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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

**timetable this week**

<b>MONDAY 11th March</b> Lent Weekday
10.00 Word & Communion
<b>TUESDAY 12th March</b> Lent Weekday
10.00 MASS followed by Coffee Morning
<b>WEDNESDAY 13th March</b> Lent Weekday
10.00 MASS
19.30 UCM meeting
<b>THURSDAY 14th March</b> Lent Weekday
11.00 Pensioners' Club
18.30 MASS
<b>FRIDAY 15th March</b> Lent Weekday CAFOD Lent Fast Day
10.00 MASS
11.45 Stations of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY 16th March</b> Lent Weekday
11.00 MASS
11.30 Confessions and Exposition
12.00 Benediction
18.00 Confessions
18.30 First MASS of Sunday
<b>SUNDAY 17th March</b> Second Sunday of Lent
9.00 MASS
11.30 MASS



**the word this week**

As with each First Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells of Jesus temptation in the wilderness; as we begin the journey of Lent, during which we will consider our lives as members of the Church, we look to the example of Jesus when it comes to dealing with temptation. Choosing to follow God's path is the first characteristic of the Christian: this is underlined in the two other readings, which outline the two "creeds" or statements of belief - one of Israel and one of the Christian. Both of them emphasise "believing in the heart and confessing with the lips": both creeds underline the Salvation that God

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has achieved - for Israel it was freedom from Egypt, for the Christian freedom from death in Jesus.

**new members of the church**

We have five candidates in our parish currently preparing to become full members of the Church at Easter: Tracy Castledine, Jane Higson, Brian Berry, John-Paul and Emily Wieteska. This Sunday they will attend the Rite of Election at the Cathedral, to be welcomed by Bishop John. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

**cafod lent fast day**

Next Friday, 15th March, is the annual CAFOD Fast Day. This Lent, your generosity will give vital support to the communities CAFOD works with around the world. Mahinur, her disabled husband and 12-year-old son, are an example of a family

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**TOTAL: £665.95**



that they hope to reach thanks to the Lent appeal. Mahinur's family live in Bangladesh, where floods, droughts, and cyclones have damaged crops, homes, health and income. There are no fish in the river near Mahinur's house any more. Mahinur usually catches fish to sell but since the local river dried up in May 2018, there are no fish to catch. Mahinur said: *"There should be fish in the river now. It's the right time of year. But there's nothing."* Mahinur cooks and cleans in neighbours' homes for a bit of cash but it's never enough. There are days the family have nothing to eat. CAFOD's local expert, Jamal, has already helped a few families in Mahinur's village - teaching them new farming techniques, and distributing seeds, ducks and chickens. But sadly, there hasn't been enough money available to help Mahinur. You can change this today by supporting the CAFOD Lent Fast Day, and enable them to reach out to more families in desperate need of help. Please take an envelope, and this coming Friday so something to save some money to donate. please bring your offering to Church next week, when a retiring collection will be taken for the CAFOD Appeal.

## 400 club

Due to a "technical error" the number drawn last week has never been allocated to

anyone! The draw was re-made at the Pensioners Club on Thursday, and the winning number is 195 - congratulations to Monica Coles! Please collect your prize from the agents after Mass. We have plenty of numbers available if you would like to join, please speak to one of the agents before or after Mass.

## Walsingham

Every year a group from our parish make the pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady in Walsingham in Norfolk. It is a relaxing break, with time for walks, quiet, meals together and socialising, as well as Masses and guided reflections. Everyone is welcome. This year's pilgrimage will take place from 30th May -2nd June. Booking forms are now available from Marie Rawsthorne (0161 723 3634) or Leo Fawcett (07762 101544).

## lent at the hidden gem

If you are visiting Manchester City Centre during the Season of Lent, why not pop into St Mary's, the Hidden Gem? Each weekday during Lent there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions (11.30 a.m.), Holy Mass (12.30 p.m.) and Stations of the Cross (1pm). The church is open for quiet prayer from 8.00 a.m. till 6.00 p.m. each day,

and each Wednesday evening in Lent at 6.00 p.m. there will be a Lenten Retreat: "Love's own story - yours also", a series of meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross. Further details are on the diocesan website.

## TRANSFORMED by love: the cost of discipleship

Join us at Wardley Hall every Friday in Lent for our Lenten retreat 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Tea and coffee provided) *The complete retreat programme is: 15 March: Listening to the voice of God, 22 March: Embracing the sinner within us, 29 March: Reconciling as a key to discipleship, 5 April: Accepting God's unconditional mercy, 12 April: Recognizing our "appointed hour."*

Using Scripture, poetry, art and music, we will pray with the 2019 Sunday Lenten readings, especially the Gospel. Sessions will include presentations, individual prayer time and sharing. Suggestions for daily prayer will be provided. Presenters: Sister Joan Kerley, MSJ and Maria Kidd. To confirm your participation, please contact Marie Sartini, Bishop's PA, Wardley Hall, Worsley M28 2ND; 0161 794 2825 or Email: [marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or Sister Joan Kerley, FMSJ; 0161 971 7842 or Email: [joank-fmsj@gmail.com](mailto:joank-fmsj@gmail.com)

## FLOWERS FOR EASTER

There will be no flowers in Church throughout Lent, but donations for Easter Flowers can be made: please place your offering in an envelope with the intention and marked "Easter Flowers" and hand into the Parish Office.



