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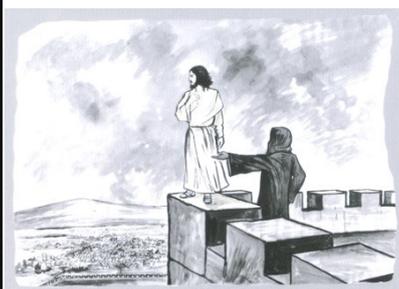
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21 FEBRUARY 2021 – YEAR (B) FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

"The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness... he was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him" (Mark 1:12-13)

It is an ancient custom in the Church that the story of the temptation of



Jesus in the desert should be read on the first Sunday of Lent. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness. At the beginning of the forty days of Lent the Church always puts before us his time of solitude. Jesus has just received baptism from John in the river Jordan and he is filled with the Spirit. This same Spirit drives him into the wilderness, the place of desolation and loneliness, thought to be the habitat of evil spirits. Jesus' forty days in the desert remind us of the forty day journey of the prophet Elijah to the holy mountain where his call is renewed in the 'still, small voice'. We may even compare Jesus' stay in the wilderness with the forty years of wandering by Moses and the people. The central statement is that Jesus was tempted. To be tempted is the fate of all human beings. That Jesus was tempted shows his humanity. He was 'like us in all things but sin'. He did not give way to temptation. Our gospel reading concludes with a reminder of Jesus' mission, to preach the 'good news' from God, to announce that the time has come and that the kingdom is approaching. These statements of Jesus have a particular resonance as we begin the season of Lent, a time of self-examination and self-denial. We are invited to welcome God's special time of blessing and the coming of the kingdom into our lives. How does this story strike me as I begin Lent? Let us pray for the Church as we begin this season of fasting and prayer. Let us pray for the hungry, and let us work for a fairer distribution of the world's goods.

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.

CONFITEOR / I CONFESS

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done
And in what I have failed to do,
Through my fault
Through my fault
through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I asked blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
All the Angels and Saints,
And you my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.

NO GLORIA IN LENT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'



The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

R. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the first letter of St. St Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again. .*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from
the mouth of God.*

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

HOLY HOUR IN LENT: In Lent there will be Holy Hour every Friday from 5.15pm to 6.15pm starting from Friday 26th Feb.

MORNING PRAYER IN LENT: At 9.05am Monday to Saturday

ROSARY IN LENT: Monday– Saturday after morning Mass & on Sunday 20 minutes before Masses.

LENTEN JOURNEY PROGRAMMES: on Sundays & Wednesday 8pm-8.45pm starting from this Wednesday 24th Feb at 8pm.



ROSARY WITH THE ORPHANS: As we are supporting the orphans in this lent as part of our lenten alms, we shall pray rosary with the orphans on Saturdays at 10.15am



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please come and pray STATION OF THE CROSS on every Friday in Lent at 7pm in the Church. It will be live streamed.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Please drop your envelopes/offering in the offering boxes which can be found at the entrance and exits or use the card machines at the back of the Church.

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: We have two card terminals to make your offering. **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THOUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.

SACRAMENTS DURING LOCKDOWN: Masses as usual: 9.30am & 6.30pm Monday to Saturday. Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12:00, 1pm and 6.30pm.

We are allowed to have funerals, baptisms and Wedding. Please contact the parish office to find out more about these sacraments.

SHALOM ONLINE RETREAT: Shalom Europe is having an online retreat on February 27 & 28 at 2pm-4.30pm. You have to book, if you wish to join the retreat. For registration and more information can be found at : shalommedia.org/retreat

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: Parish Open House WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY 26TH February 4-6pm. For urgent matters until then, please contact the parish office.

NOVENA & MASS OF ST JOSEPH: In this year of St Joseph, we shall pray to St Joseph for the world, our parish and family through a *Mass of St Joseph & Novena on Wednesdays*. Novena will be prayed after both morning & evening Masses.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME: Since we are in lockdown, there will not be any baptism programme in January. The next programme is on this Monday 22nd February. Those who wish to have their child baptised, please contact the parish office.

