

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.*

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects... **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, "Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, 'You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death'." Then the serpent said to the woman, "No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 50

RESPONSE: *Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we have sinned.*

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

(for shorter form read between > <)

> Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. < Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of "law-breaking", yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so

many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. > If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. <

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves." But he replied, "Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test."

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "I will give you all these", he said, "if you fall at my feet and worship me." Then Jesus replied, "Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone."

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray,
to make these offerings,
for with them we celebrate the beginning
of this venerable and sacred time... **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

Or

*The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will trust.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread,
by which faith is nourished, hope increased,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,
the true and living Bread,
and strive to live by every word
which proceeds from your mouth... **Amen.**

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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment.

Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

Please consider setting up a standing order in favour of the parish instead of a weekly cash offering. If you can Gift Aid your donation, please complete a form which you can find in the church porch.

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First Sunday of Lent – 26th February 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A.

Sunday Hymns: Entrance: No. 150 Forty Days & Forty Nights Offertory: No 116 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Communion: No. 498 Soul Of My Saviour: Recession No. 327 Lord Jesus Think On Me

Services During the Coming Week

Saturday 25 th February	5:30pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass, offered for the people of the parish. Reader I Suttle, offertory R Hennon.
	8:00 am	Mass, offered for the Vieira family. Reader F Vieira, Eucharistic Minister E Cleary
Sunday 26 th February	10:00 am	Mass, offered for the deceased members of the Dooley & Sheppard families. Reader T Barker, offertory Pakes family, Eucharistic Minister W Lobo
Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass today prepared and served by Rosemary & Karen		
Monday 27 th February	Lent Feria	No Mass Today
Tuesday 28 th February	Lent Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass, the Vieira family
Wednesday 1 st March	St David, Patron Saint of Wales	12 noon Holy Mass, open intention
Thursday 2 nd March	Lent Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass offered for Jamie Campbell RIP (FM)
Friday 3 rd March	Lent Feria – Lent Fast Day	10:00 am Holy Mass, open intention, followed by Stations of the Cross
Saturday 4 th March		5:30pm Confessions 6:00 pm Second Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel: In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil. Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture. The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. For example, the Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted. Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness. As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God. *Courtesy of Loyola Press.*

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday is CAFOD's Lent Fast Day. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. Please pray for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. Next weekend there will be a retiring collection taken after all Masses to which you can donate using the special collection envelopes in the church porch, you can give on-line at cafod.org.uk/give or you can even put cash in the retiring collection which will be taken after all Masses next weekend!

Parish 150 Club: The February prize draw will be made in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass this weekend. Please do join us after Mass for a coffee and a chat. If you are not a member of the 150 Club, you can even join before we make the draw!

Parish Accounts 2022: At the Finance Committee meeting held on Friday 17th February, the annual parish accounts for 2022 were presented and approved. The headline is that the parish made a loss last year of £700, and the details behind this figure are now available on the notice board in the church porch.

Eucharistic Ministers: You should have received a copy of the new rota this week. A copy is also pinned to the notice board in the porch or you can download it from the parish web site.

Catholic East Anglia: The March edition of Catholic East Anglia, the free Diocesan newspaper, is out now. You can collect a copy from the church porch or you can read it on-line by following the link on the parish web site. This edition includes a report on the farewell thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Emeritus Alan Hopes, Bishop Peter's debut on Radio Maria and news of four Catholic churches in East Anglia receiving historic listed status.

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted, housebound or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit: John Anderson-Hurst, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, David Nash, Pauline Newton, Mary O'Reilly, Carol Sims and Pippa Williamson.

Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for James Adams (1981), Pamela Andrews (1985), Vincenza Webber (2002), Winifred Grant (2005), Kitty Finn (1999), Helen Whelan (2012), Alan Hobbs (2014), Richard Collis (2018), Georgina Beeby (1969), Elizabeth Millar (1998), Ernest Doolan (2000), Daphne Westbrook, William Fleming (1993), Donald Ludlow (1994), Thomas Kearney (1995), Florence Pratt (1976), Ellen Armes (2018), Jamie Campbell (2021), Audrey Gould (2000), James O'Mara (1983), Mary Irvine, Edward Miller (1998) and Josephine Ratcliff (1999) whose anniversaries occur about this time. A complete list of parish anniversaries can be found on the web site.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.