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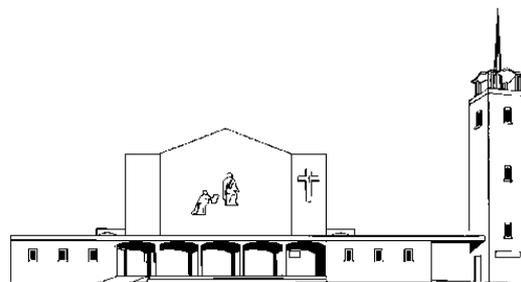
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

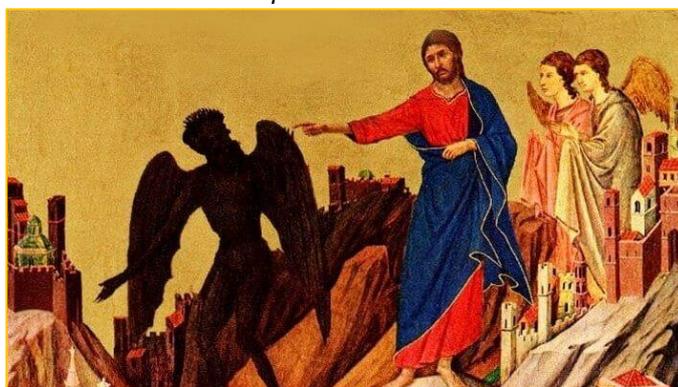
10th MARCH 2019

GOSPEL: Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

AFTER OUR CELEBRATION OF ASH WEDNESDAY, we come to the First Sunday of Lent. We hear of the 40 days and 40 nights that Our Lord was in the wilderness, undergoing His fasting, and experiencing the assaults of the devil. It is this fast of His that gives us the 40 days of our Lenten season, and the chance of 6½ weeks of concerted effort in our spiritual lives.



THE INSERTED SHEET, 'IDEAS FOR LENT 2019' lists just some of the ways in which you might think of participating in Lent in a special way in your Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. As well as suggesting that you read the sheet and use it to get you thinking about how *you* will keep Lent, might I highlight these occasions which are already happening this coming week:

– The **CaFOD Fasting Day** (next Friday, 15th March). We will hear from parishioners this weekend about this year's Campaign.

– The **Wednesday 'Lent group'** which will meet to use the diocesan booklet for Lent, 'Rejoice & Be Glad,' available in the porch (£3). Meeting after Wednesday coffee (c. 10.15am).

– **Stations of the Cross** each Friday (12.30pm) and Saturday (9.30am).

However you choose to keep Lent, please make sure that you give it the serious consideration it deserves, so as to ensure a fervent personal preparation for the highpoint of the Christian year, the great celebrations of Holy Week & Easter – our Lord's saving triumph.

May the Lord Jesus – repulsing the devil – lead us also away from sin this Lent! Fr Philip

St Augustine teaches: Sermon for Catechumens on the Creed, 7:

What next [in the Creed]? "He suffered under Pontius Pilate." He was in office as governor and was the judge, this same Pontius Pilate, at the time Christ suffered. In the name of the judge there is a mark of the times, "when He suffered under Pontius Pilate": when He suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried. Who? — God's Only Son, our Lord. What? — crucified, dead, and buried. For whom? — for ungodly and sinners. Great condescension, great grace! "What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has bestowed on me?"



PRAYER & LITURGY

MARY PERROTTA RIP formerly of High Road, Wormley died recently. Our sympathies go out to her family. **Her funeral will be on Wednesday 20th March at 11am with Don Antonio.**
May she rest in peace.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **next meeting Friday 15th March.** A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR will next take place on **Sunday 17th March at 5pm** with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

PRAYING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & OUR SCHOOLS will be held at Hoddesdon Baptist Church, Burford Street on **Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm.** All are welcome.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, 26th May–1st June 2019 with Fr Philip. Price £700– and further info is available with booking forms. The pilgrimage will follow in the footsteps of John Paul II and will visit Kraków, Wadowice, Częstochowa and Auschwitz. **Space still available,** so take a booking form and submit it as soon as possible. Please ring Presbytery to let us know that you are booking.

MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING MASS: The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese who are celebrating 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018 to Mass on **Sat 8th June at 3pm** at Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please communicate to the presbytery these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email or telephone number by **18th March.**

LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: the "Way of the Cross" prayed in church each Friday (12.30pm, after Mass), & Saturday (9.30am, before Mass.) And in Italian at 4.30pm each Friday.

