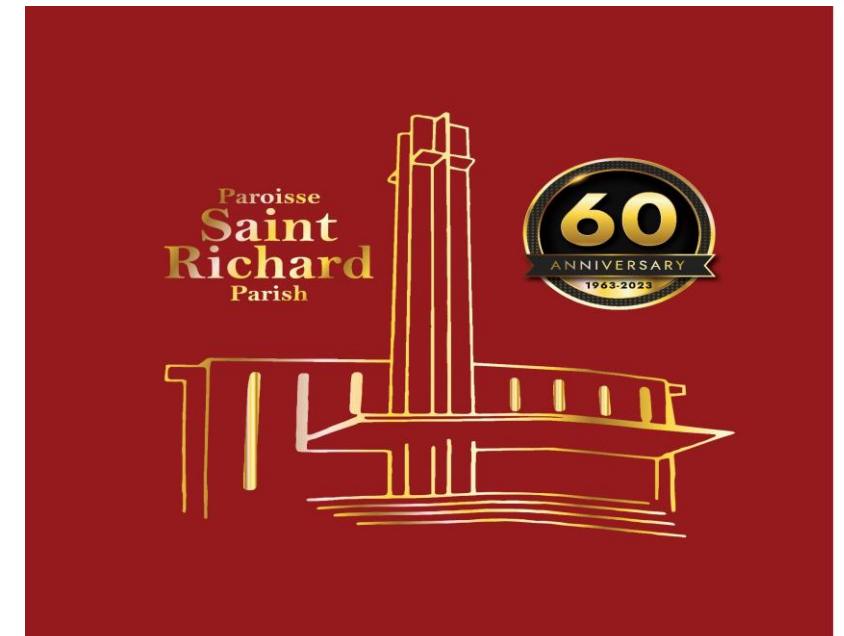
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us for the times when we take more than  
our share of the bread that belongs to all.  
Let us help You fill the starving with good things,  
not with scraps from our table.  
Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep.  
Clothe us with Your love that we may complete  
each good work you created us to do.  
Place in our hearts Your compassion for each  
starving child and use our little acts of love  
so that they starve no more.

Amen

May the Lord Jesus bless you, especially this Lenten season as you are renewed in your covenant relationship with God.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week  
Giving Thanks to the Lord.



## AS WE CONTINUE CELEBRATING ST. RICHARDS 60TH ANNIVERSARY...

Activities are being planned to continue celebrating this momentous milestone until June 16<sup>th</sup> 2024, which will include all parishioners. These events will recognize the contributions of the many people and groups who were instrumental in the development of our parish.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH SUNDAY MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> AFTER THE 10 AM MASS.

#### ON THE MENU

BREADED CHICKEN, CABBAGE ROLLS,  
SALAD, POTATOES, ROLLS & DESSERT.

This is a fund raiser and we need your help to buy and sell tickets. The adult tickets will be \$25.00 and the children's tickets will be \$10.00 for children 10 and under.

**Please keep March 17th free to attend the brunch.**

**Please contact Teresa Baird for tickets.  
Thank you for your help.**