

BAPTISED AND SENT IN LENT

Homily Pointers for the First Sunday of Lent

Theme: Baptised and sent by the Spirit



Gospel Link

This week's Gospel comes from Matthew 4:11.

After His Baptism, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness.



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Baptised and Sent Quote

"Baptism is an entry point to a life of faith, a gateway to mission, and the root and foundation on which to build a Christian life."
Paragraph 10



First Sunday of Lent: Baptised and Sent by The Spirit

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 The Temptation in the Wilderness

Priority: Understanding our baptismal identity and how it orientates us toward Christ

HOMILY POINTERS

About the Gospel

Consider:

- That this Gospel is preceded by the Baptism of Jesus
- How Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness
- How are we led by the Holy Spirit today
- Where are the wilderness spaces in our world and in our lives

About Baptised and Sent

Consider:

- Consider how our Baptism gives a unique identity as People of God
- How this identity makes a difference to the way we live
- Consider how we can renew our Baptism during Lent
- In what way/s we feel missioned or sent, like Jesus, in our every day lives

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Homily Pointers for the Second Sunday of Lent

Theme: Personal Contact with Jesus
Transforms Us



Gospel Link

This week's Gospel comes from Matthew 17:1-9.

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain and the disciples glimpse His glory.



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Baptised and Sent Quote

"Faith formation brings us into personal contact with Jesus and is foundational for enabling people to share their faith with joy." Paragraph 13



Second Sunday of Lent: Personal Contact with Jesus Transforms Us

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9, The Transfiguration

Priority: *Formation and Catechesis for a Maturing Faith*

HOMILY POINTERS

About the GOSPEL

Consider:

- How personal encounter with Jesus transformed the disciples
- How we can be transformed today by personal encounter with Jesus
- Where we can deepen our encounter with Jesus through faith formation
- How disciples came down from the mountain and shared their faith with others

About Baptised and Sent

Consider:

- How faith can grow and develop in us over our lifetime
- We are not formed for a static faith but for discipleship and encounter
- Faith forms us for an authentic lived faith
- Faith in Jesus should transform us mission

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Homily Pointers for the Third Sunday of Lent

Theme: Who Belongs?



Gospel Link

This week's Gospel comes from John 4:5-42.

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well and offers her living water.



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Baptised and Sent Quote

"Belonging brings caring, mercy, compassion and love. It is at the heart of who we are."

Paragraph 11



Third Sunday of Lent: Who Belongs?

Gospel: John 4:5-42, ending 'given you living water.'

Priority: *Belonging and Inclusion*

HOMILY POINTERS

About the Gospel

Consider:

- How the Samaritan women didn't feel that she belonged
- How Jesus reached out to her in a way that the disciples did not
- Who thirsts for welcome in our community?
- What wells of encounter and hospitality can we create in our parish, in our family and in our community?

About Baptised and Sent

Consider:

- That many people feel on the margins of parish and Church life
- They feel excluded just like the Samaritan women
- How caring and compassionate we are as a parish community
- What we might need to change in ourselves to provide a welcoming home

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Homily Pointers for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Theme: Healing In Christ



Gospel Link

This week's Gospel comes from John 9:1-41.

Jesus heals the man born blind, opening his eyes to faith and light.



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Baptised and Sent Quote

"It was in that prayerful silence that the conviction grew that healing, with its demands of justice, accountability, and reconciliation, must be named explicitly as an essential priority for the next phase of the Irish Synodal Pathway.

Paragraph 52



Fourth Sunday of Lent: Healing In Christ

Gospel: John 9:1-41, The Man Born Blind (shorter version)

Priority: *Healing and Reconciliation*

HOMILY POINTERS

About the gospel

Consider:

- That Jesus notices the man born blind, recognises his need for healing and responds
- As followers of Jesus, we are called to open our eyes and notice the hurt, the wounded, those in need of healing and to respond
- We have gone to the pool of baptism where we were washed anew in the living, healing waters of our rebirth – now with the eyes of faith we are called to look out on the world and to one another differently, as Jesus did
- Where are the places of blindness/darkness in our life, community, world that are calling out for the healing Light of Christ

About Baptised and Sent

Consider:

- How our baptism sends us to be Christ's light in the world for others
- How can we experience the power of God's healing love today
- Who do we know that needs God's healing love
- How, both as a church community and individually, we are sent to reveal in actions and words Christian care, compassion, mercy, and healing to all.

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Homily Pointers for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Theme: New life in Christ



Gospel Link

This week's Gospel comes from John 11:1-45.

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, revealing Himself as the resurrection and the life.



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Baptised and Sent Quote

"New life with the risen Christ has already begun in those who have been baptised. Already now we enjoy the first fruits of eternal life."

Par 73



Fifth Sunday of Lent: New life in Christ

Gospel: John 11:32-44 The Raising of Lazarus

Priority: *New life through Baptism*

HOMILY POINTERS

About the Gospel

Consider:

- How Jesus calls out Lazarus from the grave, how Lazarus is unbound and set free to new life.
- How Jesus today calls us from our graves to the freedom of new life in Him.
- What stones do we need to roll away in our home life, here in this community and in the world so that we can live the life God calls us to through our baptism.

About Baptised and Sent

Consider:

- How our baptism has already given us a new life in Christ – what does that life look like?
- As we prepare to renew our baptism at Easter, in what concrete ways are we being called to live unbound and free, as baptised followers of Jesus in our everyday lives.