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First Sunday of Lent - 21 February 2021

“ ‘The time has come’, he said, ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the good news.’ ”

Mark 1, 15

LENT 2021

LENT COURSE

This will happen on Zoom this year -

[OLASA LENT COURSE](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84943731720>

Meeting ID: 849 4373 1720

Each session starts 19.30 and lasts approx. 1 hour.

This year's theme: The Passion Narratives & the Easter Story

22nd Feb - The Last Supper

1st March - The Garden of

Gethsemane & the Jewish Trial

8th March - Jesus before Pilate and Herod

15th March - The Crucifixion & Burial

22nd March - The empty Tomb & the

Easter appearances

29th March - Resurrection faith in

St Paul's epistles

CAFOD 'BIG WALK FOR WATER'

Please see link for our parish sponsorship page"

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/damian-porter1>

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

Family Fast Day is **Friday 26th February**. Right now, some of the world's poorest and most marginalised people don't have clean water to drink, decent toilets to use or good hygiene to protect themselves in these times of a global pandemic. Without these basics, overcoming poverty is just a dream. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support.

Donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or you can give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10.*

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

These will take place on Fridays during Lent at 12noon followed by Mass at 12.30.

All welcome, no need to book.

ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING LENT

The Friday Mass at 12.30 will be open during Lent. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12.00 before Mass.

Saturday morning Mass at 10am followed by exposition and benediction will be open to the public during Lent.

Everybody welcome, just turn up.

There is no need to book for these Masses.

BILL MCMAHON-RIP

Bill died on Wed 13th Jan 21.

His funeral Mass took place on Fri 5th Feb in the parish church of St Patrick's, Cloonfad, Co Mayo Ireland followed by burial in the family grave at Tulrahan cemetery in Claremorris, Co Mayo. Please pray for the repose of Bill's soul. May he eternally rest in peace.

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First Sunday of Lent (Year B – Mark): The newspapers of today, to say nothing of the history books of the twentieth century, remind us that evil is ever present in our world. Holocaust Memorial Day, celebrated at the end of January, is but one reminder of the evils of which human beings are capable. The injustices prevalent in every society, the treatment of refugees (Rohinga or Syrian) and the alarming rise of domestic violence in the UK in lockdown, as reported in this week's broadsheets, are all sobering reminders that evil is woven into the life of even the most open and democratic societies. It is easier to generalise the phenomenon than to recognise the divided hearts we all have, the tensions with which we all struggle and the evils of which, in given circumstances, we might ourselves be capable. And yet in both the history of the Jewish and Christian peoples, and in the secular history of most of our societies, there are men and women of outstanding virtue who fight against evil and propose alternatives that appeal to man's nobler instincts. What today's gospel suggests is that even Jesus had to struggle against temptation, evil had its allure or an alternative lifestyle which put personal pleasure and satisfaction before God was something against which even Jesus had to struggle.

First Reading (OT): Genesis 9, 8 – 15: Can people be rescued from the evil to which they feel inclined? Sometimes yes, more often no. Noah's time seems to have been very decadent, evil was winning the upper hand. And yet Noah was a righteous man and God gave him the opportunity to build the ark. Most of his contemporaries let evil predominate. And yet Noah and his family, as well as all the animals he had managed to cram into the ark, were saved. And today's reading describes the new opportunity Noah and his ancestors have been given through the covenant that God seals with them. This is one of a series of covenants, sacred bonds, and occasions us to reflect that we are children of the new covenant sealed by God through the sacrificial, atoning death of Jesus Christ.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Peter 3, 18 – 22: Here we have described what Jesus did between his death and resurrection, he descended into hell (Apostles' Creed), to rescue those asleep in death. This is the great mystery of faith we celebrate so quietly on Holy Saturday. In Baptism Christians are linked to Christ's death and at the same time they receive the hope that God is stronger than death.

Gospel: Mark 1, 12 – 15: So much of the advertising we see in today's world invites us, urges us even, to give into temptations, to let yourself be tempted! When the scriptures speak of temptation something else is intended. Temptation is seen as some dream, future prospect, some possession which will rupture our relationship with God and our fellow man. The Bible is not convinced that we are always strong enough to resist temptation. We must imagine that the temptations Jesus experienced were real, he was tempted, yet his relationship with God was strong enough to fortify him and enable him to resist. When temptations come our way, we must never forget that we get strength from prayer and self-discipline.

Mass Intentions for First Week in Lent

Saturday	20 th February	<u>10.00</u>	People of the parish
<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>			
First Sunday of Lent			Year B
Saturday	20 th February	17.30	Canon Giles Goward
Sunday	21 st February	10.00	Father Seán Farrell
Monday	22 nd February	09.15	Holy Souls
<i>Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle</i>			
Tuesday	23 rd February	09.15	Canon Giles Goward
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
Wednesday	24 th February	09.15	Holy Souls
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
Thursday	25 th February	08.00	Holy Souls
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
Friday	26 th February	<u>12.00</u>	Stations of the Cross
<i>Lenten Feria</i>		<u>12.30</u>	Holy Souls
Saturday	27 th February	<u>10.00</u>	People of the parish
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
Second Sunday of Lent			Year B
Saturday	27 th February	17.30	Shikry & Hortence Taghmour
Sunday	28 th February	10.00	Valeria Dubaj

Weekday Masses in bold and underlined are open to the public.