

# *University of Warwick Chaplaincy*

## *First Sunday of Lent*

*1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020*

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### **Welcome to our celebration of Mass.**

**On the First Sunday of Lent we always hear the story of Jesus' struggle with Satan in the desert and how He overcame all temptations. It should serve for us as an inspiration to resist the lure of sin.**

### **Prayer Before Mass**

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Penance Service.**

Next Friday evening at St. Joseph's there will be a very short Penance Service at the start of the Evening Chapel at 6.00, followed by the chance for Confession. Fr. Gareth Leyshon, from the Sion Community will be here to help.

*Don't forget: Bible Study in now on Friday evenings, part of the Evening Chapel at St. Joseph's*

**Stations of the Cross.** We shall meditate on the Stations together at St. Joseph's each Sunday in Lent, 4.15 pm, beginning this afternoon. All welcome.

***Congratulations to the newly-elected CathSoc Exec. Thank you for coming forward to help our community. And congratulations to those who are stepping down this year; thank you for all that you have done.***

**Afternoon of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers**, Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00-4.00 pm, at St. Joseph's to prepare for the renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday. All welcome, but please let me know if you are coming. Bring a packed lunch.

**Please note** that I have to leave after Mass next Saturday morning. I am sorry, but there will be no Exposition or Confessions at St. Joseph's that morning.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day:** next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. We are all encouraged to eat simply and donate the savings we make to CAFOD in next Sunday's collection.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Confession – is usually available at St. Joseph's on Friday evenings, 6.00-6.45, and on Saturday mornings, 10.30-11.00. There is also the possibility in my office whenever I am in the Chaplaincy – usually before and after the 12.15 Mass on Thursdays and Fridays. Please check the newsletter for changes each week.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**, led by Bishop David McGough, 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May.

**Two opportunities for prayer with Our Lord:** Before we begin our day's work on **Thursday mornings, 7.30-8.00**, we meet for Morning Prayer and quiet adoration of Our Lord followed by breakfast. And on **Friday evenings, 6.00-9.00**, there will be Evening Chapel: an hour's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with the opportunity for Confession, followed by a simple meal and discussion.

(Mass times this week, at St. Joseph's unless otherwise stated)

Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) <b>4.15 pm Stations of the Cross</b> 5.00 pm	Eileen Joyce (Intentions) The People of the Parish  Phyllis Deegan RIP
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March Feast of St. Chad, Patron of the Archdiocese	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Bill Johnson (Get Well)
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March Commemoration of St. Casimir	10.00 am	Private Intention
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>7.30-8.00 am Exposition</b> 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Ursula Wanjiku Kibia Private Intention
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March CAFOD Lent Fast Day Women's Day of Prayer	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) <b>6.00 - 7.00 pm Exposition</b>	Bridget Greene (Anniversary) Private Intention
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March Comm. of Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	<b>9.00 am</b>	Elizabeth Crespi RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) <b>4.15 pm Stations of the Cross</b> 5.00 pm	Patrick Mullen The People of the Parish  Sean & Margaret Gallagher (Anniv.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00-6.45 pm		

#### Lent 2020.

- Stations of the Cross.** We shall meditate on the Stations together each Sunday in Lent, 4.15 pm.
- Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:**
  - Thursday mornings, 7.30-8.00,** with Morning Prayer of the Church, followed by breakfast.
  - Friday evenings, 6.00-7.00,** Evening Chapel: an hour's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with the opportunity for Confession, followed by a simple meal and Bible Study.
  - Saturday mornings: 10.30-11.00,** after Mass, with the opportunity for Confession.
- Prayer petitions.** Please write out any petition that you would like the rest of us to pray for and post it up on the notice board at the back of the church. Please do read the petitions and pray for them.
- "My Day by Day".** These small booklets are available on the table (£1). They contain the Mass readings for each day of Lent to Maundy Thursday.
- Walk With Me Booklets.** These are also available (£1), together with Lent calendars (free). They are an aid to daily prayer and reflection throughout Lent.
- Afternoon of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers,** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00-4.00 pm, in the parish hall, in preparation for renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday.
- CAFOD Lent Fast Day** will be Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March.
- Parish Penance Service.** On Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, before the evening Mass at 6.00 pm.

**Easter Duties.** All Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion should receive the Holy Eucharist sometime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. They should also take part in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving this Easter Communion.

**"A Retreat in Daily Life":** during Week 4 of the summer term there will be the chance to do a retreat here in the Chaplaincy which fits around your work commitments. With the stress of term 3, this is a great opportunity to take time out, relax, reflect and pray under the guidance of a trained spiritual director. **I highly recommend it.** See me for more details.

**First Friday.** Next Friday is the First Friday of the month. There will be a period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after the 12.15 Mass. The Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart will be said.

**Singing For Fun.** Monday evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, in St. Joseph's parish hall, 7.30-8.30 pm. It's just for fun. All welcome!

**Coronavirus.** There are copies of the latest advice to parishes on the table in the porch. There is no directive to change anything at this stage, but the situation is obviously under constant review.

**Tailpiece:** A husband and wife were arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the tea. Finally, the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, "You have to do it; it's in the Bible!" Her husband was shocked. "It is not! Show me!" Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it to one of the New Testament books and declared, "It says right here — HEBREWS!"

**May God bless you  
and all those whom you love.  
Fr. Harry**