



First Sunday of Lent

Year C Week 1

THIS WEEK

Sun 6th March 2022

6pm*: Mary McGrath+

8.30am: Elizabeth Van Dijk (ann+)

10.30am: Julie Lown +

3pm: Rite of Election @ Westminster Cathedral

6pm: Eileen Delaney & Jolene O'Leary

Mon 7th

6pm: Paddy Bagge (int)

Tue 8th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10am: Phyllis O'Grady +

Wed 9th

No Mass

Thu 10th

10am: Bridget Lyons (ann+)

10.30am Coffee morning - JP room

Fri 11th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10am: Linda Fitzpatrick +

10.30am: Stations of the Cross

1.30pm: Christian Meditation

Sat 12th

6pm*: Patrick, Josephine, Paddy & Billy Delaney +

Sun 13th 2nd Sunday of Lent

8.30am: Phyllis O'Grady

10.30am: Margaret Dunne +
Eileen Harte +

6pm: Leona & Family (int)

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. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry.

Why did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus into such a lonely place – immediately after Christ Jesus was anointed and confirmed by the Father for his mission as Messiah and Saviour? Jesus was following the pattern which God had set for Moses and for Elijah - both were led on a forty day journey of prayer and fasting to meet with God on his holy mountain. Jesus likewise went into the wilderness to prepare himself for the mission entrusted to him by spending forty days and nights in solitude and prayer to his Father in heaven.

Like Christ, we also are called to prepare ourselves for what God wants to accomplish in our lives. During this Lenten Season we are also helped by the grace of Mary the Mother of God. Most of us are familiar with Our Lady of Lourdes but are you familiar with the Apparitions of Mary of Hrushiv in the Ukraine. On April 26, 1987, exactly one year after the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster, a bright light covered the church of the Holy Trinity. From within this "impressive silver dazzle" over the church, the Virgin Mary appeared. Soon, hundreds and then thousands came from all over Russia to see the apparitions which continued every day until August 15, 1987. It is estimated that a total of 500,000 people had seen her by the time these apparitions ended. The Blessed Mother is reported to have said : "I have come on purpose to thank the Ukrainian people because you have suffered most for the church of Christ in the last 70 years. I have come to comfort you and to tell you that your suffering will soon come to an end. Ukraine will become an independent state." The Mother of God continues: "Be courageous in suffering, Forgive your enemies and teach your children how to pray. Teach them to live in truth and live yourselves in truth. Say the Rosary. It is the weapon against Satan. He fears the Rosary. Recite the Rosary at any gathering of people. ...I have come to comfort you and to tell you that your suffering will end soon. I shall protect you for the glory and the future of God's kingdom on earth, which will last for a thousand years. The Kingdom of Heaven and Earth is close at hand. It will come only through penance and the repentance of sins...The Eternal God is calling you. This is why I have been sent to you." (The ruler Yaroslav the Wise dedicated the Ukraine to the Most Holy Mother of God in the year 1037.)

Lenten Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Jesus defeats Satan with the word of God, by Ambrose of Milan (339-397 AD) "For he who follows the Word cannot desire earthly bread when he receives the essence of the heavenly Bread (John 6:32,50). 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) **Fr. John**

NOTICES

LENT 2022

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS for Lent 2022 are available in the porch priced £1.00 each. Please place money in the box "Marked repository"

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

(Led by Fr. John) every Friday after the 10am Mass Please join us.

SPECIAL LENTEN PARISH MISSION:

Monday 14th to 18th March 2022 -

Led by the Franciscan Friars of The Renewal. Daytime Sessions plus daily evening Mass at 7.30pm. Timetable to follow.

PARISH SHOWCASE WEEKEND

Come, See and Meet your Parish Groups for an opportunity to engage and volunteer.

Dates: after each Mass on Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th March 2022

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS for the Sacrament of

Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm. All couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the Presbytery the following details" husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) please **no later than the 21st March.**

Please pray for the repose of

Jeanette Fernandes. Funeral mass will take place at 11am on 14th March at Mary Immaculate & St Peters New Barnet, followed by burial at Hendon Cemetery.

WELCOME!

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR PARISH?

Please visit the parish website on parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet where you will find information on the parish, parish groups and much more. Information is also available in the church porch. This, is produced weekly with current news on what is happening in and around the parish - available at the back of the church or on the website under 'news'.

If you would like to register yourself and/or your family, please email the parish office with your details to barnet@rcdow.org.uk

NEED TO TALK? If you would like to speak to Anita pastorally and in confidence, Anita is available on Tuesdays after 10am mass. Please knock on the presbytery door or email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

SATURDAY RE CLASS:

We welcome children in non-Catholic Primary schools who would like to learn more about their faith. Our sessions are open to new-comers. We meet in the JP Room from 9.30 - 10.45 on the following dates: **March 12th and 26th.**

MUSIC 10.30am Mass

Communion

Not on bread alone are we nourished but on every word from God.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. **On Friday 11th March at 12pm in the JP Room** for a simple soup lunch and give what you save to help people. Please take home your Fast Day Envelope and give what you can. Thank you.

TOGETHER FOR UKRAINE

Collection: New products unopened please. Portable power banks, chargers, mobile phone cables, First aid: bandages, disinfectants, Celox, Over the counter painkillers, children's pain relief. Children: colouring books, crayons, coloured pencils. Babies: Baby bottles, soothers and teats, baby food, milk. Sanitary items: shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes

The collection boxes are in the church porch.

Contact: Anna Pasciak.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Particular prayers: The people of Ukraine

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, Leonor Driscoll, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagia, Paul Dempsey

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