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## First Sunday in Lent: 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020

### Sunday Readings: Year A

### Weekday Readings: Year II, 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

We offer a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors

## Services This Week

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Paulina & Wladysaw
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Conlon family foundation Mass
		<b>Hymns for 10:00 Mass</b>
		Entrance: - Forty Days and Forty Nights (150)
		Offertory: - Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (116)
		Communion:- Soul of My Saviour (498)
		Recession: - Lord Jesus Think On Me (327)
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass - People of the Parish
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Lent Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lent Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Feria – Mass in St Pancras School 9:30 am	Holy Mass – Holy Souls
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass – Maier family foundation Mass
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March		Lent Feria – Women's World Day of Prayer
		CAFOD Lenten Fast Day
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Andrews family foundation Mass
	10:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass – Scot family foundation Mass
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Jim & Molly
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Peter Crilley
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass - People of the parish

\* Children's Liturgy is held during the 10:00 Mass each Sunday.

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

## 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, 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. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, 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's 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.

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## CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day

Next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Your donations go to highly trained, highly skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. Sister Consilia is one of these people. She is a nun in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. She is a trained pharmacist who saves lives each and every day. Without support like yours, her brilliant work just wouldn't be able to continue as there would be insufficient funds to support it. CAFOD urgently needs your help to help fund more local experts like Sister Consilia to reach out to even more people who need treatment, care and love. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, will you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sister Consilia to continue her life-saving work helping the health of the world's poorest people? Through CAFOD's global church family, your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Next Sunday, there will be a retiring collection after each Mass to support the work of CAFOD. Please collect a Family Fast Day envelope from the narthex today and give whatever you can, and please do not forget to Gift Aid your donation if you are a tax payer.

### Family Fast Day Prayer

*God of all wholeness, heal our hearts of all that prevents us responding to our sisters and brothers, excluded by poverty and prevented from living a full and healthy life. This Lent, may we implore justice through our prayer, stand in solidarity through our fasting and reach out through our giving. Send your life-giving power to revive the weary, restore the broken and renew the face of the earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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## Sunday of the Word

Next Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, Churches Together in Ipswich are organising an event Named "Enjoy the Bible: Sensing the Sacred through Art and Music" at The St Nicholas Centre, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich, IP1 1QU. It will run from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm. The event is free, but registration is necessary. To register please go to [www.enjoy-the-bible.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.enjoy-the-bible.eventbrite.co.uk) or call 07780613754. More details on the poster in the narthex.

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## Charity Quiz Evening

Also on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Linis Dolby is organising a quiz evening in the church hall in aid of two charities, starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets are £5 per person, with teams of 6 competing. If you cannot make up a team, turn up by yourself and you will be allocated to a team. Soft drinks will be available but please bring your own alcohol and nibbles. All proceeds will be shared between FASD local support group and Parkinsons local support group. To reserve a ticket please text 07722 871188.

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## The Sick of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: John Anderson-Hurst, Margaret Arbon, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Deacon Peter Coates, Monica Ford, Josephine Kalagira, Fabiana Di Mascio, Ron Green, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly and Pippa Williamson.

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## Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February was £409.80. Thank you.

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### **Own Dear Departed**

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Donald Dudlow, Thomas Kearrey, Florence Pratt, Ellen Armes, Audrey Gould, James O'Mara, Mary Irvine, Edward Millar, Josephine Ratcliff, Patrick McDermott, Francis Doyle, Catherine Coyle, Francis Coyle, Daniel Keenan and Nora Andrews 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.*

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### **First Holy Communion Programme**

The First Holy Communion classes continue today in the Guild Room at 4:45 pm.

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### **Survive-Miva**

Founded in 1974, Survive-Miva is a Catholic lay association and registered charity, whose patron is the archbishop of Liverpool. It exists to provide one vital element to ensure success of the Church's healthcare and pastoral work in remote communities in impoverished parts of the world – mobility. The association has about 60 members, the vast majority Catholic lay men and women from all walks of life who give generously of their time to make appeals for funds at parishes throughout Scotland, Wales and England. On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, we will host a volunteer speaker from Survive-Miva who will tell us about the association's work and make an appeal for financial support.

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### **National Novena to St Joseph**

The St Joseph's Missionary Society, more commonly known as the Mill Hill Missionaries, is Britain's own missionary society. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their society and the missionary outreach of the church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's church in Maidenhead and at St Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to the Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

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### **Deanery Station Mass**

This year's Lenten Deanery Station Mass, celebrated by the bishop, is on 12<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary's Church, Woodbridge Road. Before Mass, there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 6 -7 pm with an opportunity for Confessions. There will be several priests present to hear confessions. Mass will begin at 7 pm followed by soup and simple refreshments.

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### **Thank You**

Jo, Nigel and Teresa wish to thank everyone for their continuing support and prayers at this sad time.

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### **St Albans's Catholic High School - Exam Invigilators**

St Albans school is looking to recruit professional, organised and flexible individuals to join its team of invigilators who provide support during exam periods throughout the academic year at the hourly rate of £9.36 on an ad-hoc basis. Full details and application forms can be found on the school website: [www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk). Completed application and disclosure forms must be emailed to [exams@st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:exams@st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk) to arrive no later than 10 am Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent: 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020**

#### **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:** Gen2:7-9,3:1-7 *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, 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 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:** 1Cor. 3:16-23 *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 a 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 were made righteous.* *Shorter form – read italicised text only.*

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

Jesus was led by the Spirit out in the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted 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 to look 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 and living bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.