

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**First Sunday of Lent – 5/6 March 2022**

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

**Matthew 4, 4**

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** is on Friday 11th March. Envelopes will be available on your pews this weekend to be collected then and over the following weekend by Pam Beyts and Damian Porter. You may also text **CAFOD10** to **70580**.

**PARISH LENT WALK FOR HUNGER Saturday 19th March.** The families of St Anne's Primary School and Parish community of all ages and sizes are taking part in the Cafod Walk against Hunger. Starting at 9.30a.m, we will be walking/cycling/being carried from our church in Caversham to St Margaret's in Mapledurham, and back, or however far you can make it. Please join us in this great parish effort to stamp out hunger, featuring our much loved music group! Help by sponsoring us <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walkforhungerStAnnesCaversham>. Contact [damianrporter@gmail.com](mailto:damianrporter@gmail.com) or tel 07827302803 for more details.

### **MAKE YOUR OWN EASTER FLOWER DECORATIONS**

Following the success of the Christmas wreath making, an evening making Easter door decorations has been planned. Bring your own flowers of choice and Paul will guide you in making a fabulous decoration. Indulge in a cheeky glass of wine and an evening of fun.

Date: Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March; Time: 7.15pm

Place: Cenacle; Cost: donation of £25

Message Tina [ 07753 605 972] to secure a place.



**OUR LADY'S LAMP**  
This week's lamp is lit for:  
**Denise Desiree Charles**

### **MARGARET'S EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO TREK**

Margaret, who some of you may know as a parish steward, will be walking 100KM of The Camino way from the 4th - 10th May, raising funds for Thames Hospice. If you can support her please follow the link to her Just Giving page where there is more information about the hospice and an opportunity to sponsor her and support the wonderful work they do.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/margaret-thomas9>

### **SUPPORTING PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

Everybody is looking for ways to help but the Ukrainian Community centre is now overwhelmed and have paused their collection. There is information about how you could help on the following links:

[DEC|Disasters Emergency Committee|](#)

[Ukraine](#) - this is match funded by the

Government up to £20 million

[Reading Ukrainian Centre](#)

[Reading Refugee Centre](#)

[CAFOD Ukrainian Appeal](#)

[British Red Cross](#)

### **EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION**

The church will be without flowers during Lent but the usual basket for contributions to the Easter flower fund will be available after Masses.

It is always lovely to have flowers again after the simplicity of Lent. Please give what you can.

### **PARISH INCOME**

Feb Contactless Sun. offering: £ 520.00

Feb Contactless Building Fund: £ 105.00

Monthly Standing Orders: £2935.00

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## First Sunday of Lent (Year C – Luke)

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

## Mass Intentions for First Week of Lent

### First Sunday of Lent

Year C

Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	17.30	Thanksgiving - Anna Zygmunt Powiecki
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00	

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March No Mass  
*Commemoration of Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs*

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March No Mass  
*Commemoration of St John of God, Religious*

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March No Mass  
*Commemoration of St Frances of Rome, Religious*

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March No Mass  
*Thursday of the first week of Lent*

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March No Mass  
*Friday of the first week of Lent – Lent Fast Day*

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March No Mass  
*Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

### Second Sunday of Lent

Year C

Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> March	17.30	Bridie O’Sullivan Anniversary Mass Our Lady & St Anne
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00	

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass