

**AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Fr Harry Curtis and St Joseph the Worker Church are holding an afternoon of Recollection on Saturday, 3rd March, from 12pm to 4pm, in their parish hall. There will be a talk, prayers and Adoration in preparation for renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday. All our Eucharistic Ministers of our Parish are welcome to attend. Please contact Carol Morris for more details.

**EXTRA MASS:** During Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross followed by Mass on a Friday evening at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**RITE OF ELECTION:** This Sunday 18th February at 10am Mass, 1 Catechumen and 1 candidate of our Parish: **Jenna Jean Killeby and Anne Yvonne Lakey** will be welcomed into the order of Catechumen and at 3pm all Catechumens and Candidates will gather together at St. Chad Cathedral to meet the Archbishop and Bishops. Please keep them in your prayers.

**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH MISSION:** This year will be the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the St. Thomas More Parish. As part of the Parish's celebrations, there will be holding a Parish Mission, led by the Sion Community, from 17th February to 4th March. For the details please see the poster and pamphlets at the back of Church and keep St. Thomas More Parish in our prayers.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY:** CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, so those communities can put food on the table. This Friday is to be observed as a day of fasting to help the hungry and the needy in the world. It is a great opportunity to fulfil what Jesus has called us to do almsgiving when we enter into the Lenten season. Please give as much as you can in next week's collection. Our Parish Cafod Representative is Mrs. Florence Gwatinsa and her contact number is 07525850334.

**GIFT AID & PLANNED GIVING:** Parishioners, your envelopes for April 2018 - April 2019 are now available for collection from the back of the church. Thank you very much for your contributions. If you are a tax payer and would like an envelope please contact Noel Harte on 07976439838.

**"WALK WITH ME" BOOKLETS & CALENDARS:** These are available at the back of church, please take with you many as you need when you leave church so that we may join our prayers with our diocesan family and reflect on them during our Lenten Journey.

**KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT:** We are pleased to announce that we have successfully applied for a grant from The Big Lottery Fund to help pay towards the cost of the complete refurbishment of the Parish Hall kitchen. This is great news and when the work is completed, hopefully by Easter, full kitchen facilities will be available for those who wish to hire the Hall for functions such as weddings, Christening Parties, Birthdays, Wakes and other social occasions.

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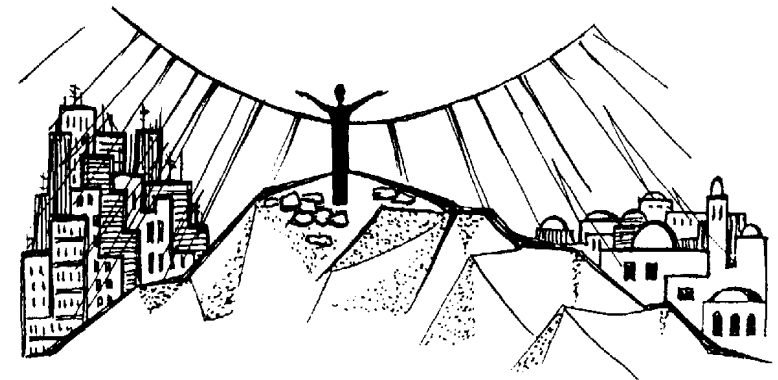
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### FIRST SUNDAY LENT - YEAR B.

Reading Year B Parish Mass Book P152. - Psalter 1.

Preface of the 1st Sunday of Lent - Eucharistic Prayer II.

**Sunday 18th February 2018**



**"Jesus was tempted by Satan and the angels looked after him."**

(Mk. 1:13)

Dear parishioners, last Wednesday the Church invited us to embark on a journey, the journey of Lent, which is the journey towards Easter. We are baptised people but haven't yet lived fully the life of a Christian. Lent calls us to a change of heart and a fuller living of the Gospel. In today's gospel we see Jesus struggling against temptations. However he overcame temptations because he always unites with God, his Father by prayer, fasting and fidelity. Each of us has temptation in life even when we are rich or poor, upright or sinners. Showing us Jesus' temptation in the first Sunday of Lent, the Church encourages us to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Let us approach him with confidence and trust and ask for the help we need.

