

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FIRST READING** *Genesis 2:7-9.3:1-7*

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, "Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, 'You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death.'" Then the serpent said to the woman: "No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Psalms 50*

**Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R/**
2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R/**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R/**
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R/**

**SECOND READING** (shorter version) *5:12, 17-19*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God**

**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** *Matthew 4:1-11*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves". But he replied, "Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God".

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God" he said "throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone".

Jesus said to him, "Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test".

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "I will give you all these," he said, "if you fall at my feet and worship me." Then Jesus replied, "Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone."

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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**YEAR A – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – Year of the Word**  
**1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 – Psalter Week I**

Sat 29th	FIRST SUNDAY OF	5.00pm	Mary & Joe Cotter	St. Mary's
Sun 1st	LENT	9.00am	Thanksgiving	St. Paul's
	(Cafod envelopes given out)	11.00am	Bob & Pat Wattle	St. Mary's
Mon 2nd	St. Aidan Lindisfarne	9.30am	Word and Communion	St. Mary's
Tues 3rd		4.30pm	Funeral Matthew Winnall (47) Crem.	
		7.00pm	Rita McNamee	St. Mary's
Wed 4th		11.30am	Stations of the Cross	St. Paul's
		12.00pm	Ellen Dale	St. Paul's
		7.00pm	Cafod Meeting at St. Patrick's	
Thurs 5th	St. Gregory the Great	9.30am	Paraic Martyn	St. Mary's
		7.00pm	Year of the Word Course – session 8	L. Room
Fri 6th	CAFOD FAMILY	12.00pm	Tom Litherland	St. Mary's
	FAST DAY	12.30pm	Soup & Sandwiches in Lower Room	L. Room
	St. Cuthbert	1.30pm	Funeral - Margaret Courtney (76)	St. Mary's
Sat 7th		10.00am	First Forgiveness meeting	L. Room
Sat 7th	SECOND SUNDAY	5.00pm	Rosetta Walsh	St. Mary's
Sun 8th	OF LENT	9.00am	Private Intention	St. Paul's
	(Cafod envelopes collected.)	11.00am	Jane Clarke (SVP)	St. Mary's



Confessions 4.00pm-4.30pm Saturday and on request

Newsletter Contributions to St Mary's Presbytery by noon on Wednesday.

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### YEAR OF THE WORD PRAYER

Living God,  
You walk alongside us and  
Speak to us throughout the scriptures.  
Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
Listens to our hopes and fears  
And shows us how to live for one another.  
Send us the Holy Spirit  
To open our hearts and minds  
So that we may be your witnesses  
Throughout the world.  
Amen

*We shall recite this prayer before the start of the Sunday readings each week.*

### PRAYER REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially; Liz McCandless, Sharon Kelly, Brian McSweeney, Kathleen Hartnett and Kath Fullerton

We remember all those who have died recently, especially:

Margaret Craig Funeral Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Susan Jones Funeral Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Also, Angela Williams, Matthew Winnall, Margaret Courtney, Enid Turner, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

### MONEY MATTERS

Offertory: £1,152.67  
250 Club: £ 186.40  
Winner: B McFelly

Many thanks for your generosity.

The next new batch of envelopes will start at the beginning of the financial Year and will appear in due course.

If you wish to take out a standing order, or to "gift aid" your donation, this can also be arranged. Whatever way you give, many thanks for your generosity to the Church.

### CAFOD LUNCHES IN LENT

Once again, we will be holding our Soup and Roll on Friday lunch times during Lent. If you would like to organise one of these Fridays, please contact the parish office or see list at back of church.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Prepared by The Women from Zimbabwe.  
Dawley Christian Centre, Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
2.30 pm - Everyone Welcome

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

The forms for enrolment in the First Forgiveness (28<sup>th</sup> March) and First Holy Communion (30<sup>th</sup> May) programmes are now available.

Maureen, Tracey, Kate and Joanne have kindly agreed to run the course for us.

The forms for enrolment in the programme for Confirmation (28<sup>th</sup> May) are also available.

