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1st Sunday of Lent (Year C) 6th March 2022

Sunday Reflection

The Gospel of this 1st Sunday of Lent is the temptations of Jesus. It is under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that Jesus went to the desert to be tempted. We can see from this that the fact of being tempted is not wrong in any way. Jesus himself experienced temptation. The only thing wrong is to give in to temptation. To resist it victoriously like Jesus did in the desert is to seize the opportunity of expressing one's filial love of God. The means of overcoming temptations are also the same as always, those used by Jesus himself: humble submission to the will of the Father, loving acceptance of the destiny prepared for us by the Father and refusal to provoke God into performing extra-ordinary interventions on our behalf.

Lent – We began our season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, which was a “Day of Fast and Abstinence”. We prepare for the celebration of Easter with forty days of Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving. We are often asked “What are you giving up for Lent?” We could also be asked “What are you taking up for Lent?” Two critical Lenten words to note “Repent” and “Believe”. We renew our Christian Life and try to be more faithful to our Baptismal calling. Have a good Lent!

Stations of the Cross – Every Friday of Lent after the 6.30pm Mass.

Tabletop & Cake sale on this Sunday 6th March in aid of the people of Ukraine in this current conflict. Cake sale will be after the 9:30am Mass and hot food will be after the 11am Mass. We look forward to seeing you and giving your support to the people of Ukraine.

First Holy Communion Programme – Children's 5th Session of the programme is on this Sunday 6th March at 9am in the school Hall.

Confirmation Programme – Next session is on Sunday 27th March 2022 at 5pm. Candidates will then attend 6.30pm Mass.

St Patrick's Night Party – Saturday 19th March @ 7pm. Tickets on Sale for £5 in the Parish Office (Limited Number). Please bring drink for share table.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm. 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 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address, and email (or telephone number if no email). Closing date is Friday 1st April 2022.

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every Monday after our 10am Mass.

Confessions can also be heard at this time. **Blessed Carlo Pray for us.**

Lord Jesus

I give you my hands to do your work

I give you my feet to go your way

I give you my eyes to see as you do

I give you my tongue to speak your words

I give you my mind that you may think in me

I give you my spirit that you may pray in me

Above all, I give you my heart

That you may love in me

Your father and all mankind

I give you my whole self that you may grow

In me so that it is you Lord Jesus

Who live and work and pray in me. Amen. © The Grail Society

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.00am
Spanish Mass 12.30pm
6.30pm
Mon to Sat 10am & **6.30pm**

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am
6.00 – 6.30pm
Mon. – Fri. 6:15 – 6:30pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.

- Rosary also held
on Sundays at 3pm
in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month
after 10am Mass. The hour
will include Rosary, Litany
Divine Mercy & Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 7th – Ss Perpetua &
Felicity

Tue 8th – St John of God

Wed 9th – St Frances of Rome

Fri 11th – CAFOD Family
Fast Day

CAFOD Family Fast Day on
Friday 11th March & the 2nd
Collections taken at weekend
Masses 12th/13th will be for
CAFOD Lent Appeal 2022.

No Flowers – In keeping with
the Penitential nature of
Lent, there are no flowers in
Church, Music is reduced to
an essential minimum and
we all fast from “Alleluias”.