## in YOUR PRAYERS

### HOPE IN THE FUTURE

We pray for the parish of Saint John Fisher, Kearsley, with the Schoenstatt Fathers, and the parish of English Martyrs, Whalley, with Father Yates, together with

their primary schools. Let us pray for all in our Diocese who this Sunday will be called to the Easter Sacraments for the first time at the Rite of Election.

**OUR NATIONAL INTENTIONS:** During Lent we are asked to pray for: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Máire Leonard, Patrick Prendergast, Agnes Prestage, Mary Smith, Alice Pendlebury, Mafalda Livesey, Annie Greenhalgh, Florence Metcalf, Paul Broderick, Margaret Rimmer, George Doyle, Delia Mulligan, Patricia Shaw, Patricia Bryce, Kevin Michael Connolly, Lillian McGrail, Judith

Anne Berry, Cyril Higginson, Winifred Barrett, Alexander John Cant, Lillian McGrail, Peter Fletcher, Patrick Durkin (Junior), Brenda Bryce, Constance McHugh, Molly Patricia Higginson, Francis Doherty, Leslie Cooke, Witold Steinhagen, Sonny Brosch, James William Parrish, John Joseph Healy.

**OUR SICK:** Angela Gaughran, Darrell Wild, Brenda Lynch, Philomena Brennan, Vincent Fox, Pat Fox, Monica Hart, Margaret Spencer, Anna Morrow, Rose Murray, Bernard Tonge, Philip Williams, Tony Riley, Michael Tonge, Mark White, Eileen Watmough, Dominic Reddington, Pauline Penswick, Sheila Delahunty, Joan Wardle, Joseph Roantree, Joseph Scully, Tia Tagget, Noel Moore, Brenda Johnston, David Stott, David Spencer.

# sunday gospel wordsearch

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- WILDERNESS
- TEMPTED
- DEVIL
- FORTY
- STONE
- BREAD
- ALONE
- GLORY
- WORSHIP
- PARAPET
- ANGELS
- EXHAUSTED

# welcome—information to help you!

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## children's liturgy

At every Sunday Mass we offer the Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is for children of Primary School age (i.e. who have started in Reception): they start Mass with their families and friends, and then will be invited by the priest to go out with leaders into the Atrium, where they will listen to and reflect on the Bible readings before joining us again for the second half of Mass.

## childrens' chapel

Through the round window in Church you can see the Children's Chapel, a space specially designed for pre-school children, to allow them (and their families) to relax a little during Mass. The room is soundproof, so the odd bit of noise in there won't disturb anyone! When you take the children in, please help them to have an experience of being at church, using the books and toys provided, and following the Mass. Please ensure that children are not left unaccompanied in the Chapel, and please leave it tidy for the next Mass. To get into the Children's Chapel, go through the door in the corner of the Atrium.

## the sacraments

**BAPTISMS** are by appointment: please collect one of the Information forms from the porch for details of what is required and the next steps in the process.

**ANointing OF THE SICK** please call the Presbytery to ask for this Sacrament. It should not be left until the last minute, but the sick should celebrate this sacrament to receive God's help, healing and comfort.

**MARRIAGE** is by appointment. Please take an information leaflet and return the tear off portion to arrange a pre-Nuptial interview. Please do not make bookings before this interview and note that six months' notice is required (exceptions cannot be made to this.)

## practical notes

**HARD OF HEARING?** There is an Induction Loop System installed in this Church: if you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the 'T' setting.

**WHEELCHAIR** spaces are available on the left side of church,

near the back, near the statue of Our Lady and at the top end by the emergency exit.

## REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Everyone is very welcome to stay behind after Mass and share a cuppa! Tea and Coffee are served in the Atrium straight after all Masses.

## TOILETS

Ladies and Gents are located in the Atrium: we also have disabled facilities with a baby change unit. Please leave toilets clean and tidy after use. Thank you.

The **PARISH OFFICE** is open Tuesday & Thursday (8.00-12 Noon) Friday (08.00-11.00) but please check in advance if you intend to call in. Father James is not available on Mondays: in an emergency please contact a neighbouring Parish.

## SVP CONFRATERNITY

The Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Confraternity exists to offer practical help to those in need, especially the sick and house-bound. If you know of someone who needs such help, please contact the Parish Office.

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## gospel next week

Luke 9:28-36: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

