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1st Sunday of Lent – 10th March 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings: 1st Week of Lent 1

We offer a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors.

Services This Week

Sunday 10 th March 1 st Sunday in Lent	8:00 am	Robert & Mary Cranston
	10:00 am*	Nora Andrews – foundation Mass
	Hymns for 10:00 Mass	
	Entrance:	150 Forty Days and Forty Nights
	Offertory:	326 Lord Jesus Christ
Monday 11 th March	Communion:	116 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
	Recessional:	455 Praise to the Holiest
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
	Lent Feria	
	9:30 am	
Tuesday 12 th March	Lent Feria	
	9:30 am	
Wednesday 13 th March	Lent Feria – Mass in school	
	9:30 am	
Thursday 14 th March	Lent Feria	
	9:30 am	Alain Talabardon RIP
Friday 15 th March	Lent Feria	
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Saturday 16 th March	Lent Feria	
	8:30 am	Sacrament of reconciliation
	9:00 am	Rosary
Sunday 17 th March	9:30 am	Mass - Open intention
	8:00 am	Conlon family – foundation Mass
	10:00 am*	James & Catherine Barrett RIP
Second Sunday of Lent	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

* Children's Liturgy will be celebrated during the 10:00 Mass on Sundays for pre-first Holy Communion children.

Tea and coffee will be available in the church hall after 10:00 Mass – please do come and join us!

Today's Gospel - 1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness. This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls 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, and God alone is God. (courtesy of Loyola Press)

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

Friday of this week, 15th March, is CAFOD's Lenten Fast Day. CAFOD is the Catholic charity that helps the poorest, most hard-to-reach people around the world - people who are facing drought, conflict, disease, injustice and more. CAFOD believes in a world where every woman, man and child can flourish. But the reality is it is forced to turn away one in three requests for help. Simply because it does not have enough money to go around. Family Fast Day is a way to help raise funds so that more help may be provided to more people. On Friday, we are all asked to have a simple meal in solidarity with our poorer brothers and sisters throughout the world who have a lot less than we do, and then make a donation to CAFOD of at least the amount saved through our action. Featuring in this year's appeal is the story of Mahinur – a Bangladeshi woman in need of help. You can read her story on the CAFOD web site or follow the link from the parish web site.

Next Sunday, 17th March, a second collection will be taken after each Mass to receive your donations. Special envelopes are available in the narthex. If you are a tax payer, and that is most of us, then please use the special envelopes and complete the details so that CAFOD can reclaim from the government the tax you have already paid on your donation. This costs you personally nothing, but allows CAFOD to reclaim 25 pence from HMRC for every pound you donate. Last year, the Gift Aid claimed by CAFOD amounted to £26 million so it makes a huge difference to CAFOD funding.

Offertory Collections

The offertory collection values for recent Sundays are as follows:

10th February - £420.00, 17th February - £421.41, 24th February - £375.56 and 3rd March - £434.18. The second collection taken on Sunday 17th February for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice was £55.60. Thank you.

Let It Be

Not a throw back to the music of the Sixties, but the name of an inspirational five-session CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) course being run during Lent. We are running the new CaFE film on the life of Mary past & present. Filmed around the world with well-known experts and down-to-earth testimonies about how the example and prayer of Mary can help us grow in our everyday faith. As part of the course you will get your own Let It Be Book which includes the main content of the film plus lots of useful follow-on info and optional daily prayer reflections. Why not bring a friend and come and check out Session 2 which continues on Thursday evening, 14th March, at 7:30 in the Guild Room.

Town Pastors

Town Pastors have been working on the streets of Ipswich on Friday and Saturday nights between 10 pm and 4 am since June 2006. At the moment there are over 50 town pastors and over 50 on its prayer team. The organisation has 3 main streams of volunteer roles:

- Town Pastors who go out on the streets on Friday and Saturday nights between 10 pm and 4 am;
- Base prayers who are situated at the cym centre from where it operates between 10 pm and 4 am - these pray for the pastors while they are out and provide refreshments for when they have breaks and for any police officers who may visit us.
- Home prayers who pray from home for an hour during the night whilst the pastors are out.

Training for potential new town pastors will commence on Saturday April 27th 2019 and they are looking for new recruits from all the local churches. Town Pastors have to be Christian and an active member within their home churches. There is an expected commitment of one shift per month. Anyone interested in getting involved in this work or finding out more information about the roles, can find further information and application forms on the organisation's web site www.townpastors.org.uk.

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League sends a very big thank you to everyone who supported the recent Valentide Tea Party. The sum raised was £398 which will aid local and CWL Charities helping others not so fortunate.

Catholic East Anglia

The March edition of the Diocesan newspaper, Catholic East Anglia, is available in the narthex. This publication is free of charge – please do take one. It can also be down loaded or read on-line by following the link on the parish web site.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy continues today, aimed primarily at pre First Holy communion children. Younger children are welcome, but very young children should be accompanied by a parent as our catechists are not able to manage, for example, toilet requirements.

The Sick of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: Margaret Arbon, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Deacon Peter Coates, Fabiana Di Mascio, Ron Green, Fr. David Hennessy, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Elaine Carter, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli and Mary O'Reilly.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Robert McInnes, George Keenan, Leslie Robinson, Edward Clarke, Gerard Healey, Harry Frost, Arthur Watkinson, Isabel Whittle, John Roche, Noel Andrews, Alberto Computaro, Marion Keenan and Margaret Quinn whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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

150 Club

The February prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made after 10:00 Mass today. This has been delayed slightly due to the absence on holiday of the organiser.

Today's Mass Readings

Will readers, and anybody who uses a Sunday Missal, please note that today's readings are taken from the First Sunday of Lent, Year A and not from the lectionary Year C. This is not a mistake but is because today we will begin the Election of Candidates for Baptism during the Easter Night Vigil Mass, and these are the readings recommended for us for this ceremony.

Readings for the First Sunday in Lent – Year A: 10th March, 2019

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. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

First Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 *The creation and sin of our first parents.*

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 or touch it, under the 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 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.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17 Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Rom. 5:12-19 *However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.*

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.

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: Matt. 4:1-11 *Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.*

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, "through 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.

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. Through Christ our Lord.

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

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 living bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ Our Lord.