

Sunday 5th March 2017
First Sunday of Lent

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Psalter Week 1

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent
First Reading
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22
Second Reading
2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Many people through the ages have expressed surprise that our Lord was tempted—was he not God?—in the same way as they were surprised that he underwent baptism, as was discussed in this bulletin a few weeks ago. We understand that our Lord became man in all things except sin. If he cannot sin, how can he be tempted? Perhaps it would be truer to say that he did not sin. He, like us, has free will, and is not this free will part of what it is to be human? In this we find buried one of the most important and comforting distinctions that theology has to offer us; the difference between concupiscence and sin.

We understand that one of the effects of Original Sin is damage to our human natures, which inclines us towards committing sins, but is not sin itself; it is concupiscence. Original Sin was forgiven at our baptism, but (of course) we still experience its effects. To feel the tug of the old Adam (or Eve) is part of what it is to be human, and our Lord experienced this tug also—not, of course, as a result of Original Sin itself—but as a result of his desire to share and take on everything that we experience. In this he is showing us, however, that the outcome of temptation need not be sin; there is grace enough for us to resist, should we choose obedience to God's law, and this is the message of today's Gospel, as well as that of today's second reading, from St Paul to the Romans. 'As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous'.

Temptation itself, therefore, is not sin, and need not be confessed (unless out of devotion and as an act of humility). Sin only begins when we pursue or give any sort of assent to the temptation. Let us resolve today to identify at least one of our key temptations and pray for the grace to resist earlier than we have been accustomed to do.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 5th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Coffee and Tea after 9am & 10:45am Mass
4pm Confirmation session 3 (Old Hall)

Mon 6th: Teas & coffee after Mass

Tues 7th: 9:15-11:15 Toddler group (St Thomas' Hall)
7:30pm Justice & Peace meeting (Old Hall)

Wed 8th: 8:30am Ecumenical morning prayer (Sacred Heart Church)
8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)

Thurs 9th: 8pm Baptism Preparation Course (Old Hall)

Fri 10th: CAFOD Fast day

Sat 11th:

Sun 12th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Coffee and Tea after 9am & 10:45am Mass
Fairtrade Stall after all Masses
4pm Confirmation session 4 (Old Hall)



Your Prayers are requested for the following

persons who are ill or housebound: Pat Knight;
Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill;
Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy Mullen;
Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen;
Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith;
Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy, Elise O'Connor,
John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock,
Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell,
Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe & Alan Gully.

NB. No changes to Mass times this week.

St Aidan's Catholic Primary School
Coulston CR5 3DE

Headteacher

Required for September 2017

For further information and an application pack please
e mail Mrs Jennifer Blackburne at
clerk@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk

Closing date March 17th 2017

Calling all groups to review your text on the Parish website.
Please can you make sure it is up to date. Please send any
new wording to the Parish office for uploading.

Ecumenical morning prayer will be here - Sacred Heart
Church (for the whole month of March) on Wednesday at
8.30am. All are welcome to join.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the
CAFOD Lent Fast Day. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid,
but please use the envelopes provided by CAFOD for direct
Gift Aid. Thank you.

Fair Trade Fortnight: 27 February- 12 March . Many of the
farmers and workers who grow our food don't earn enough
to feed themselves or their families all year round.
Thousands of farmers in countries such as Malawi, Kenya
and the Ivory Coast all contribute to the tea, coffee and co-
coa we enjoy in the UK. And yet many of those farmers are
still living in poverty.
If people really knew the true human cost of exploitation,
would they still make the same choices?
Please look out for the display in the church porch next
weekend. If you can, buy fair trade goods when you do your
weekly shop. We also regularly have a small collection of
items in the parish shop. Please visit our special Fairtrade
stall and join us for Fairtrade refreshments
after 9am, 10.45am and 5.15pm Mass on Sunday 12th
March. To learn more see www.fairtrade.org.uk or contact
the Justice & Peace Group via the Parish office.

Whether your Lent was a good one or not – end it in the
best way possible. - Join the Parish Retreat! Come for an
enjoyable few hours! Saturday, 8th April in the Centenary
Hall. Free!

Please do not use blue tac on the stone walls in the porch.
There is a build up of old blue tac that gets missed when
posters are removed.



Two topics this week!

A DVD on the Eucharist – with a discussion particularly
about the 'Real Presence'

Or

Sacraments of vocation: – especially marriage.

Join us – and also for our consideration of the readings for
next Sunday, with ideas from the Lent booklet. **All welcome!**

**8.00p.m. Wednesday 8th March February,
in the Old Hall**

New Gift Aid Envelopes

The Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year will be available
for collection at all Masses this Sunday. Could all members,
both weekly envelope and standing order members, please
collect theirs from the table in the porch. Thank you for all
your contributions in the past year.

Why not do something different this Lent? Be sociable -
come to a Lent group. Details in the church porch.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

From 12-21 May 2017. In the footsteps of Jesus - From Naz-
areth to Jerusalem via Bethlehem and Jordan Valley. Led by
members of the Chemin Neuf Community.
See www.chemin-neuf.org.uk
or Email: storrington@chemin-neuf.org

A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 - Helpers and The Redshirts:

People are invited to apply as Helpers for this year's pilgrim-
age, and young people in years 10 and 11 are invited to ap-
ply now to join The Redshirts for a year of fun, faith and
laughter including the pilgrimage to Lourdes with others of
the Diocese from 26 July- 4 August 2017. For more infor-
mation and application forms see the website
www.ablourdes.org/contact

Easter Retreat for Young Adults –

The popular, and powerful, Easter Retreat for young adults
will be running again this year from Maundy Thursday (April
13th) to Easter Sunday (April 16th), offering young adults the
chance to journey together through the key events marked
by the Easter Triduum. If you've never experienced this in
the heart of a monastic community, surrounded by people
your own age, alive in the faith, it's really worth doing! For
more details or to book, contact toc@worthabbey.net. You
are also welcome to contact Jack Regan from the Diocesan
Pastoral Team – Jack.Regan@dabnet.org.

