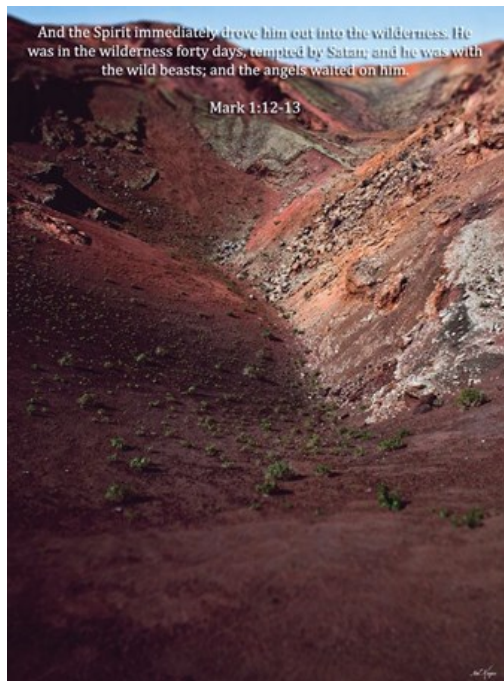


From Sunday's Gospel



The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts and the angels looked after him.

After John the Baptist had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come" he said, "and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News".

SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2021

Adapted from Mark 1:12-15

The 1st Sunday of Lent Year B



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, I hope that we all will live Lent well, following Jesus and carrying within us a ray of his love for all those whom we meet."

Today's word is **Lent**. Last Wednesday was

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, which starts our preparation for the celebration of Easter. Lent is a special time of grace, when the Church invites us all to examine our lives, and if necessary, to make a fresh start with God. Pope Francis also writes, "**Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through fasting, prayer and charitable giving.**" It is a very positive time when we make a change for the better, drawing from our relationship with God in prayer, a willingness to reach out with love and compassion to those most in need, by sharing what we have, or by giving of our time. **Dear Lord Jesus, please help me and my family to grow in love of you and of each other during Lent. Amen**



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1st Sunday in Lent

February 21st 2021 (Mark's Gospel)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED WHILE WE ARE IN LOCK-DOWN

Fr Bernard will celebrate Mass each day without a congregation. Please watch this space for further information.

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday:	Joanna & Michael Friedrich
Monday:	Terence McMahon
Tuesday:	James McKune
Wednesday:	Vibeke Madsen
Thursday:	Richard Clayton
Friday:	Martha Jane Ridgeway
Saturday:	Fr Colman Ryan
Sunday:	Ann McCarthy

Confessions by appointment

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The Lent Course will be based on a new Cover to Cover booklet entitled "**The Prayers of Jesus**" which is available from Eden Books £5.97

Although the Group Meetings will be via Zoom, the booklet is suitable for individual home study for those unable to access Zoom. The Zoom meetings begin next week with 4

opportunities each week to join a group. These are as follows:

TUESDAYS from Feb 23rd at 1.30pm

WEDNESDAYS NB - from Feb 17th at 8pm

THURSDAYS from Feb 25th at 1.30pm

THURSDAYS from Feb 25th at 7.30pm

If you intend to join a Zoom Meeting please let Fr Bernard know so that he can forward the Zoom links to you. Normally we have met in the Parish Centre on Thursday Evenings from 7.30-9.00pm, but as this is not possible at present due to Government restrictions, our Zoom meetings will take place on Thursdays beginning at 7.30pm. It is all a little experimental, but hopefully we will be able to discuss the book **The Prayers of Jesus** 'virtually'!

ST EDWARD'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2021



Children born between 01.09.2017 and 31.08.2018

We are now taking applications for Nursery places in September 2021. If you would like to register an interest for a place for your child, to arrange a visit to see the nursery or school, please contact the school office on **0161 624 1377** or call into the school office with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate. We will offer both part time and full

time places. All eligible children will be offered 15 hours free child care and some working parents may also be eligible for 30 hours free childcare. For more information : www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Further information can be found on the schools website

<http://www.st-edwards.oldham.sch.uk/key-information/admissions.>



CAFOD Lent Family Fast on FRIDAY 26th

February. This Lenten fast Day Appeal is based around WATER. The coronavirus pandemic has shown how important it is to have access to clean, safe water.

During these challenging times, your

donation to CAFOD's Lent Appeal is needed more than ever. With your donations to CAFOD's Lent Appeal we can reach out to communities around the world to help them thrive even in the most difficult environments. Take Abdella as an example. Abdella is 23 and lives in a small village in the Afar region in northern Ethiopia. He wakes before dark to start on a long journey that will see him walk along a dried-out riverbed, over rocks, and over a mountain just to get a drink of water. The entire journey to get water for the family will take Abdella ten hours. Can you imagine needing a drink of water and having to spend most of the day collecting it? Coming back exhausted and bruised from the journey? Being so frustrated because you feel your life is slipping away from you? Then having to do it again without any sick days or days off. Could you *Walk for Water* as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps, every day, for 40 days? Find out more at cafod.org.uk/walk

As the church is currently closed it will be difficult to pick up

Family Fast envelopes and so parishes have been asked to give details of ways parishioners can contribute to CAFOD if unable to collect and use the envelopes.

Donations can be made on line at cafod.org.uk/give

Via text **lent** to **70460** to donate £10.00

Post **CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB**



"The bread that you do not use is the bread of the hungry. The garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of the one who is naked. The shoes you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot. The money you keep locked away is the money of the poor."

Basil the Great—Early Church Father