



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



First Sunday of Lent

Year C / Week 2

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please take this bulletin home

"And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil."

As we begin this sacred season of Lent let us be ready to follow the Lord Jesus wherever he may wish to lead us. Why did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus into such a lonely place? Soon after Jesus Christ was anointed and confirmed by the Father, he was led on a forty day journey of prayer and fasting to meet with God and to be prepared for mission. What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? When Jesus went out into the wilderness to fight temptation by the devil, he was led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not rely on his own human strength and will-power for overcoming temptation. The Lord Jesus knows that we cannot fight temptation on our own. During this Lenten Season we need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us.

Quote from the early church fathers: Jesus defeats Satan with the word of God, by Ambrose of Milan (339-397 AD)

"So, look at the arms of Christ with which he conquered for you, not for himself. For he who showed that stones could, through his majesty, be changed into bread by the transformation into a different nature, teaches that you must do nothing at the devil's behalf nor for the purpose of manifesting virtue. At the same time, learn from the temptation itself the ingenious cunning of the devil. The devil tempts that he may test. He tests that he may tempt. In contrast, the Lord deceives that he may conquer. He conquers that he may deceive. For if he had changed nature, he would have betrayed its Creator. There is no doubt that the divine surpasses the human, as the spiritual the physical. Therefore he who desires true life awaits that Bread which through its intangible substance strengthens human hearts (Psalm 103:17). At the same time, when he says, 'Man lives not by bread alone,' he shows that the man is tempted, that is, his acceptance of our flesh, not his divinity." *(excerpt from the Gospel of Luke 4.19-20)* Fr John

PARISH NOTICES

Funeral Mass: for Michael Duffy is on Monday 15th February (tomorrow) at 10.00am

Funeral Mass for Mary Chamberlain is on Thursday 18th February at 10.00am.

Please remember both families and friends in your prayers. May they Rest in Peace.

Stations of the Cross *(led by a parish group)* commences **this Wednesday (17th)** at 7.00pm and every Wednesday during Lent. The 17th is being led by the Life Ascending Group. All welcome!

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: 19 Feb. This year CAFOD are working to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are

THIS WEEK

Sunday 14 February 2016

- 18.30* Mass Martin O'Connor (int)
08.00 Mass Matilda McInrue (int)
09.30 Mass Elizabeth Barnes +
11.15 Mass Anne Tucker +
(with Rite of Signing & Sending)
15.00 Rite of Election @ The Cathedral
17.45 Evening Prayer & Benediction
18.30 Mass Agnes Mulrooney (int)

Monday 15

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 **Funeral Mass** Michael Duffy +
11.00 Meditation - P *(all welcome)*
13.00 Mass @ Chase Farm Hospital
20.00 RCIA - JP Room

Tuesday 16

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 Mass Laurence & John Green +
10.30 Life Ascending Group - JP Room

Wednesday 17

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 Mass Albert Wynn +
13.00 Mass @ Barnet General Hospital
17.15 Novena: Mother of Perpetua Help (BSC)
18-19.00 Adoration - C
19.00 Stations of the Cross *(led by Life Ascending)* - C

Thursday 18

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 **Funeral Mass** Mary Chamberlain +

Friday 19

DAY OF ADORATION

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 Mass Larry Collins (int)

Saturday 20

- 11.30 Mass for Healing Parish (int)
18.00 Sac of Reconciliations
18.30* Mass Malcolm Hayward +

Sunday 21 Second Sunday of Lent

- 08.00 Mass Parish & People
09.30 Mass Rita McKenna (int)
11.15 Mass Giovanni Manzi ann +
17.15 Evening Prayer & Benediction
18.30 Mass John Brennan +

Please note the parish office is closed all week

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free to change their lives by getting an Education. They are working with local organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting water, now have time for school, study and to play. CAFOD Fast Days are their opportunity to support that vital work. Please take home your envelope, fast this Friday and give as much as you can in next week's collection. The UK Gov has promised to match every £1 and penny you give to CAFOD. Thank you for your support.

