

### From Sunday's Gospel

Following his baptism, Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, went out into the wilderness to fast and pray for 40 days and 40 nights after which he was very hungry. Knowing that Jesus was hungry, the tempter appeared to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, turn these stones into loaves.' But Jesus replied with God's word saying, 'Scripture says: "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Jesus was then faced with two more temptations and both times he replied with God's word and resisted. Then Jesus said, "Be off, Satan!" Then the tempter left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

**"Lent is a wonderful season, a turning point that can foster change in each of us. Let us deny ourselves**

**something every day to help others."** Many of us will be thinking of giving up something this Lent, it may sweets, sugar, biscuits. Or it may be the television, the I-Pad, using the mobile phone! As well as giving something up we might decide to do something extra, a few minutes of quiet prayer, visit a person in need. Whatever we do or don't do, the purpose is to help us grow closer to God.

### Ministers

### March 5th

#### Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm P.Redshaw  
8.30am E.Davies  
10.00am Sunday School Family

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
C.Ward/K.McKune

### March 12th

6.00pm M.Jefferis  
8.30am J.McMahon  
10.00am C.Hall

S.Dyson  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**First: £368.98 Second: £184.04 Shop £216.23 Thank You**  
**Candles: £101.06 Birthday Party £50.00 Thank You**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING CHEQUES**

**If you are making out a cheque please make it payable to  
DIOCESE OF LEEDS— SACRED HEART**



## **Sacred Heart & St. William**

**31 High Street  
Uppermill OL3 6HS  
web: [www.sacredheartparish.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartparish.org.uk)**

### ***1st Sunday of Lent***

### ***March 5th 2017 Year A (Matthew's Gospel)***

#### **Times of Masses & Intentions**

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Stella Philbin
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Sr Dominic Golligly
		<b>Refreshments after Mass</b>
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Monday	9.30am	November Dead List
Tuesday	9.30am	Harry Heaton (Anniversary)
	<b>8.00pm Taizé Prayer group</b>	
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Lawrence Hayden & Dr Morris
Thursday	9.30am	Brett Taylor (Anniversary)
Friday	9.30am	Winifred Hudson
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday	10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Vigil	6.00pm	Kethleen Widdop
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Special Intention
<b>Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request</b>		
<b>Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday</b>		
<b>When there is A Service of the Word &amp; Holy Communion there is NO Exposition</b>		

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## CAFOD Family Fast—Friday 10th March



There will be an appeal at each of the Masses this weekend telling the story of Florence. Hear how her and that of her family was transformed by 500 tiny fish!

**PLEASE TAKE A CAFOD ENVELOPE THIS WEEKEND AND RETURN IT NEXT WEEKEND. THANK YOU.**



### CAFOD Quiz—THIS COMING FRIDAY

This year's quiz will take place, on **Friday March 10th**—please make a note of it in your diary—tickets are now available. Please see Anne if you wish to purchase one (or more). Thank



### Lent 2017—House Masses

If you are willing to 'host' a House Mass during Lent **please sign the list** at the back of the church so that a day and a time can be arranged. Thank you.

## WAY OF THE CROSS

### Stations of the Cross

Please **sign the list** at the back of the church if you are willing to **lead The Stations of the Cross.**



### Churches Together in Saddleworth—Lent Course

The first meeting of the Lent Course will take place **this Thursday March 9th from 7.30-9.00pm in the Parish Centre.** We will be using the book by David Adam Called The Awesome Journey—Life's pilgrimage. For this first meeting **participants are asked to have read The Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2.** The intention is to look at 2 chapters each meeting on the FOUR following Thursdays, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th



### Sunday School

The next Sunday School will take place after the 10.00am Mass **THIS Sunday, the First Sunday of Lent, March 5th.**



### Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

Pope Francis writes: "Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving... I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter."

This weekend we have the **CAFOD** appeal in readiness for The Lent Family Fast Day next Friday when we take part in this Lenten Campaign.

Our parish also has a very close relationship with **CORNERSTONE** which literally **opens its doors to the vulnerable and the poor** on our own doorsteps.

Parishioners work closely with the **OLDHAM PROJECT** which reaches out to refugees providing clothing and other essentials. Pope Francis encourages all these activities as a way **to share to the full the joy of Easter.**



### FAIRTRADE CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS

It is time, once again, to order your "Real Easter Eggs." They cost £3.95 and are made from delicious fairly traded chocolate. They come with a booklet which tells the Christian story of Easter. Please sign the list at the back of the church **TODAY** so that the order can be placed in good time. It is hoped to have the Easter Eggs available for the next Sunday School, March 26th. Thank you, Chris Johnson.



### APF Missio Red Boxes

Julia asks all those who have a Red Box for the Missions in their homes to bring them to church over the next couple of weekends so that she can empty them and send the money to Missio. Many thanks.



### Thought for the week

"Dust if you must but bear it in mind, Old Age will come and is not always kind. And when you go, and go you must, you yourself will become more dust." (Rose Milligan)