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**Newsletter for the week commencing 29th February/1st March 2020**

**First Sunday of Lent (A)**

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

**Psalm 50 Response:**  Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned

**Second Reading: The letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12-19**

**Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

**Father John writes:**

Our Gospel reading today is about Jesus being tempted while he was in the wilderness. All three temptations are the devil trying to get Jesus to avoid the difficulties facing Him in His mission, and tempting Him to take the easy way out. Are we ever tempted to do that?

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** Marjorie Frain

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne and Joe Venables.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Pat Baker, Mary Bridgeman, Irena Lacka, Mary Jackson, Brian McGinty, John Wolfe, Jennifer Ansell, Anne Knox and Sally Cudator.

**This week’s events**

There will be **Stations of the Cross at 4pm** this Sunday and every Sunday during Lent.

There is a meeting of the **Parish Outreach Group** this **Monday, 2nd March, at 2pm** in the Parish Room.

**Parishioners who like to lunch** (and those who don't), why not **join us at Zion Baptist Church** next **Friday, 6th March**, for the Lenten Lunch at **12 noon**. On this occasion your hostesses will be some ladies of our parish. Remember, all proceeds go to help those in need.

**Friday 6th March** is the **CAFOD Fast Day** for Lent. It is the chance to help those who struggle to eat even one good meal a day, maybe even a week, by cutting back on what **we** eat and putting the money we save into the envelope which will be given out this weekend. **These envelopes will be collected in next weekend (7th/8th March) at the second collection.**

**Friday, 6th March** is also **Women’s World Day of Prayer** which is being held in **St Mildred’s Church at 2pm**. Come along and join in with this inspiring and thought-provoking service put together this year by the women of Zimbabwe.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** ‘Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving’ – the three pillars of Lent - is a free three-day online retreat from Dublin’s Priory Institute. The video reflections will be available from the beginning of Lent, to watch at your convenience. To register, visit: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](about:blank)

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 29th February | Feria | 10am – 11am Sacrament of Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *Joanne Price RIP* |
| Sunday | 1st March | First Sunday of Lent (A) | 8:30am Mass *for all suffering from coronavirus*  10:30am Mass *welfare of Sharon Jones* |
| Monday | 2nd March | Feria | 10:00am Mass |
| Tuesday | 3rd March | Feria | 10:00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 4th March | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration *Alan Davis RIP* |
| Thursday | 5th March | Feria | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 6th March | Feria  CAFOD Fast Day | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 7th March | Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 8th March | Second Sunday of Lent (A) | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (7th/8th March)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Maggie U | Alexander W | Brian L |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Peter Lonergan  Maria Milton | Rani Thomas  TBA |
| **Flowers** | No flowers during Lent | **Cleaners** | - |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 6.30pm |

**Forthcoming events**

The next **Men’s Christian Big Breakfast** will be held at St Mildred’s Church Hall on **Saturday, 21st March**, starting at 8.30am. The speaker will be Freddy, the Pastor at Zion Baptist Church.

**THE SANTA MARTA GROUP**is an international initiative of the Catholic Bishops throughout the world working in partnership with the police and other agencies to bring an end to human trafficking – a form of modern-day slavery. It is a fact that human trafficking exists in every country, and probably in some form in every city and town – and, sad to say, that Kent area is highlighted as one of the many ‘***Hot Spots’*** in the UK. It is hard for us to comprehend that people are being tricked, deceived and traded in our part of the world.

The Bishops Conference of England & Wales, through the Santa Marta Group, seeks to create awareness of the trafficking situation and abuses that go on within the agricultural sectors around Kent, but they need the help of some volunteers from our parish to achieve their aim. The Santa Marta Group is, therefore, appealing for volunteers to be trained to assist in creating awareness of the problem of modern-day slavery in our parishes. The volunteers will be commissioned to go to parishes to help promote the campaign against the abuses in the agricultural sector. The training will take place in areas of Kent on two different dates.  Please, feel free to attend any of dates. The first will be on Saturday, 28th March 2020 at The Hermitage, More Park, West Malling, Kent, ME19 6HN from 10.00am to 2.30pm and the second will be on Saturday, 4th April 2020 at St Thomas of Canterbury Hall ***(Entry in Canterbury Lane)*** Canterbury Lane, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2HJ from 10.00am to 2.30pm. You are invited to attend either of the two training sessions. Please, bring a packed Lunch. The training programme is also opened to all interested parishioners. If you are interested to be a Volunteer in this project, please speak to your parish clergy.  All are invited to the training programme – thank you.

And finally…

This notice can now be found in many French churches:

It is possible that, on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that He will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to him. If you would like to see him, send him a text whilst driving.