CONFESSIONS: *Saturdays 10.30am to 11.30am*

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am Mon– Sat and Sun 12:00.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Programme will start on Saturday 24th April at 9.50am in the Parish Hall. All the parents (ONLY) are requested to attend a meeting on Saturday 20th March at 9.50am in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION: Due to lockdown and Covid-19 situation, Confirmation programme will not start on Saturday 6th February. *The new start date for the programme is now Saturday 24th April at 11.15am.*

PARENTS MEETING OF THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES *is on Saturday 20th March at 11am in the parish hall.*

RCIA: No session during lockdown. The next session is Monday 22nd February at 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am. Unfortunately, regulation won't allow us to have confessions in the confessional. So the confessions will be at the Our Lady Chapel area. **Please note the time change.**

RECENTLY DIED: We offer our prayers for Theresa Kelly, Maria Nicotra, Elsie Scully, Deborah Perberdy, Brendan Kelly, Vimalda Sebamalaimuthu, Joyce D'Silva, Martha Pinto and Ellen Bolger who died recently. May they rest in peace!

Funerals of: *Deborah on Thursday 25th Feb at 10.15am, Theresa Kelly on Monday 1st March at 8am, Brendan on Tuesday 2nd March at 12:30, Joyce on Mon 8th March at 12:30, Maria Nicotra on Thursday 11th March at 11am & Martha on Wednesday 17th March.*

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come for a parish open house which is every Friday 4pm-6pm.

HOSPITAL VISITS: A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George's Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

Death Anniversaries: Vijay Singh, Anthony Escrader, John Hartigan, Sandra Bushell, Annetta Miller, Chukwumama Onyiukah, Anthon Leyland, Joy Duggan, Pobre Fernandes, Edward Bambury, Eileen Connolly, Kevin Roberts, Louis Chan, Rita Reynolds, Rita Coote, Monica D'Souza, Leopoldo Bizzarr, Mariette Fleury, Thomas Keating, John Soo, Nora Hodnett, Maria Sukhdeo, Iris Browne, Maria De Souza, Marie Bowden, Peggy Lopko & James Bates
May they rest in peace – Amen.

	20th & 21st February	27th & 28th February
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat 18.30	Doris Cubero	Milosz Wojtowicz
09.00	Andrea Mango	Remo Manoharadas
10.30	Anastasia Ogbonna	Ada Ikpoh
12.00	Ann Mary Kuriakose	Keoni McGowan
13:00	Deuwayne Ikpoh	Pam Fernandes
18.30	Remija Mponzi	Emie Roberts
Cleaning Rota:	Wk4: Mon 22nd Feb @ 7pm	Wk1: Mon 1st March @ 10am

<u>Sunday 21st February</u> First Sunday of Lent	09:00	Theodore & Domingue Flys
	10:30	Tom Kelly, RIP
	12:00	Vijay Sing, RIP
	13:00	Hugh Walsh, RIP
	18:30	Harry Fizzoferro, RIP
Monday 22nd February	09:30	Dessie Hanney, RIP Frances Seary B/D
The Chair of St Peter	18:30	For The November Altar List
Tuesday 23rd February	09:30	Dundas Family Ints
Votive of St Anthony	18:30	Brigida de Nazareth
Wednesday 24th February	09:30	Maureen Cafferty Fmly
Votive of St Joseph	18:30	Kaliya Mayne, RIP
Thursday 25th February	09:30	For the People of the Parish
Funeral	11:45	Funeral– Deborah Perberdy
Lent	18:30	Katrina Fleming, RIP
Friday 26th February	09:30	Brady Riordan B/D
	18:30	Peter Vaz, RIP
	19:00	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 27th February	09:30	Deborah Perberdy, RIP
The Blessed Virgin Mary	18:30	St Boniface Clergy past & present
<u>Sunday 28th February</u> Second Sunday of Lent	09:00	Thanksgiving the Robin Family
	10:30	Ellen & James Bolger, RIP
	12:00	Grace Boateng B/D
	13:00	Carmel Mladenovic B/D
	18:30	Teresa Hogan

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.

Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 25th February.

Parish Open House: Friday 26th Feb 4-6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat: 10.30am – 11.30pm

Holy Hour

Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm

Adoration & Morning Prayer

Monday - Saturday: 9am
Holy Hour on First Friday
 5.15pm – 6.15 pm

Novena to St Anthony

Tuesday: 10am & 7pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday: 10am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Saturday: 10am