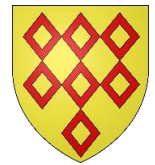


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17-18 February 2024 – First Sunday of Lent

“Jesus was in the desert 40 days: there Satan tested Him; there angels waited on Him” Mk 1.12

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary

Confessions Before or after any week-day Mass;
or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45);
or by appointment at any point in the week.

Sat 17 5.30pm R: Joyful	Saturday after Ash Wednesday Vigil Mass – for Peter Amandini RIP (Anniversary)
SUN 18 8am 10am R: Glorious	1st SUNDAY of LENT Mass – for Alec Moody RIP Parish Mass – for Derwin Dean RIP
Mon 19 9.30am 7.00pm R: Joyful	Feria of Lent 1 Mass – Christian staff at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Lent Group 1: Prayer, a relationship; First, listen
Tues 20 9.30am R: Sorrowful	Feria of Lent 1 Mass – Local Catholic schools
Wed 21 9.30am R: Glorious	Feria of Lent 1 Mass – All who receive the Blessed Sacrament at home
Thurs 22 R: Luminous	Chair of St Peter, Feast No mass [Reading: Matt 7.7—12]
Fri 23 7pm R: Sorrowful	Feria of Lent 1; Commem. of St Polycarp CAFOD Family Fast Day Stations of the Cross and Mass – All Catholic aid agencies
Sat 24 5.30pm R: Joyful	Feria of Lent 1 Vigil Mass – for Paul Amasanti RIP (Birthday remembrance)
SUN 25 8am 10am R: Glorious	2nd SUNDAY of LENT Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass – for the Rebelo family

- ◆ **Baptism, Confirmation** (First Communion),
Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage: all by
appointment – please contact Fr Jonathan
- ◆ **Funerals:** by arrangement with Fr Jonathan through
your chosen Funeral Director
- ◆ **Northwick Park Hospital:** for a chaplain, contact
020 8967 5130
- ◆ **Returning to faith?** or to the Church? You may find
Catholic Listeners useful on 0800 448 0704 (a free
telephone helpline) 4–7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri
- ◆ **Sign up** for the **Catholic Bishops News Service** -
www.cbcew.org.uk/newsletter-signup/

Votive lights burn this week at
Our Lady: for Fr. Jonathan – pastoral care
(requested by a parishioner)
St William & St Catherine: for

A WARM WELCOME, especially if you are new to the parish. **Please take this newsletter home.**

◆ **Parents and carers** please do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Do not hesitate to move around *at the back* of the church. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, *please accompany* any child to the toilet. Thank you

◆ **AFTER the 10am Mass** there is an opportunity to greet and meet one another in the Parish Hall.

◆ **The ORDER of Mass** can be found on the new pew Mass card.

FOR SUNDAY'S MASSES

◆ **Before Mass** ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, You hate nothing that You have made, and You forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Please, unless you are under 7 stay silent now until Mass begins.*

◆ **Scriptural readings** are to be found on **pp.137-9** of the *Mass Book*.

◆ **During the PSALM all say:** 'Your ways, O Lord, are faithfulness and love, for those who keep Your covenant.'

◆ **All sing:** 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, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.

◆ **After the Dismissal:** *Ave, regina caelorum*



**Hail, Queen of Heav'n, beyond compare,
To whom the angels homage pay;
Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light
That opened for the world's new Day.**

**Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed,
In whom our ransom was begun,
For all your loving children pray
To Christ, our Saviour, and your Son.**

Priest Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin
All **Give me strength against thine enemies**

Together **BE TO US, O merciful God, a defence against our
weakness, that we who commemorate the holy Mother of God,
may, by the help of her intercession, rise from our iniquities,
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Remember, Mass Intentions need not be for the departed: the *living* also need the prayer and encouragement—your kids, grand-kids and friends!

REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures The challenge to us every time we gather for Mass is to *believe* the good news. We are not asked to perform Herculean feats of sacrifice or self-discipline; no, we are challenged to confess, and believe, that we are *eternally loved and desired by God*, and to act upon that faith. "Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved", says St Paul (Rom 10.9). It is *so hard* to accept this, deep in our personalities, but it is the basis and cause of our salvation.

First Reading (OT): Genesis 9.8–15 Our Lenten journey through Lent begins very early in the history of salvation, the history of God's saving acts. God's words to Noah after the flood echo the blessing to Adam and Eve in creation. God commits himself to a life-giving *relationship*—a covenant, a pact—with Noah and his descendants (ie, the whole human race because the tribes of Israel at this stage do not exist). This is the first biblical covenant, and opens salvation history in the course of which God works out His intention through His Son to inaugurate an everlasting covenant.

