

February 26, 2023 1st Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading: *Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7*

How sin came into our world

Responsorial: *Psalm 50*

R. /: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-19*

Grace of God surpasses the gravity of sins

Gospel: *Mathew 4:1-11*

The devil is put to his places by God

Let's Reflect



During Lent, through **prayer, fasting and charitable works**, we renew our covenant relationship with God. We

are called to undergo conversion through repentance for our sins so that we will be ready to appreciate the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ at Easter. The ritual sign of renewing our baptismal commitment is celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Lent is a particularly appropriate time for us to go to confession and, in the spirit of true repentance, to be assured that our sins are forgiven.

The message of Lent is summarised in the words spoken to us on **Ash Wednesday** when the sign of the cross is traced on our foreheads with the blessed ashes: Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel. Now is the time to begin the process of conversion so that our commitment to God may become as unbreakable as his commitment to us.

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SUNDAY, 26-Feb **1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
2.00pm - *Syro-Malabar Mass*

MONDAY, 27-Feb Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 28-Feb Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 01-Mar **ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales**
Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 02-Mar Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 03-Mar Stations of the Cross: 11.30am & 6.00pm
Mass: 12.00noon

SATURDAY, 04-Mar Mass: 9.30am, 6.30pm *Vigil Mass of Sunday*

SUNDAY, 05-Mar **2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
4.00pm - *Konkani Mass*

POPE'S INTENTION - FEBRUARY 2023

For parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Domingo Fernandes and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday 11.30am and 6.00pm (led by Children).

Faith Sharing: Tuesday 10.15am and Thursday 6.30pm.

Parish Fasting Day: Friday 3rd March.

Parish Lenten Confessions: Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th (5.30pm to 7.50pm), and Saturday 18th March (10.30am-11.30am).

Parish Annual Lenten Retreat: 17, 18th and 19th March.

WE ARE NOW IN THE SEASON OF LENT

What have you decided to give up; only to take it up again immediately after Easter?

For this Lenten period do something positive for yourself (gain knowledge, understand further, grow and deepen your faith) by joining one of the Faith Sharing Groups which will begin on Tuesday 28th February. The theme is 'Enlarging the Space of our Tent' Isaiah 54:2 '

Come and join the discussions. This is a time of return and renewal. Groups will meet on Tuesday mornings: 10.15am (after 9.30 mass) and Thursday evenings: 6.30pm.

PARISH FAST DAY

Fasting and Prayer's can restore and strengthen our intimacy with God.

This Lent, our Parish has designated **Friday 3rd March** as the Parish Fast Day. All Parishioners are requested to fast on this day and contribute to the CAFOD FAST DAY weekend collection.

PARISH SOUP DAY

As part of CAFOD FAST DAY, the Justice and Peace group will be serving Soup and Roll at Pastoral Centre on Friday 3rd March after the 12 noon Mass. Your kind contribution will go towards helping people around the world who struggle to put food on their table.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY RETIRING COLLECTION There will be a collection for CAFOD after all Sunday Masses next weekend. It is an opportunity for the Church to help ensure no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need. We would like to invite our parishioners to fast or have a simple meal on 3rd March and give what they save to support the poorest people.

WORD OF GOD

"Man shall not live on bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Mathew 4:4.

Over the next weekend Masses, we will be distributing scripture quotations for each parishioner. The intention is that you repeatedly read the quotation and make the Word into your life.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass 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 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your following details to the parish office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

ADDRESS CHANGES

It is important that parishioners inform us of their address change if we are to maintain correct records. This can only be done by filling in the Registration form ticking the address change box. Forms can be printed online and must be handed in or dropped in the presbytery letter box.

PARISH REGISTRATION

The form for registering in St Joseph's Parish is now available on the website. Please download, complete all the Sections, and drop it through the letterbox. If you would like a personal box of envelopes for your weekly donation at Mass, and you pay tax, you will need to fill in a Gift Aid Declaration form which is available in the parish office. You must come to the Presbytery, fill in the form and a box of envelopes will be given to you at the same time.