

Newsletter

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First Sunday of Lent, 18 February 2018

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels - Matthew, Mark and Luke, but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

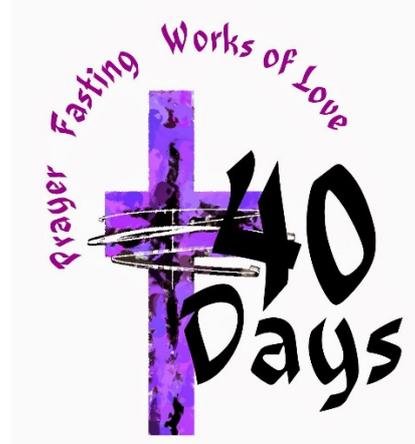
In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a

connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent,

we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.



Rite of Welcome

Holy Family, 5.15pm: Jaxon Mack Aziz, Anais Stevie Record, Nancy Georgie Record, Oscar Jon Jones.

Holy Family, 11.00am: Imogen Violet Ehlen, Jaxson Kenneth Connor.

Baptismal Information

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 5 March at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Families anticipating a baptism this year are strongly advised to register early as dates and places are filling quickly.

Vianney's Voice

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 28 February at 7.00pm in the Holy Family Meeting Room. New members welcome, pop in and see what we get up to.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes

20-27 July. Please see the posters and leaflets at the back of church which we hope will give greater clarity and understanding of the make-up of the pilgrimage as well as highlighting the need for more volunteers to enable the pilgrimage to take place. For further information ring 07484 911623.

Women's World Day Of Prayer 2018

This year we are hosting the service which will take place on Friday, 2 March at 1.00pm in St Mark's Church. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Club after the service. If any parishioners would like to bake cakes/biscuits

for this event, these would be really appreciated. Gentlemen are most welcome to attend. If you would like any further information please contact Margaret Campbell on 486 5068.

Songs We Remember

Singing and enjoyment for anyone who likes to sing but particularly geared toward those living with dementia and their carers. Wednesday, 21 February, 1.30pm-3.30pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, Great Georges Road, Waterloo. Contact Jenny at Irenaeus for more information on 949 1199.



Family Session 5 will take place on Monday, 26 February at 4.45pm & 6.00pm in St Mark's School.

Quiet Day

Saturday, 24 February, 10.30am-4.00pm at the Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, Liverpool, L15 6TW. Time to be quiet, reflect

and pray. Offering £10 pp (bring your own lunch). No booking required. For further information contact Sister Winifred on 722 2271.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Sunday, 18 February, 3.00pm-4.00pm. This Rite of Election Service will see individuals from across the Archdiocese come together in our Cathedral to enrol for baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter. Those who are yet to be baptised will be invited to sign their names in the Book of the Elect in the presence of their sponsors, family and friends. Join us for this uplifting and symbolic service as we welcome this new group of adults into the Catholic Church.

Lenten Reflection

Wednesday, 21 February, 6.30pm-7.30pm. The Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral are hosting a series of Lenten Reflections in the run up to Easter. Each talk will be a unique opportunity to hear about worthwhile work being done in the community. The first reflection will be led by Charlotte Hopkins who is the Community

and Events Fundraiser for The Whitechapel Centre, the leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region. They work with people who are sleeping rough, living in hostels or struggling to manage their accommodation.

The talk will aim to give us a better understanding of homelessness. It will explain the ways The Whitechapel Centre offers support and how people can get involved in ending homelessness. All are welcome to attend and entrance is free of charge.

Lenten Reflection Day

This will take place at St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, L37 1PH. Donations welcome. Lunch included.

Thursday, 22 February, 10.30am-3.30pm. 'How to be a Catholic in the 21st Century' led by Fr Chris Thomas.

What's On At Bishop Eton

The Redemptorist young adult group is for Catholics age 18-40 (ish) and are meeting for a talk and discussion about the Sacrament of Confession on Tuesday, 20

February at 7.30pm at Bishop Eton Church, L16 followed by some social time. All are welcome to join this friendly group! Email redemptoristyouth@hotmail.com for more information.