◆ **Lent course - Heart in Pilgrimage** In advance of 2025's Jubilee Year, The Holy Father has asked Catholics to join in a Year of Prayer. Therefore, **each Monday evening in Lent, in church, 7.00-7.50 pm, starting on 19th**, I'm offering a series of five sessions. This week: "Prayer, a relationship - First, listen"

www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk

Lent each year sees the launching of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Now in its 9th year, funds raised through the Appeal are available to parishes, schools and Caritas Westminster, to help 1) respond to the needs of our local communities, and 2) support some of the most vulnerable people in our society, making the kingdom of God visible and tangible in our city.

Please take – and return - an envelope.

◆ **Part-time Vacancy** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Dobbin Close Harrow HA3 7LP has a vacancy for a part time Office Administrator - 20 hours per week term time only. Visit the school website www.stjosephs.harrow.sch.uk for more details and an application form. Closing date 12pm on Wednesday 28 February.



FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

PLEASE TAKE AN ENVELOPE:

This Lent, donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good.

Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk

Readers	17 Feb	5.30pm	Jennifer Bourke
	18 Feb	8am	Freda Adzinku
		10am	Robert Chandler, Nwawulor family
	24 Feb	5.30pm	Noretta Reece
	25 Feb	8am	Audrey Da Costa
		10am	Monika Tabarrok, Carol-Anne Chandler

Church Cleaning Rota

24 Feb C Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira
2 Mar Team A Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam

Weekly Almsgiving on 11/02/24

Loose Plate	£ 324.73
Envelopes	£ 182.50
Standing Orders & Online	£ 115.00
TOTAL	£ 622.23

Second Reading (NT): 1 Peter 3.18–28 Peter explains to the newly baptized Christians the profound significance of the sacrament they have received. He uses the story of Noah and the ark to highlight the importance of water. Even though water was the cause of death to the sinners, it was also the means of new and covenanted life with God for Noah and his family. In baptism the sinner in each of us is drowned in death; and from it we rise to new life in Christ who by His resurrection has conquered and subjected all powers to Him.

Gospel: Mark 1.12–15 The gospel on the first Sunday of Lent is always about the 40-day period Jesus (echoing Moses and Elijah) spent out in the Judean Wilderness, and the temptations He endured. This year we hear Mark's account, which is the shortest, and does not detail the temptations. But we get a very strong sense of Christ emerging from His trials fully spiritually equipped for His ministry. He gets down to business straightaway. His victory in the desert bought Him time to proclaim the kingdom of God. The forces of evil would return however, and grow stronger, until His 'hour'—the hour of evil—arrived with His Passion.

Lenten Message from the Cardinal

I write, first, to thank you for the generosity with which your parishioners responded to my request for a collection to assist with the relief of suffering in Gaza and the West Bank. We have been able to send over £31,000 to the Latin Patriarchate. This will make a real difference to people in such desperate circumstances.

As we are all aware, the situation in the Holy Land has not improved since I last wrote, with failed negotiations, increasing humanitarian distress and a rising death toll. And so I ask that, on Friday 8 March, there is a special focus of prayer for the Holy Land across the diocese.

I hope that your Lenten journey this year will be a fruitful one. Those three pillars of observance – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – are so helpful, and I pray that you will find a way to make use of each of them, in whatever way or form, in the weeks ahead. In addition, I attach the Holy Father's message for Lent, which can serve as a helpful mediation for us all. + Vincent Nichols

◆ **Funeral Prayers** Some older members of the congregation may remember **Imelda O'Haloran** whose Funeral Mass will be here on **5 March** at 11.00. Imelda was discovered to have died at home.

As this Newsletter is printed we have heard of the death of **Margaret Robinson, who worshipped at the 10am Mass**. Rest Eternal! Funeral arrangements in due course.

◆ **Your Parish Finance Committee** meets on Wednesday, 21st. They will be beginning a discussion of Planned Giving for the Parish's future mission and needs. Please pray for them.

DIARY DATES ...

◆ **Next Saturday 24th Feb** Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz, from our Seminary, will lead a morning of prayer and recollection at St John Fisher, Imperial Close, HA2 7LW from 10am. **'The God who is faithful. God's covenants with humanity'**.

◆ **Calling all Catholics** who have a 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and more anniversary of marriage in 2024. The Cardinal invites you to a **Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony**, on **25 May at 2.30pm** in the cathedral. It's an opportunity to renew your marital promises at Mass. Please give Fr Jonathan, or our secretary Frances, your names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by **10 April**. *If you know a couple in this position, make sure they know.*

◆ **19–26 July Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 1) Be a pilgrim; 2) Assist pilgrims; 3) Sponsor a sick pilgrim. Contact rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/ or 020 7798 917

◆ **Tie a knot in something!** Following up on last week ... please, friends, *honour the Lord, respect one another*, and try to arrive in good time for the Mass – all masses.

