

### From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. He fasted for 40 days and 40 nights after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, turn these stones into loaves." Jesus replied, "Scripture says, 'Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" The tempter then took him to the top of the Temple and said, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for Scripture says, 'He will put you in his angels' charge and they will come to save you.'" But Jesus said, "But Scripture also says, 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'".



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, Lent is a 'powerful' season, a turning point that can foster change in each of us. Lent is a time for drawing near to

**Christ by listening to the word of God and celebrating the sacraments."**

Today's word is **Lent**. Lent reminds us of Jesus fasting for 40 days and nights, praying and resisting temptation in the wilderness. How can we strengthen ourselves to resist temptations throughout Lent. Perhaps the best way is to set aside a little time each day to pray, asking God to help us.

#### Ministers

#### March 1st

#### Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm C.Hall  
8.30am C.Ivatts  
10.00am FFFamily

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Suspended until further notice

#### March 8th

6.00pm K.Stokes  
8.30am E.Davies  
10.00am J.Sheard

Suspended until further notice

***New Rotas at the back of the church. New Readers and changes to Ministers.***

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**First: £448.93 Second: £176.99 Shop £177.68 Thank You  
Pennine Vale FM £25.00 Thank You**

**Cheques please to DIOCESE OF LEEDS— SACRED HEART**



## **Sacred Heart & St William**

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## ***First Sunday of Lent March 1st 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)***

### Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Clifford Jones
	8.30am	Michael Howarth
Sunday	10.00am	Ann McCarthy
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>FFF Hero to Zero—all welcome</b>
		<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Monday	9.30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday	9.30am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday	9.30am	People of the Parish
Friday	12.00noon	November Dead List <b>First Friday</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>World Day of Prayer</b>
Saturday	10.00am	Richard Clayton
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Tara Dyson
Sunday	8.30am	Mary & Andrew Lohan
	10.00am	People of the Parish

**Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request**

**Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday**

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### Family Faith Formation



The next FFF Meeting will take place this Sunday, March 1st. This will be slightly different to the norm because our young parishioners and families are inviting ALL parishioners to join them in the parish centre after the 10.00am



Mass to raise awareness about climate issues, through video, activities and games. Parishioners, young and young in heart are invited to come in superhero outfits! There will be refreshments after Mass and any cakes will be gratefully received. There will be a raffle and all money raised from the refreshments and the raffle will go to CAFOD. Please do support this exciting initiative by our younger families.

### CTIS LENT COURSE—Build on the Rock



Five weeks from Monday March 2nd. Meetings in the Parish centre will be on Thursdays, starting March 5th  
7.30pm-9.00pm

Please see Notice Board in the porch for other venues and times.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

Praying with Zimbabwe



FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



### A Service for Everyone

This Friday 6th March  
Sacred Heart & St William  
Church—7.30pm  
Followed by light  
refreshments in the Parish  
Centre—all Welcome.

**Rise! Take your mat and walk.**

### Celebration of First Forgiveness



This will take place next **Saturday March 7th** at **11.00am** in Church. Our parents have been building on the work done during the Family Faith sessions, helping their children to prepare to this wonderful sacrament of God's loving forgiveness. Please pray for them during this coming week.

### Lent Family Fast



This Friday, March 6th is Family Fast Day when we are invited to give up and meal and give the proceeds, and any other donations, to CAFOD in their work among the very poorest in our world. The donations from this Lenten Fast will go to Zimbabwe to support highly trained local experts like Sr Consilia who runs an out of town health centre. Please be as generous as you can. Thank You

### The Coronavirus Issues



Several people have raised questions about how we as a parish can respond positively to containing this virus. Although in this part of the world the current threat is small, we can take a lead in making sure that it stays that way. Bishop Marcus has made it clear that each parish is free to make its own arrangements, and Fr Richard Carter, our local Dean, sent an email suggesting that the parishes in the deanery should WITHDRAW for the time being from offering the chalice to the congregation.

It is very important that we accept that we receive Christ's gift of himself wholly and fully both in the host and from the chalice, so not receiving the Precious Blood, while regrettable does not in any way lessen our reception of this most precious gift of the Eucharist.

I appreciate that this will disappoint some people but I am prepared to take this decision and to suggest that for the same period of time we do NOT shake hands at the sign of peace. I will try and remember to say something like, "Let us offer each other the peace of Christ" and we can simply say, 'The peace of Christ be with you.' There may be times when we simply go straight into The Lamb of God...

You will also have noticed that the holy water stoop at the entrance of the church is empty. Another precautionary measure.

These measures may seem extreme at the moment, but it is surely better to err on the side of caution. Parishes in our own diocese and the Salford Diocese have introduced similar precautions. We will review the situation on a regular basis. I do ask for your understanding and cooperation.



"Follow effective action with quiet reflection. From the quiet reflection will come even more effective action."

Peter Drucker