

HOMILY – JESUS SHOWS US THE WAY FORWARD - 14 FEBRUARY 2016

Jesus shows us the way forward in handling the many temptations we face in life.

Before listening to Archbishop Mark's Lenten Pastoral Letter to us, I invite you to consider the Scripture Readings today.

All temptations we face are summed up in one of THREE TEMPTATIONS in the wilderness.

I know it is tempting to say nothing about that young child at Lady Cilento Hospital, in Brisbane. But to say nothing would be to be stuck in the wilderness.

We hear that JESUS LEADS US THROUGH it.

As this toddler faces deportation back to Nauru after treatment for burns over the body, we take time now to pray for the child and family, and for the courageous doctors and health staff at the hospital who continue the professional care to which all are entitled.

Remembering we have quite a few health professionals at Masses this weekend, we now pray for a PEACEFUL resolution to this and a RESPECT for the human rights of the child.

I invite you pray in silence.

(Pause)

Yesterday we placed a message of support for the doctors on our parish Facebook page [<http://tinyurl.com/zq4f52f>].

We invited people to phone and write and pray about it.

We tweeted that support. Some re-tweeted our message.

This Lent we seek to IDENTIFY the temptations we face, at home, at work, in our neighbourhood, in our church, in the groups in which we participate.

On this St Valentine's Day, do we restrict our love or share it with all?

I invite you to pause and think about those temptations and ASK GOD for the COURAGE to overcome them with love.

(Pause)

Now let hear the Archbishop's Message.

[Fr. Gerry Hefferan – Homily – Jesus Shows Us the Way Forward – 14 February 2016]