

26 February 2023  
**First Sunday of Lent Year A**  
**Prayer of the Faithful**

Priest: 'You must worship the Lord and serve God alone!' Brothers and sisters, in the struggle of Jesus with Satan, we discover the grace of the Holy Spirit who will also enable us to overcome our own temptations.

1. For Pope Francis, Archbishop Anthony, all bishops, priests and religious. May they faithfully proclaim the Word of God, refute falsehood, and resist temptation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. For all of us who are keeping the season of Lent. May our prayer and reflection, our fasting and almsgiving bring us renewal, reconciliation and closer unity with Christ, our Saviour. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. For the catechumens of our Parish and those of the Archdiocese of Sydney. May they grow to know and love Jesus Christ as they participate in the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral this weekend leading to their Easter Baptism. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. For all who are alienated from Church life. May they find in our parish community a place of welcome and reconciliation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. Let us pray that, in this holy season of Lent, we may have the heart to share more generously with the poor and the needy the spiritual and material gifts with which God has blessed us. (Pause) Lord, hear us
6. Grant patience, healing and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: James Carrington, Anita Chan, Fred Perera, Juanita Purrone, Sylvia Newell, Lee Kendrick, Victor Romanoff, Darrell Boesen, Cathleen Alaburn. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
7. Grant eternal rest to our recently departed relatives and friends: Anne Boesen, Thien Sun Kideng, Rocco Auciello, Vincent Auciello, Clemente Cacatian, Vincent Jiang, Rommel Mallion, Bernadette Karout, Maria Funay, Mario Valdeabella, Burton Craig.

Let us pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now especially Jelena Bozicevic.

Pray also for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

Priest: Almighty God, be merciful to us sinners, renew us in your Son Jesus, and let us walk confidently in the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.