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**FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT**

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**6th March 2022 to
13th March 2022**

**Welcome to this House
of God:**

Talk to God before Mass

Listen to God during Mass

Talk to others after Mass

**Today's Mass
Readings**

Deuteronomy

26:4-10; Ps 90;

Romans 10:8-13;

Luke 4:1-13

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

The season of Lent is upon us. The purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the three most sacred days of the Church Year, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, the Paschal Mysteries of Jesus Christ. Before the beginning of His public ministry, Jesus fasted for forty days and overcame the Evil One and taught us to follow His example. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the hallmarks of Christianity.

Prayer: it is for the good of our souls, an intimate dialogue with God, speaking and listening with the heart and experiencing His presence and love. King David was a good example of this prayer and many of his prayers are the Psalms in the Bible in which we learn about David's intimacy with God.

Fasting: It is for the good of the body. Fasting helps us to feel and share the hunger of the breadless poor and taste the tears of those who live on the edge of despair. When we fast we feel hunger and when people tell us that they are hungry, we can understand their feeling and out of our experience we are moved to feed them, because experience is the best knowledge.

Almsgiving: it is for the good of our neighbour. To take upon ourselves personal responsibility for helping our brethren in need is to reach out and touch God Himself. "whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, this you do unto me" [Mt :25:40]

The word 'Lent' is an old English word which means "Spring time". May this Lent really be new Spring time in the lives of each of us. Through prayer, fasting from food accompanied by forgiving others and not bearing grudges and through donating our surplus to help the poor, may we be like Jesus in the desert for forty days who overcome temptation. Thus we will be well prepared to celebrate Easter. Wishing you all a blessed Lenten season.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Dawn Rutherford, Enid and John King, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Thomas (Tom) Falveu, Catherine Lamb, Hannah Leahy, Marie McNally, Pat Poyner** and all those who have died recently. We also remember, Peter Hannon, Florence McGrath, Mavis Jones, Michael Toyne, Margaret Haugh, Alice Flynn, Joan McCracken, Sinon O'Shaunessy, Jessie O'Neill, Ellen Winston, Patrick Noctor, Joan McGirr, David Mattock, Mamie Connors, Robert Ahern, Audrey Edwards, Millicent Coppock, Jestina Alston, George Brudzunski, Margaret Slattery, Patrick McGrath, Alice Dunne, George Farrall, William Pike, Margaret Abbott and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Requiem Mass for Catherine Lamb is on Friday 11th March 2022 at 11:30am here in Church followed by Burial at Oscott Cemetery at 1:00pm.

Reception of the Body will be on Thursday 10th March at 6:30pm.

Funeral Service for Hannah Leahy is on Thursday 17th March 2022 here in Church at 12:00pm followed by Burial at Heath Lane Cemetery 1:45pm.

SINCERE THANKS

Denise and Steve Watson would like to say a heartfelt thanks to everyone for the Masses, prayers and support during her recent illness. Mass will be offered for all your intentions. There is a thank you card on the Church notice board.

READERS AND MINISTERS

The new Rotas for Readers and Ministers are now available from the Church Porch. If any existing readers and ministers would like to re-join the rota please let the Parish Office know. Thank you for your continuing support.

This Week Saturday 5th March - Sunday 13th March (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 5th March Saturday after Ash Wednesday	12:30 pm Jackie Conway RIP	12:00pm Confessions
Sunday 6th March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE	8:30 am Ints of Joyce Finch 10:30 am John Peach RIP 3:00pm Syro Malankara Holy Mass	2:00pm Baptism
Monday 7th March Lent Feria	11:00am Divine Mercy 11:30am Ints of John and Enid king	
Tuesday 8th March Lent Feria	9:00am Elizabeth and Edward Brennan RIP Private Mass	
Wednesday 9th March Lent Feria	11:00am Rosary 11:30am Ints of Sr. Bridget and Sr. Rose (Holy Name School Mass in Church)	
Thursday 10th March Lent Feria	9:30am Mass at St. Mark School - Ints of Patrick Farnan	4:30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting 6:30pm Catherine Lamb Reception of the Body
Friday 11th March Lent Feria	11:30am Requiem Mass for Catherine Lamb	
Saturday 12th March Lent Feria	12:30 pm Ints of Leo Hughes	
Sunday 13th March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CAFOD	8:30 am Michael and Anne Doocey RIP 10:30 am Susan Carroll	3:00pm Stations of the Cross lead by S.V.P

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:
£307.78**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£155.00
Parish Levies
£152.83**

**Standing Order for
the Month of
January
£1,741**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday:254**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Genesis 15:5-12,
17-18; Ps 26;
Philippians
3: 17-4:1
Luke 9:28-36**

THE SEASON OF LENT

It is Ash Wednesday this week and so we begin the season of Lent once again. This year we will be able to pray together as a Parish at Mass more easily as there are no longer any Masses without a congregation. There will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays before Mass and on Sundays at 3:00pm, starting on 13th March. We are also encouraged to take and use the Walk with Me booklets prepared for Lent which guide us in prayer everyday. We hope these will arrive soon.

Also let's not forget the needs of those closer to home whom we support via the Food Bank.

Wishing you a fruitful Lent in preparation for the celebration of the Easter Mysteries.

MISSIO RED BOX

If you have a Missio Red Box, please empty it into the brown envelopes with your name and amount, (available from the Parish office), then hand it into the office. Thank you all for your continued and valuable support. It is much appreciated.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, who has had expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent).

KEEP—FIT GROUP

After 35 years the Holy Name Keep - Fit group has now closed. I hope you continue to exercise and we may meet up in the park. Thank you for your support and friendship.

Margaret Brennan

GREAT BARR FOOD BANK

Thank you for your continuing support for the Food Bank.

We have received a request from them as their stocks are running low. In addition to the normal items, they are particularly short of sugar, tinned meat, instant mash, tinned vegetables, rice and Long Life fruit Juice. As usual, donations can be left at any time in the basket in the porch at the Presbytery.