Diocesan Grandparents Day: This will take place on
Wednesday 7 June 11am-3.30pm including Mass with Bish-
op Richard. For more information contact Rosie Read on
Rosie.Read@dabnet.org.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £799.43 (Gift Aid: £311.27)

Second collection- Survive Miva: £969.07 (Gift Aid: £458.50)



Parish Sunday Lunch

12th March

Sunday Roast in the Centenary Hall
Parishes for Peace

Proceeds to the Iraqi refugee families in Madaba.

12.30 pm Sunday March 12th.

Bar Available. Prize Draw.

£12 per person booked in advance.

Tickets available after Sunday Masses

Please bring your family and friends.

Enquiries: Jo Waiton 07724613407

or Mike Wood 01883348081

The tickets are selling very well. There are a few still available.



Cake Sale

In aid of The Royal Marsden Hospital

Amelia & Anne Ford would like to thank the amazingly generous parishioners of The Sacred Heart Church for their support in donating and buying cakes! We raised a total of £545. Thank you all so much



Celebrating Lent for Children.

The shop has booklets and activities for children to help them prepare for Easter in a thoughtful but fun way. There is also Lent reading and copies of the Stations of the Cross for those who are older. Please come and have a look.

Margaret Roper Catholic Primary School -

Class Teachers required for September 2017. We are looking to appoint two outstanding class teachers to start in September 2017. Closing Date 12 noon, Thursday 16th March 2017. Interviews w/c 20th March 2017. Both experienced and newly qualified teachers are encouraged to apply. Full details and application forms are available on the school website or via the school office 020 8660 0115.

Diocesan Link for the National Board of Catholic Women:

Sue Petritz the recently appointed Diocesan Link to the [NBCW](http://www.nbcw.org.uk) would like you to share their hopes and concerns with the Diocese. The National Board of Catholic Women is a forum dating from the 1930's in which Catholic women of England and Wales come together to share their hopes, views and concerns at Diocesan and national level, and these are conveyed to the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales. It also has consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC). You can contact Sue Petritz by email: spetritzma@gmail.com.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day – Friday 10th March



Lent Fast Day will focus this year on the work that CAFOD and its partners are doing in Zambia, a country in Southern Africa with a population of 15 million. Two thirds of that population live below the poverty line. CAFOD supports local organisations that know the area and its needs. Projects are designed to be long-lasting, giving people skills, resources and opportunities to cope with disasters and provide for themselves, rather than being dependent on aid. One of CAFOD's partners in Zambia are the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The Sisters are based in Mbala in Northern Zambia, close to Tanzania, and they run a programme called 'Households in Distress' (HID). HID provides practical training in farming, bee keeping, fish farming and business skills. The Sisters work with the poor and marginalised, and also support young adults with special needs and vulnerable adults.

On Friday 10th March we come together to make sacrifices - such as eating a simple lunch or supper - so that our poorest sisters and brothers can live lives free of poverty. Without our generosity and prayers, the work that CAFOD does to change the lives of thousands of people worldwide, would not be possible.

SVP – Request for help



Would any parishioners be able to offer an hour or two to help a family in need in the parish? The family has been accommodated in a home which is very badly in need of a coat of paint. The family can provide the paint and rollers, and would be very grateful if the walls of the rooms could be painted. If you can help please telephone the Parish Office or speak to Fr Seán.

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visit www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk and
email office@coloma.croydon.sch.uk to book your place

CONTACTS

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Tuesday Toddlers 9.30am-11.00am:

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Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term 7pm)

Mel Flaherty

youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com

St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler

01883 342005

Morning Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (cancelled this week)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -

Saturdays: 9am – 10am

Confessions every Saturday 10:30am –

11:00am

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent,

6.20pm.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

after Saturday Mass

Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 5th

First Sunday of Lent

9:00am Mass

Annie & Leonard Balcombe RIP (Peggy)

10:45am Mass

People of the Parish

5:15pm Mass

Sheila Hepplewhite RIP (Parish Womens Group)

Monday 6th

10am Mass

Sister Mary Stephen RIP (P Howlett)

Tuesday 7th

Ss Perpetua & Felicity

10am Mass

Sheila Hepplewhite RIP (Hearson family)

Wednesday 8th

St John of God

10am Latin Mass

Agatha Linton RIP (A&C Linton)

Thursday 9th

St Frances of Rome

10am Mass

John Dunlop RIP (Ruby)

Friday 10th

7pm Mass

Souls in Purgatory (Maura)

Saturday 11th

10am Mass

Cormac Nolan RIP (Maura)

Sunday 12th

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00am Mass

People of the Parish

10:45am Mass

John Dunlop RIP (Lawless family)

5:15pm Mass

Canon Charles Walker RIP

Choir

Hilary will run a choir every Monday from 8-9pm on the following dates at the church - Monday 13th March, 20th March, 27th March, 3rd April and 10th April



Along with a warm up before each service at 7.30pm on

13th April (Maundy Thursday), 2.00pm on 14th April (Good Friday) and 7.30pm on 15th April (Easter Saturday). If you are interested in joining please contact Hilary on hilary.meyer@hotmail.co.uk. All welcome