PARISH "PENANCE" FOR LENT: In Lent, we will have no final hymn at Sunday Mass, and then we will **keep silence** in the body of the church, so as to allow a period of prayer for those who wish to remain after Mass in Thanksgiving. Please abide by this!

'**REJOICE & BE GLAD**' is the diocesan booklet for Lent and invites those who share in it to discover what it means to be a joyful missionary disciple of Jesus Christ. The booklet is available from the back of church for £3 (please place money in newspaper box.) **Group based on this booklet – Wednesdays 10.15am (after coffee) beginning 13th March.**

'**LENT EXTRA**' booklets with daily Lent meditations are now available to buy for £2.25 Please place your money in the newspaper box.

LENTEN ALMS are collected each year in support of charitable causes: this year we'll be supporting the **Cardinal Hume Centre.** The centre enables people to gain the skills they need to overcome poverty and homelessness. They work with homeless young people, badly housed families and others in need. You will find the box throughout Lent in front of the lectern.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY is on this **Friday 15th March.** The envelopes will be attached to next week's newsletter and will be collected **after Mass next weekend.** Through CAFOD's global Church network, your support can reach to the ends of the earth.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello & Siobhan Fiorentini & Tallulah Scott.

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:
<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward,** so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.
Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Tuesdays 12th March and 26th March** from 7.30-9pm. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged.

"RCIA" - 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults' is the programme for preparation for adults wishing to become Catholics, or be prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation. **Course continues Mon 11th March at 7pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2019: The next meeting is **19th March 7-8.30pm** for candidates only. Please do not forget to bring your copy of the St Mark's Gospel to each session, and please read ch. 14 in preparation for next time.

CONFIRMATION MASS is on the **28th April** and at the moment there are 24 candidates for the 1.15pm Mass and 16 for the 3.45pm Mass. To even out the numbers, it would be very helpful if some candidates could please swap to the 3.45pm Mass. Please contact the presbytery to arrange the swap.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The fourth meeting for children will be on **Sun 10th March 12.30-2pm or Mon 11th March 6-7.30pm:** meet at the outside crypt door 10 mins before the class starts. The third meeting for parents will be on **20th March 8pm** in the crypt.

SCHOOLS/INDER 5'S

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL NURSERY APPLICATIONS: Nursery applications are open and places will be given on a 'first come, first served' basis. Application forms can be picked up at the School Office, by following the link on the home page of the school website or under the 'Admissions' tab. An offer letter will be sent within a week of application received.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL is holding a quiz night on **Friday 15th March 7pm** for 7.30pm start. £5 per person and maximum of 8 per team. To book please contact Sam on 07944-607590 or sldesilva@yahoo.co.uk.

ST CROSS SCHOOL is looking for an enthusiastic, kind and caring person as a Midday Supervisor. Hours are 12.15- 1.15pm. To find out more about the role, please contact the school on 467309.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will continue his house visits this week, **Wednesday** afternoon, in: Ware Road (odd nos.)

200 CLUB RENEWALS will take place this weekend after all Masses. Please note there are still spare numbers available.

The winner for March was no. 12, Sharon Mantio. Congratulations!

PARISH ACCOUNTS: The income and expenditure for 2018 is now available to view on the noticeboard at the back of church.

APF: All members are included in the "Novena to St Joseph" (10th - 18th March) at Maidenhead. Mass will be said here **Fri 12th April at 12 noon** for all parish members, past and present. Please pray for the 35 priests, one seminarian and 4 lay people who died, violently as shown in pp 17-20 of Spring 2019 *Mission Today*. Ellen Bartlett.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca & Kathleen Connors. Thank you for your help.

SUNDAY LUNCH: Fr Philip would like to continue meeting parishioners/families in their homes, as much as possible. Sunday lunch 1.30pm is a good (but by no means only) time. Free dates: 7th & 14th April.

CAFOD FAST DAY PRAYER



We bless you,

Lord, and praise you.

Your wonders are ever on our lips.

For we:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

We share this meal, Lord, and thank you,
for this food and all your gifts to us.

As we:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Open our hearts, Lord, to others especially
those who hunger and hurt. Together let
us:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Inspire us, Lord, and move us to reach out
in love to those in need so all people may:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

