



HOLY FAMILY

DOVETON

The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5th March 2023

POPE FRANCIS' LENT MESSAGES ACROSS THE YEARS

We have begun the season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. To celebrate this important liturgical season in preparation for Easter, here are 10 tips drawn from Pope Francis' Lent messages across the years.

1. Remember that Christ's poverty enriches us

"Christ's poverty which enriches us is his taking flesh and bearing our weaknesses and sins as an expression of God's infinite mercy to us," explained Pope Francis in 2014, in his first Lenten message. In fact he warned against "three types of destitution: material, moral and spiritual," while underlining that "destitution is poverty without faith, without support, without hope." He called Christians to "confront" the destitution of "our brothers and sisters" and "take practical steps to alleviate it."

2. Fight the "globalization of indifference" individually and collectively

In his 2015 Lenten message Pope Francis made a strong appeal against the "globalization of indifference" towards others. "The love of God breaks through that fatal withdrawal into ourselves which is indifference."

"Indifference to our neighbour and to God [...] represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience," the Pontiff said.

3. God's "boundless" mercy can help us be merciful in turn

Pope Francis' 2016 Lenten message cantered on the theme of mercy, in line with the Extraordinary Jubilee he had called on the same topic. He reminded that "the mystery of divine mercy is revealed in the history of the covenant between God and his people," as he is always ready to treat them with "deep tenderness and compassion." This "boundless mercy" is then incarnated in Christ "the bridegroom who does everything to win over the love of his bride." "God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn," the Pope explained.

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday..... 9.15am
..... 11.00am
Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:

Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Everyday 9.15am

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am
Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:

Saturday 9.00am

Baptisms: Second Sunday

Divine Kids Bible Class:

Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:

Tuesday 7pm-8pm in the
Big Hall

Parish Halls:

Available for hire –
Contact Parish Office

4. The importance of spending time with the word of God

“Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through [...] fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply,” Pope Francis said during his 2017 Lenten message. “At the root of all [Cfr. the parable of the rich man and the poor man Lazarus; Lk 16:19-31] ills was the failure to heed God’s word. [...] The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to God,” the Pope said.

5. Beware of iniquity and fight it with prayer, almsgiving, and fasting

For his 2018 Lenten message Pope Francis was inspired by this verse from the Gospel of Matthew: “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (24:12). In fact, he called us to beware of “false prophets,” which can come in the form of “snake charmers” or “charlatans.” He also asked us to try to avoid that our hearts and love become “cold,” not allowing us to serve others.

6. Remember the redemption of creation

“This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation,” Pope Francis said in his 2019 Lenten message. He underlined how “all those who enjoy the grace of Jesus’ paschal mystery may experience its fulfilment in the redemption of the human body” and that we “benefit creation by cooperating in its redemption.”

7. Lent is a period for conversion

In his 2020 Lenten message the Argentine Pontiff reminded that, despite coming around again every year, Lent is always a “favorable time for our conversion,” which “should never be taken for granted.” Jesus’ Easter “is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer,” he said.

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READINGS

SUNDAY

Genesis 12:1-4

Psalms 32(33):4-5, 18-20, 22

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Matthew 17:1-9

MONDAY

Daniel 9:4-10

Psalms 78(79):8-9, 11, 13

Luke 6:36-38

TUESDAY

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20

Psalms 49(50):8-9, 16-17, 21, 23

Matthew 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Psalms 30(31):5-6, 14-16

Matthew 20:17-28

THURSDAY

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1:1-4, 6

Luke 16:19-31

FRIDAY

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Psalms 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

8. Renewing our faith, hope and love as we prepare for easter

“During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ,” Pope Francis said during his 2021 Lenten message, as the world was still grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. “Let us not grow tired of doing good”

Pope Francis was inspired by the following verses from Saint Paul’s exhortation to the Galatians for his 2022 Lenten message: “Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (kairós), let us do good to all” (6:9-10).

10. Lent as a moment of ascension and transfiguration

“During Lent we are invited to ascend “a high mountain” in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – ascesis – as God’s holy people,” Pope Francis said in his 2023 Lenten message. He encouraged us to “listen to Jesus” by attending the liturgy and studying the Bible.

(Reference: <https://aleteia.org/>)

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes are available in both foyers of the Church.

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Classes for the preparation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the children have commenced, if any children want to join, parents are requested to contact the parish office for the registration immediately.

Day/Time: Thursday 4.00 pm

Venue: Holy Family Small Hall

YOUTH CORNER

If you are between the ages of 13-30 and would simple like to learn more about what we are planning for the youth group, or express interest in participating, we would like to invite you to scan this QR code and quickly fill out the form.

<https://forms.gle/w6BDB5HnT9JDVgxH6>



If there are any adults 30+ who would like to help out time to time with the youth group, please contact: **Stephanie de Niese** (Youth Coordinator HF)
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‘WALK WITH JESUS TO CALVARY’: LENTEN RETREAT FOR CHILDREN

Join St Agatha’s Church (Cranbourne) Lenten retreat for children: ‘Walk with Jesus to Calvary’. For ages 5–15, the retreat will feature praise and worship, activities and games, group discussions, Holy Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Bookings are essential. Food will be provided.

For further information, visit www.divinekids.com.au



On all Fridays during Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** will be conducted at **6.30pm** followed by **Mass at 7pm**.

Parish Office Hours

Monday9am-11am

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Friday9am-12pm

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Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)