

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

My dear brothers and sisters,

*In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.*

*Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness. This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.*

*Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.*

## MASSES DURING THE WEEK

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b> Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm	Mary Surgey	
	9.00am	People of the Parish	
	11.00am	Walter Durkan	
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Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Graham Barnes
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Eusebio De Sousa Goncalves Rosado R.I.P	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Michael Richardson R.I.P
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross Peter Barnett R.I.P	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mary Gilboy R.I.P	+ Exposition <b>Confessions: 11.00am -11.30am</b>

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b> Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm	John Hirons R.I.P
	9.00am	Derek Pass R.I.P
	11.00am	People of the Parish

**IN MEMORIAM:** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Eusebio De Sousa Goncalves Rosado R.I.P, and Peter Barnett R.I.P who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March is CAFOD Family Fast Day. Envelopes are available this weekend. Please remember to fill in the slip on the back of the envelope if you pay tax, as CAFOD is able to reclaim Gift Aid. A second collection will be taken next weekend. Thank you.

**LENT WALK WITH ME:** The Lent booklets are now available at the back of the Church priced £1 each. Calendars are also available.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday evening in Lent at 7.00pm. Please do come along to this wonderful meditation.

**PETER BARNETT R.I.P** Sadly, Peter Barnett, who had been the Organist here at the parish for many years, died recently. Peter also played at St Giles' Church, Packwood. Peter had been suffering with ill health for well over two years and had been receiving treatment at Heartlands Hospital, which at times had become invasive, leaving him very weak. Peter was well loved here in the parish and at Packwood also. He was grateful for the care, love and affection which he received from parishioners, especially during his illness. He will be remembered for his warmth and gentleness and above all, for being an outstanding musician. May he now rest in peace.

**TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** An exciting day of training for both new and experienced Ministers of Holy Communion is taking place at St. Ambrose Barlow, Hall Green, on Saturday, 30 March, from 10am-4pm. Every minister in the Deanery is encouraged to attend one of the three dates planned across the Deanery and more details are on the poster. The day will be led by Mgr. McHugh and will include visiting priests. Bring your own lunch but tea/coffee provided.

**ON-LINE 3 MINUTE DAILY RETREAT:** The Jesuit Fathers provide an excellent resource for prayer and meditation. If you go on-line to: [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com) you will see that it provides a three minute daily retreat. This is an excellent way of doing something extra by way of prayer for the season of Lent. Just follow the instructions when accessing the reflection. The meditations provided are accompanied by scripture references and gentle background music.

**CAKE-FEST:** Thank you to everyone who helped with the cake-fest last Sunday, whether with contributions, clearing up, serving etc. A grand total of £128 was made which will be added to CAFOD's Lent Fast Day collection. A special thanks to Maggy Jennings who organised the event.

**FIRST AID:** We have a new First Aid kit in Church, kept at the back underneath the balcony. To help us all, there will be a short 10 minute meeting after all Masses Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March, for all health-care professionals who would be willing to help in a medical emergency. We will also discuss the usefulness of getting an external Automated Defibrillator for the site. If you would like to offer your help or opinion but cannot make any of the meetings, please email the office.

**TABOR HOUSE:** Birmingham's only permanent night shelter, is looking for volunteers to help, especially overnight and mentors. If you are interested in finding out more, why not come along to their Open Evening on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 6pm-8pm at St. Anne's Training Room, 96 Bradford Street, Birmingham B12 0PY. Please contact Sharon McCall: 07387 418319 for further information.

**EVERY LIFE MATTERS:** A talk by Life Charity. Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, arrivals from 10.30am. The Grimshaw Room, St. Chad's Cathedral, B4 6EY. Cost – suggested donation of £5 (all monies will be given to Life Charity). For more information call 0121 475 1227.

**COLLECTION:** 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. Gift Aid: £324.00. Loose: £474.98. Standing Order: £601.00. TOTAL: £1,399.98.

Father O'Mahony Trust: £124.18.

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**TODAY'S MASS:**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10. The creed of the chosen people.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps. 90. Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.**

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Romans 10: 8-13. The creed of the Christian.

**Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

The Gospel according to Luke 4: 1-13. Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**Dismissal of the Children**

*Where two or three are gathered in my name I am there with them, I am there with them, I am there.*

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