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First Sunday of Lent, Year A –

25th-26th February 2023

Man does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Mt 4:4

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday 24th February at 12noon, followed by a soup lunch in the Cenacle.

Hopefully a different volunteer could provide soup and bread each Friday. If you would like to help, sign up on the list at the back of church.

It would help the cooks to know how many people intend to come to Stations each Friday. If you think you might come please put your name on the list at the back of church.

RIP Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Michael [Tony] Deasy - funeral here Friday 3rd March @ 10am and

Sheila Smith - funeral details to be arranged.

Margaret Saucell - funeral details to be arranged.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR THOSE NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The first meeting is on Wednesday 1st March at 4.30pm in the Cenacle. If you are interested in preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation please contact the office by email [ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk] or phone [0118 9471787].

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

12/2/23

C'tless: £81.00

Loose plate£305.72

Candles £47.7

BButties £126.00

Curry night £236.50

SOrders:£2361.32

19/2/23

C'less: £123.00

Loose plate£361.95

Candles£0.00

Our Lady's Lamp

£20.00

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CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday 3rd March: Envelopes will be available on your pews over the weekend of 25th and 26th February and will be collected then and over the following weekend by Pam Betys and Damian Porter.

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. You may also text LENT10 to 70460 to donate £10"

TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE

Mass is in the evening on Tues 28th Feb, so coffee will be at 9.30am. Come and have a chat.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fridays during Lent - stations and soup lunch

3rd March CAFOD Family Fast Day

18th March Big CAFOD Walk

5th April Big Church clean for Easter

15th April Cotham Ensemble



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

G. Anthony Muthu RIP

Please keep him in your prayers.

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<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>

or by request from the parish office.

Background on the Sunday Gospel

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call 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; God alone is God.

Taken from: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/first-sunday-of-lent-cycle-a-sunday-connection/>

Mass Intentions

First Week of Lent

First Sunday of Lent

Year A

Saturday	25 th February	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	26 th February	10.00am	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Monday	27 th February	No Mass	
<i>Commemoration of St Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church</i>			
Tuesday	28 th February	7.30pm	Margaret Saucell RIP
<i>Tuesday of the first week of Lent</i>			
Wednesday	1 st March	9.15am	Sam Citero Snr RIP
<i>Feast of St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales</i>			
Thursday	2 nd March	9.15am	Arthur and Sara Taylor RIP
<i>Feast of St Chad, Bishop Patron of the Archdiocese</i>			
Friday	3 rd March	10.00am	Requiem – Michael Deasy
<i>Friday of the first week of Lent</i>			
		12.00noon	<i>Lenten Stations of the Cross</i>

Second Sunday of Lent

Year A

Saturday	4 th March	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	5 th March	10.00am	Int. of Reuben Muston

Rosary prayed before Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody welcome.