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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Sunday 10 MARCH 2019
Worship me, then, and it shall

DAILY MASS-WEEK 10th March 2019

Sunday	9.00am	Anne Berne Decd
	5.15pm	Jerry Vaz Decd
		Brigid Gordon (Sck)
Monday	9.30am	SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION
Tuesday	9.30am	Special Intention (Operation)
Wednesday	9.30am	SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION
Thursday	9.30am	Aidan Glover's Ints
Friday	9.30am	SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION
Saturday	11.00am	Barry O'Loughlin Decd.

CONFESSION
Saturday 10.30—10.55am
During Lent— after Sunday Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Wednesday 7.00—7.25pm
Friday 10.00—10.30am— Prayers for Vocations

DIARY

SUNDAYS DURING LENT—STATIONS OF THE CROSS 4.00pm

TUESDAY; UCM MEETING 7.30pm

Monday 18th: Parish Pastoral Group—Meeting 7.30pm in Presbytery

FINANCE MATTERS: Last week's Collection—£288 + 89 S/Os. SVP—£311 Thank you.

REPENTANCE ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH

Repentance of itself is not enough

Grace must be available.

But if grace is offered and not accepted.

Then nothing comes of that either.

There is no point in putting up a sail; I f there is no wind.

There is no point in planting a seed; If the ground is frozen.

There is no point in planting the tree

If Spring does not come.

It is not enough to cut into people's hearts

In order to save them — they must be touched by grace

Lord, touch our hearts with yur grace,

So that we may produce the fruits of repentance.

SUNDAY LITURGY.

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FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

The creed of the chosen people.

PSALM RESPONSE BE WITH ME, O LORD, IN MY DISTRESS.

SECOND READING : Roman 10: 8-13

The creed of the Christian

GOSPEL ACCLAIM: 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!

GOSPEL: Luke 4: 1-13

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

THE DEEP END — INTO THE WILDERNESS

Lent is a great season where we are called to fasting, almsgiving and Prayer. Where our motivations may vary from weight loss to genuine spiritual journeying, this is a season where we take time to stop and take stock of our lives. What's there? What's there that shouldn't be there? Are there things in my life that I need to change, to move around, to let go of? Are there obstacles in the way of my relationship with Jesus and the world around me ?

Given the extent of the climate crisis the world finds itself in, Lent would be an excellent time for each of us to examine our relationship with the earth with the hope we might recognise the interconnectedness of all things. We might fast from our cars, when we can, or look at how much food. Clothies and energy we consume. How are our recycling habits? You might pledge to read *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, during Lent and perhaps ask a few friends to join you. Whatever you decide to do, embrace this very special time. In the Gospel we are given encouragement as we read Jesus is being led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The wilderness is not a place to be feared: it is a place of transformation; where God is ultimately in control. We might encounter our demons and temptations there, but that is part of the journey. As with all things we get out of Lent what we put in. The more we put in, the greater the celebration on Easter Sunday morning.

TODAY: MISSION APPEAL: STATIONS OF CROSS 4.00pm :

Lenten Stations of the Cross

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be held each Sunday at 4.00pm

Welcome Fr Joseph Archibong: Annual Mission Appeal.

Every year each Parish must have an Appeal for the Foreign Missions. This year our Diocese has invited the St Patrick's Missionary Society. Thank you Father Joseph for coming among us.

Let us respond generously.

Our Parish Pastoral Council meet on Monday March 18th.

Can all members make a special effort. Its at 7.30pm in the Presbytery ?. Please note the change of Date from the original planned date (it was to be on 11th).

VOCATIONS

Northampton Diocese will be hosting a weekend at the Cathedral for those men considering the Vocation to the Priesthood.

Friday 22nd March – Sunday 24th March.

If you are interested please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak to Fr Mark Floody.

Lent Retreat Day

on Saturday, 23rd March 1.30pm — 6.00pm

at Holy Cross Church (355 Goldington Road, Bedford. MK41 0DP).

**This is organised by the St Vincent de Paul Society
and is open to everyone.**

**If anyone would like transport to Holy Cross Church Retreat Day,
please call us on 07526 753986.**

Job Vacancy

Full Time Youth Ministry Coordinator – NYMO

For full details of the role, job profile and an application form, please visit www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or call 01604 714840. The closing date for applications will be Tuesday 26th March 2019 interviews will take place on 9/4/2019

Diocesan Mass for Marriage.

Bishop Peter warmly invites you the Diocesan Mass for Married Life.

St Mary's Catholic Church; Woburn Sands MK17 8NN

Saturday 6th April: gather 11.30a.m. Mass 12 Noon.

Bishop Peter will give his Blessing to those celebrating significant milestones in their Marriage; i.e. 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years etc.

If you are celebrating such a milestone please contact: Eamonn & Paola McMorrow on 074 12 15 15 17 or at mfl@northamptondiocese.com

Everybody is welcome. Refreshments after the Mass.

Feast of Annunciation Mon 25th March

Rosary Procession at Angelus time of 6pm in Central Milton Keynes. It begins at the City Centre Church of Christ the Cornerstone (300 Saxon Gate West MK9 2ES).

More details Monica on 07 401 366 330.

REFLECTION

Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel

(Luke 4: 1—13)

The temptations was a step in Jesus' growing understanding of his mission and of his relationship with his Father. Can you look back at some painful experiences and acknowledge that you have grown through them, both in the knowledge of yourself and in your relationships with others and with God? Give thanks for the guidance of the Spirit of God in these times

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