Soup Lunch this Friday (19th) at 12.15pm in the JP Room. Please come along and support them. All welcome.

Life Ascending Group: meet in the JP Room on 16th February after 10am Mass. 'Indulgences' remember? We are sharing our knowledge. What have you found out?

Friendship Club: showing of 'Brooklyn' (a drama romance film set in 1950's Ireland/New York) on Wednesday 24th February, 1.30pm in the JP Room.

Starting on **Friday 26th February** 12 week Bible Course called 'The Big Picture' - a perfect follow-on from 'The Gift' course. Every Friday at 12.30pm* in the parish hall (*please bring your own lunch*) or at 7.00pm in church. *Tea & Coffee available at both.* *A **Creche** can be available for the afternoon session only, if required - please indicate on list.

Everybody will need a personal copy of The Big Picture Book price £9.95. Please see table in the porch for more details and to sign up for the course! *Don't miss out!*

To Celebrate the Year of Mercy, our parish is hosting a **Mass**

for Healing on Saturday 20th February. **Rosary at 11.00am with Mass at 11.30am.** (*Refreshments available from 10am in the hall*). Please invite family, friends and neighbours for this special liturgy.

Day of Adoration on Friday 19th February, from 11.00am to 7.00pm. To prepare yourself spend some time in prayer - please place your name on the list to indicate you will be present (list at the back of the church).

During the Year of Mercy, as encouraged by Pope Francis, there is a **Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland.** Spiritual Director: Fr Rob (SMA) **2-8 July 2016.** Info/application forms, with price of the pilgrimage, are available in the porch. Please return all forms to the presbytery.

If you wish to find out more, come along to a talk/photographs (*led by Fr Rob*) on Tuesday 23rd February at 8.00pm in the parish hall.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 4th March at United Reformed Church, Wood Street, 2pm. Speaker: Rev'd Ros Lyle. [*See poster for further details*]

Universal Prayer Response
Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in the valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick & Homebound: Jane-Rose Azemi, Thomas Houlihan, Jean Ellis, Don & Ann Lewis, Liz Clarke, Janet Bennett, Anne-Marie Nowell, David Brown, Tony Costello, Thomas Geiger, Linda Quilter, Margaret Trehy, Emanuele Brunelli, Michael Mulvaney, Pat Lucid, Pauline Purdue, Michael Ball, Helen Day, Niamh Easton, Stephen Carey, Stasia Ryan, Theresa Mordue, Doreen Bernas, James Brown, Nancy Dillon, Bridget Allin, Amelia Simon, Kate Waters, Donna Morrision, Linda Atkinson, Dominic Buckmire, Judith Townsend, Troy Hopkins, Elio Marcangelo, Fr Fred De L'Orme, Diana Faller, Pat Cosgrove, Stuart Atkinson, Mary O'Toole, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, John-Joe Murphy, Maria Wallace, Bernard Eason, Mariela Mansi, Jean Watkins, Michael Finnegan, Mary Wallace, Eleanor Baker, Martina Rooney, Concetta O'Connell, Jean Legg, Liam Kinsella, Margaret Greaney, Teresa Woodhouse.

Sacrament of Baptism: Caoimhe Keenan, Frederick Fox, Samuel Gregorczuk, Elissa Bush, Lucas Brennan, Cody Davey, Sophia De Vera, Dolly Elderfield.

Please pray for all Catechumens and Candidates being received into the Catholic Church this Easter.

Recently died: Mary Chamberlain, Michael Duffy, Paddy O'Toole, Catherine Doran, Michael Hanley

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

9.30 Mass

Entrance: 193
Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. Be with me Lord, I pray.
Offertory: 201
Communion: Not on bread alone are we nourished, but on every word from God.
964
Going Forth: 960

11.15 Mass

Entrance 206
Gospel Acc: 184
Rite of Sending: Make us now your living sign. Recreate us for your purpose in this place and in this time.
Prayer R/: Hear our Prayer
Offertory: 199
Communion: 191
Going Forth: 960