



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Psalter Week 2

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION
Saturday 17 th February	4:30pm	1 st Sunday of Lent – Vigil Mass	Carol Towner (SI) Parishioners
Sunday 18 th February	10am	1 st Sunday of Lent	Jimmy McCue (R) John Maguire (A)
Monday 19 th February	9:15am	Weekday of Lent	Michelle McIntyre (LD)
Tuesday 20 th February	12 noon	Weekday of Lent	Kerry Douglas (LD)
Wed 21 st February	NO MASS		
Thursday 22 nd February	6pm	Feast of the See of St Peter The Apostle	Dianne Reeve (R) Caroline (LD)
Friday 23 rd February	9:15am	Weekday of Lent	Mary Good (A) Mr Colligan (LD)
Saturday 24 th February	4:30pm	2 nd Sunday of Lent – Vigil Mass	Robert, Esther & Wayne Waters (R) Kenneth Mutch (BR)
Sunday 25 th February	10am	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Sarah Grady (A) Parishioners



Reconciliation : Each Saturday 11:00am – 12 noon
(with Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)



SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORSHIP : The light burns in remembrance of Theresa Mandaza.

Our Lady Candle : The candle burns this week for Maurice Rollinson (Get Well)

We pray for all who are sick: Kevin McAllister, Tracey McCaldon, Mary Dickinson, Nancy Boyle, David Rens, Gabrielle Johnson, Joyce Morgan, Baby Rory Broderick, Michael Bartlett, Moya Russell, Robin Bartlett, Roy Hannan, Rose Shiels, Dymphna Fitzgerald, Josephine Baker, June Hoffland, James Irwin, Baby Billie Eira Williams, Maurice Rollinson, Peter Connolly

We pray for all who have died: Michelle Breen, Anita C'Ailceta,

We pray for those whose anniversary occur at this time: Deacon Don Campion, Fr Denis Harvey, Fr Patrick Walsh, Fr Raymond Walker, Fr Charles Lynch, Fr Peter Fox, John Maguire, Mary Good, Sarah Grady

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Just one world

Family Fast Day for Lent 2024 on Friday 23rd February

Cafod envelopes can be collected and returned during Lent



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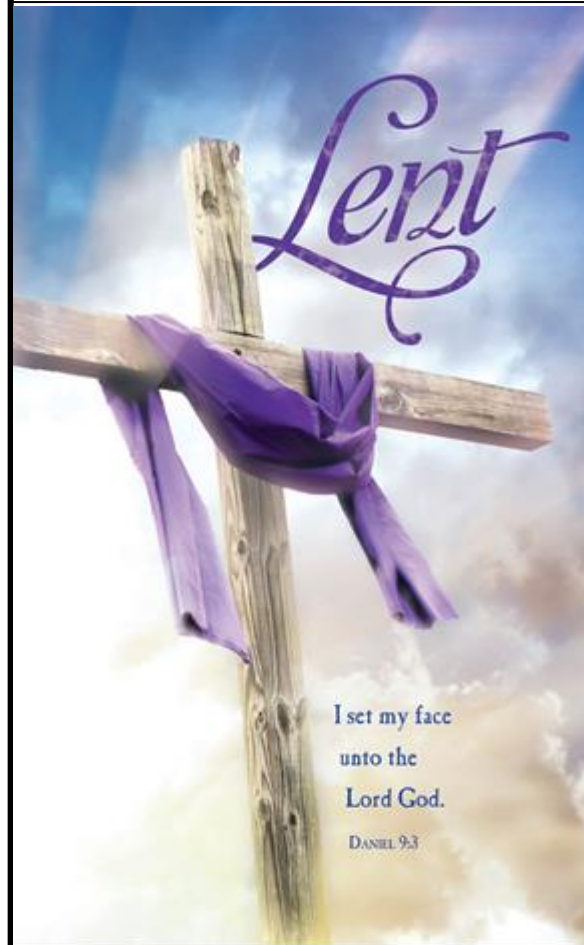
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Lee BA

Pastoral Team: Pastoral Assistant: Mrs Jackie Brougham; Dcn (rtd) Charles Hegarty, Peter Ludley, Joan Jones, Vera Miles, Paul Whelan, Veronica Broadfoot & Eric Broadfoot

First Sunday of Lent : 18th February 2024



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, making his way to Hreb, 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.