**Mass times and Intentions:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>05.00pm</b>	Sheila McGrath - Ann.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Lent.</b>	
		<b>10.00am</b>	Patty Carey - RIP.
Monday	19th	09.00am	Mary Hayes - RIP.
Tuesday	20th	09.00am	Private Intentions - AP.
Wednesday	21st	9.00am	<b>Eucharistic Service.</b>
Thursday	22nd	<i>Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle.</i>	
		12.00pm	Private Intentions
Friday	23rd	<i>Lent Fast Day.</i>	
		09.00am	Private Intentions
			<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.</i>
		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass.
Saturday	24th	10.00am	Joseph Kavanagh - Birthday
		11.30am	<i>Baptism of Freddie James Maddison.</i>
		<b>05.00pm</b>	Colin Amderson - RIP.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	
		<b>10.00am</b>	Frank McDermott - Ann./ Baby James - RIP.
		11.30am	<i>Baptism of Grace Rose Una Murphy.</i>
		04.00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction.</b>

**CONFESSIONS** Saturday After morning Mass & evening Mass.  
**BAPTISM & WEDDINGS:** By appointment.

**E. MINISTERS** Saturday 05.00pm M. Kavanagh / C. Morris.  
**24th & 25th February** Sunday 10.00am O. McGinnity /N. Harte / D. McAree.  
**READERS** Saturday 05.00pm A. Pegg.  
**24th & 25th February** Sunday 10.00am I. Bateman / Martin O'Brien.

**LAST WEEK OFFERTORY:** £400.93. (Including Gift Aid)  
**GIFT AID:** £227.30.  
**PARISH MAINTENANCE:** £92.87. *Thank you for your generosity.*  
**2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR PARISH MAINTENANCE.**  
**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR CAFOD.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** during 10am Mass on Sunday

**TEA & COFFEE IN THE PARISH HALL**

**CLEANING ROTA** for Wednesday 21st February 2018 - Parish Team.

**COUNTING TEAM** next Sunday 25th February 2018 - McAree Team.

**RCIA (Journey of Faith):** This Monday Evening at 7.00pm.

**NO GOSPEL SHARE:** Due to Fr. Pontius's Induction at St. Osburg at 7pm.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS & EXPOSITION:** Every Thursday from 11am.

**CATECHESIS:** Every Saturday from 10.45am to 11.45am for children preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. . If there are any queries, please contact Christine Knox at 02476 468732.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE 38 SICK AND ELDERLY OF OUR PARISH**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Margaret I. Fovey, Patrick J. Morrison, Winifred Johnson, Peter McGinnity, Andrew Watkins, Doreen A. O'Connor, Mary Smith, Julia Sarah Callaway, Bridget Bird, Derek Richardson, Bridget Delia Fell, Margaret O'Connor, Thomas McGarry, James Clarke, John Joseph Roche, Fr. Sean Farrell, Alec Bermingham, Frank Ryan, Cecilia Vercoe, Anne M. Carrt, Elizabeth Traynor, Lilian Kelly and Mary Holland.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR** the repose of the soul of **Albert Whitehead**, who died on Thursday 8th February. His funeral will be Monday 5th March at 1.15pm, followed by cremation at 2.30pm at Charter Chapel. May he rest in peace.

**PIETY SHOP** - Is open before and after the weekend Masses and also 10am-4pm on a Thursday or Friday and we have a wide selection of cards and small gifts on sale at a reasonable price. If the shop is locked please see Cath Oliver, Mary Harte or Michelle and they will happily assist you.

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY** - 2 positions have become available on the Parish Council the position of Vice Chair and Chair of the Lay Ministry Committee. If you would like to consider standing for either or both of these posts please see Maura or Michelle and they will provide further information. The election of these posts will take place at the Parish Forum to take place on Thursday 19th April at 7pm

**CHUC MUNG NAM MOI** Fr. Louis (Happy New Year Fr Louis)

**DAY OF FASTING & PRAYER for Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the World:** On Sunday 4 February the Holy Father announced that Friday 23 February – the Friday of the First Week of Lent – has been designated as a Day of Fasting and Prayer. The Apostolic Nuncio has asked all the Bishops to make this as widely known as possible so that all our local churches can participate in this Papal initiative. This date is also CAFOD Family Lent Fast Day and so the Holy Father's request could dovetail into this annual work, especially as CAFOD has projects in both the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

**END OF YEAR FINANCE REPORT:** Will be given at the end of the Masses next weekend

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Bingo** -.Doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

**Stay & Play:** Will resume on the 1st March 2018

**Thursday Lunch Club** - After 12 noon Mass on a Thursday.