Noreen O'Neill has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the course, assisted by Jim and Sue.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – an Opportunity for all Married Couples to enrich their marriage and renew their commitment to one another. Book now at [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk) or for more information contact:

Charles & Krysia Golabek on 01625 263627  
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Mark & Liz Dutton on 01625 428498  
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### AUTUMN PARISH TRIP

We have booked a trip to Amsterdam - Holland £499 per person for 28<sup>th</sup> September 5 days, dinner bed and breakfast. Twenty-four places already booked.

**See noticeboard for details.**

All single rooms went on the first weekend!

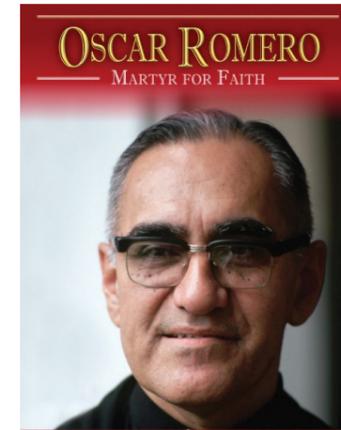


There is one double and some twin rooms still available.

### SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

First Sunday of every month starting today, on **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March** 12.30pm at the Madebrook, Madeley. See notice at back of church. Lifts can be arranged if required.

### DEANERY DAY OF RECOLLECTION



**Deanery Day of Recollection, on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, reflecting on the life and example of Saint Oscar Romero. The day will be led by David McLoughlin (Emeritus Fellow of Newman University, Birmingham).**

**The venue will be Our Lady of the Rosary and St Luke's Church, Church Road, Trench (sat nav. TF2 7HG). The Day will begin with tea and coffee at 10.30am and will conclude at approximately 3pm. Please bring your packed lunch. There is no cost to the Day itself.**

**All are most welcome.**

### IRISH NIGHT

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in the Valley Hotel, Ironbridge, 7.00pm Steak & ale pie, or Chicken in white wine & Live music from Annie Mac  
Booking forms now available .£17.50 adults  
£10 under 10's. Vegetarian option available.



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY!

"You know, the Irish tell the story of a man who arrives at the gates of heaven and asks to be let in. St Peter says, "Of course, just show us your scars." The man says, "I have no scars." St Peter says, "What a pity. Was there nothing worth fighting for?"

### FROM THE DIOCESAN MISSION FOR CATECHISTS AND VOLUNTEERS:

#### **St Mary's, Middlewich:**

14<sup>th</sup> March: What makes a good resource?  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2020: Exploring Good resources!  
10.30 am – 3.00pm at St Mary's, New King Street, Middlewich, Cheshire, (sat nav. CW10 9EB).

### FROM THE DIOCESE FOR THE YEAR OF THE WORD

#### **Shrewsbury Cathedral:**

Fr John Britto: *Verbum Domini/Word of the Lord* (Pope Benedict XVI)

Sat 29 Feb Shrewsbury Cathedral 11:00-12:30

Miss Barbara Davies: *The Language we use to speak of God*

Sat 07 Mar Shrewsbury Cathedral 11:00-12:30

### CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

On Friday, 6 March is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.

### CAFOD - MOTHER'S DAY & EASTER CARDS

14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March sale of home-made cards to support Cafod's vital work.

### DIARY

#### March

6<sup>th</sup> Family Fast Day/ Women's World Day of Prayer  
7<sup>th</sup> First Sacraments programme begins (First Forgiveness & First Holy Communion) 10.00am  
Teas & Coffees after 5pm Mass  
11<sup>th</sup> Funeral Margaret Craig  
14<sup>th</sup> Oscar Romero - A Day of Recollection - David McLoughlin (Emeritus Fellow of Newman University) at Our Lady's, Trench.  
15<sup>th</sup> Sale of cards for CAFOD  
20<sup>th</sup> Irish Night – Valley Hotel  
25<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Programme begins. 7pm  
29<sup>th</sup> School Mass in Church