

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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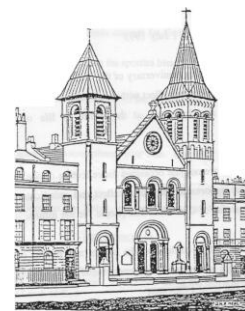
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

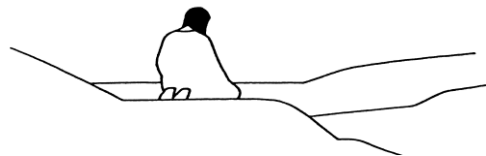
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Walking through Lent with Pope Francis The Temptations of Jesus

Jesus was tempted in three different ways to give up or distort his mission:

- the desire to survive and to consume
- the need to be loved and to be special
- the making of power and wealth into false gods

His relationship with his Father helped him to resist these temptations.



Here is one of the ways Pope Francis says Christians are tempted to give up or distort our mission to spread the Good News: 'Many try to escape from others and take refuge in the comfort of their privacy or in a small circle of close friends, renouncing the realism of the social aspect of the Gospel. Meanwhile, the Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others, with their physical presence which challenges us, with their pain and their pleas, with their joy which infects us in our close and continuous interaction. True faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others. The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness.' (88 – The Joy of the Gospel)

Question to ponder: Who are the people we are tempted to avoid? How can we ensure our community is open to all and at the service of all?

PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed in the Church at 5.00pm today and on each of the Sundays of Lent.

CONFIRMATION STARTS SOON – The Confirmation Course for this year will be starting on Monday 17th March from 7pm – 8.30pm in the Crypt. It will run for 10 sessions with a break at Easter. The Confirmation Mass will be on Saturday 21st June at Westminster Cathedral.

RCIA: Congratulations to all our catechumens and candidates who attended the Rite of Election with the Cardinal at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday as the next stage on their journey to baptism or reception into the Church and confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations to Sam Gillott, one of our parishioners, who

was baptised last year and who has chosen to process the Book of the Elect at the Rite on Saturday.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY FRIDAY 14 MARCH: CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Fast Days are our opportunity to support this vital work. Please collect a Fast Day envelope and prayer card after Mass, and consider fasting and praying in solidarity this Friday. Please return your envelope with your donation for next weekend's CAFOD collection. Thank You.

WAITROSE DONATIONS FOR SUNDAY CLUB: Sunday Club, our weekly drop in centre for the homeless and needy, is Islington Waitrose's charity of the month. So if you are shopping in Waitrose we would be very grateful if you could drop your little green token into the Sunday Club collection

In an event of a fire or a fire drill taking place, please remain calm, and follow the safest exit routes that will be co-ordinated by the Church Fire Wardens, who will lead you to the designated assembly point.

box by the door. Every token collected translates into a donation for the Sunday Club.

PLANNED GIVING: The envelopes for 2014/15 will be available toward the end of March. If you do not require a box this year would you please let the office know, alternatively if you wish to contribute by standing order please advise us. If you are new to the parish and would like a box, please let the office know

DIARY

LEGION OF MARY: We meet every Wednesday at 7pm. Please come to 39 Duncan Terrace.

NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION 2nd MARCH: Envelopes £549.55 Loose £851.82 Thank you for your generosity.

PERMANENT DIACONATE: Interested in finding out more about serving the Church and the world as a permanent deacon? Men between 35 and 60 are invited to a Come and See meeting, two hours on a Saturday morning starting at

10am. Wives very welcome. In the parish hall on 15th March at St Edward the Confessor, Golders Green.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Nancy Hogan, Mary McDaid, Helen Gillick, Catherine Parker, Geraldine Eagles, Francis Coleman, Michael Doyle, Raymond Kinsella and Inez Tambini.

HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Lisa Ip, Helen Hallissey, Sr Beatrice Immediata, John Sampson, Frances Jennings, Jerry Waldron, Bro. J Lavelle (Marist Brother), Tony Jones, Mick Feeney, Theresa Burchall, Mufide R Family, Lalage Waldman, Igor Bernhart

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Sat 08 March	6pm	Intentions of Gabriella Cotobally	Matthew 4:1-11
Sun 09 March 1 st SUNDAY OF LENT	9am	Terry Hughes RIP	
	10.30am	Terry Hughes RIP	
	12noon	Patrick Flatley RIP	
	6pm	All our Parishioners	
Mon 10 March Lent Feria	10am	Maureen Agnew RIP (1 st Anniv)	Matthew 25:31-46
Tue 11 March Lent Feria	10am	Bernard Kerlin RIP	Matthew 6:7-15
Wed 12 March Lent Feria	10am	John Armstrong RIP	Luke 11:29-32
Thu 13 March Lent Feria	10am	Intentions of Paddy Buckley	Matthew 7:7-12
Fri 14 March Lent Feria <i>Friday Abstinence</i>	10am	Frances O'Leary RIP	Matthew 5:20-26
Sat 15 March Lent Feria	10am	Mgr. Henry Grosch RIP (Anniv)	Matthew 5 :43-48
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Intentions of Gabriella Cotobally for St Patrick's Day	Matthew 17:1-9
Sun 16 March 2 nd SUNDAY OF LENT	9am	Mr Correa RIP	
	10.30am	All our Parishioners	
	12noon	Mary O'Loughlin RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	Lucillia Remoli RIP	