Friday, 9 March. Celebrate the Feast of St Patrick early in the Fisher-More Hall and help raise funds for Street Child Africa. Irish dancing, bingo, quiz, supper, BYO, tickets £12.50 from Cath on 722 3286 or Jean on 722 9833.

Knights of St Columba Council 9

This group meet on the second Thursday of each month at St Francis of Assisi Meeting Rooms, Earp Street, Garston at 8.00pm. New members welcome. Please call Aidan for more information on 427 7126.

Service of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 21 March, 7.00pm at Hope University Chapel.

Thank You Carmen

Our sincere thanks go to Carmen who gave so generously of her time and talent to produce some

beautiful linen cloths for our parish.

Reunion

Anyone who has been to Lourdes or Walsingham with Margaret Lloyd's group, there is a reunion in St Mark's Club on Friday, 23 March, 7.30pm til late.

Celebrating Marriage & Family Life

The Marriage and Family Life Mass takes place in the Cathedral on Sunday, 11 March at 11.00am and is always a wonderful and uplifting celebration presided over by Archbishop Malcolm. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the great blessings that flow from marriage and from loving relationships and after Mass, refreshments will be available in the Gibberd Room.

Invitation to Prayer

The Pastoral Area Invitation to Prayer will take place on every first Wednesday of the month between 6.00pm-7.00pm at Hope University Chapel when we will continue to pray for guidance and help regarding the future of the Church and our mission in the local

area. Tea and coffee will be provided. We invite you to join us. Parking is available at Bishop Eton.

Keep In Your Prayers

All those who are sick and who have died in our parish and wider community especially Dennis Graham and Frances Leather. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for all those who have no one to mourn for them.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£	401.27
Other Envelopes	£	91.07
Loose GASDS	£	327.30
Total Offertory	£	819.64
Standing Orders	£	247.77
Bonus Ball 5	£	129.00
Retiring Collection (Racial Justice)	£	248.08

Retiring Collection

This weekend the retiring collection is for Lenten Alms. Next weekend the retiring collection will be for the Parish Lourdes Fund.

St Mark's Church, Heating Holy Family Church, Toilets

The work at Holy Family Church is almost complete but the toilets remain CLOSED AND OUT OF USE. Also, please continue to take care around the heating equipment in St Mark's ensuring children are closely supervised. As this newsletter goes to print, we are expecting installation of the new pump!

Parking At Holy Family

We have been contacted by residents on Mackets Lane complaining about the parking of cars over driveways or too close to driveways thereby making it difficult for them to safely access/exit their homes. Please use the car park if possible and if parking vehicles on the road, please park considerately and safely.

Prayer in Preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

We thank you Father
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
Keep us grateful each day
for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you,
so now send us out
to share what we have received
with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become
the Church

that you are calling us to be:
a community that listens, that trusts,
that lives with courage
and that puts out its nets into new
waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in
our hearts

be a source of healing, of new life
and of a deeper trust in you.

We ask this in faith

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

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Confessions

Holy Family, 4.45pm, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Assumption,
Gateacre, 11.30am-11.55am, Saturday

St Mary's, Woolton,
11.00am – 11.45am, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Annunciation,
Bishop Eton, 4.00pm-5.00pm, Saturday

Question of the Week

Adults: When has it been hardest for you to believe that your sins are forgiven?

Children: Are you willing to believe what you cannot see? Why is this hard to do?

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Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 17 February Saturday After Ash Wednesday	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 18 February First Sunday of Lent	11.00 am – Mass (Catherine Wafer)	9.15 am – Mass (Marion Hawkins)
Monday, 19 February Weekday of Lent		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 20 February Weekday of Lent	10.00 am – Mass (Mr J Lydiat)	
Wednesday, 21 February Weekday of Lent		9.00 am – Mass (Bernard McDougall)
Thursday, 22 February Feast Of The See Of St Peter The Apostle	1.00 pm – Funeral Service for Dennis Graham	
Friday, 23 February Weekday of Lent		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Saturday, 24 February Weekday of Lent	5.15 pm – Mass (Robert Cobain)	
Sunday, 25 February Second Sunday of Lent	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Catherine Farragher)

* We apologise for when times and Mass intentions may occasionally need to be changed at short notice to allow for a Requiem Mass or Funeral Service. *

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10