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The story of Jesus' temptations is not to be taken lightly. It's a warning that we can ruin our lives if we stray from the path God wills for us. The first temptation was decisively important. On the surface it is a desire for something innocent and good: why not call on God power to satisfy our hunger. "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread", the tempter says to Jesus. His reply is surprising: "**One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**" We must always seek God's will above all. At every moment we must listen to God's Word, seek God's will.

Our deepest needs are not met by physical food and drink. Human beings need and yearn for more, for spiritual nurture. **To help save other people from hunger and misery, we need to listen to God our Father, who awakens in our conscience a hunger for justice and solidarity.**

Perhaps our great temptation today is to "change things into bread", to reduce our desires to what is tangible –things we can see and touch- and consumable –things we can consume-. Indiscriminate consumerism is all around us, but it is hardly the way to progress and liberation. **A consumerist society leads to emptiness and discontent.** Why do the number of suicides keep growing? Why do we barricade ourselves in gated communities, and build walls and barriers to stop hungry people from sharing our prosperity and disturbing our peace?

Jesus wants us to be aware that human beings do not live on bread alone. We also need to nurture the spirit, know love and friendship, develop solidarity with those who suffer, listen to our enlightened and wise conscience, open to the ultimate Mystery of sharing, that joins us with God.

So when any temptation faces you, don't just say "No", but question it as Jesus did. Liken your temptation to any of his temptations and seek the wisdom of God to handle it.

Aid To the Church In Need: Next weekend we welcome Rachel Buckley who covers the North West region in regard to the Pontifical Charity Aid to the Church in Need, to help spread the global work undertaken in helping the persecuted and forgotten. Various religious items will be on sale at the back of Church to support the charity.

First Holy Communion 2024

REMINDER: Next meeting for our First Holy Communion programme is on Sunday 18th Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February.



Lenten Talks and Evening Prayer *I wish I knew more about Mass!* **Why does the Church ask me to come to Mass every Sunday?**

These and many more questions will be discussed and answered in a series of three talks this Lent. Fr Stephen, will be exploring different aspects of the Mass and offering time for discussion and reflection.

1st Lenten talk with evening prayer begins on Sunday 25th February @ 4pm.

Why not come along and find out more about the central part of our faith.

Lenten Alms – All donations collected will be offered to the Archdiocesan chosen charity '**The children of Gaza and the Holy Land**' Please place your donation in the wall box near the Sacristy. There are special envelopes at the back of Church labelled Lenten Alms, these can be placed in the collection each week or passed into the Parish Office.

Pilgrims of Hope : The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

The Holy Father has asked that 2024 be year of prayer, as a preparatory year for the Jubilee. In preparation for the Jubilee, dioceses are invited to promote initiatives to remind people of the centrality of both individual prayer and community prayer. There is a particular focus on the *Our Father*, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

Further resources and information will be available soon.

Parish Groups and Associations: Everyone is most welcome!

Knit & Natter: Next meeting Tuesday 20th February @ 12.30pm

Union of Catholic Mothers: Members meet on Wednesday 21st February @ 2:30pm.

Thursday Social Club : Members meet on Thursday 22nd February @ 12 noon

Legion of Mary: Members meet every Saturday @ 2pm in Church

Outreach Team : Next meeting TBA.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING: First Sunday of each month



Stations of the Cross: During Lent we will be observing and reflecting on the Stations of the Cross each **Thursday evening after the 6pm Mass.**

Please come and join us.