

FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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AND
CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME, OAKLEY

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RESPONSE FOR THE SUNDAY MASS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

PSALM	Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	21	People of the Parish
MON	10am (SM)	22	Patricia Jordan R.I.P.
TUES	10am (SM)	23	John & Ann Cosgrove R.I.P.
	7pm		Rosary and Benediction
WED	10am (SM)	24	Funeral Mass for Terry O'Reilly R.I.P.
THURS	10am (SM)	25	Freddie Sincham R.I.P.
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	26	Alex McQuillan
SAT	10am (SM)	27	Jennie Campbell R.I.P (Birthday Remembrance)
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	28	People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers those who have died: Terry O'Reilly, Theresa Fitzpatrick and Elizabeth Harris.

Terry's funeral will be on Wednesday 24th at 10a.m with close family only attending. Theresa's and Elizabeth's Funerals will be the following week and will be private. May they rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass celebrated for a particular intention please get in touch by email, phone or drop a note through the letterbox or, if at a service, pop into the box for offertory collections.

If you wish a Mass card, write your name and address and one will be posted.

DEAR FRIENDS

Each year we begin the first Sunday of Lent with an account of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness. In comparison to Matthew and Luke, Mark's account is very stark indeed. We are given no details about the temptations that he faced. Despite the lack of details, the account is full of energy. The Spirit "drives" Jesus (literally, it hurls him) into the wilderness. He is tempted, with wild beasts and looked after by angels. All in two sentences!

This episode comes immediately after the Baptism of Jesus where he heard the voice of the Father identify him as His Beloved Son. The wilderness is a place of quiet and solitude. Jesus comes here to work out, in prayer and silence, the implications of the Father's statement. Here he reflects on his identity as the Beloved and what that will mean in his life. It means the proclamation of the Good News, calling people to a deeper relationship with the God who loves them through the ages, the God who has forged a Covenant of Love with them.

Lent is a time for us to rediscover our identity as God's beloved children, to remind ourselves that God enters into a loving relationship with us at baptism, a relationship that will change and develop throughout our lives.

We take this time of Lent to nurture this relationship, to reflect on it and to work out the implications of it in our lives at this time.

Do you recognise yourself as God's beloved child?

Do you recognise this as "Good News"?

What does this "Good News" mean for you at this time in your life.

With best wishes and prayers for the coming week

Fr Chris

Congratulations to Fr Augustus who successfully defended his doctoral thesis last Wednesday and has been awarded a Doctorate in Canon Law *magna cum laude* from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. He thanks everyone for their support and prayers.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

'My Jesus, I Believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
Although You have already come,
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.'



PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

From 'Patris Corde' proclamation by His Holiness Pope Francis announcing a Year of St. Joseph.

LIVESTREAMING

AS THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED, OUR LIVESTREAM ACCESS REMAINS AVAILABLE.

FUNERAL MASSES MAY BE CELEBRATED IN CHURCH WITH A MAXIMUM CONGREGATION OF TWENTY PEOPLE.

For both weekday and weekend Masses at 10am (and now Rosary and Benediction on a Tuesday at 7pm), livestream access from St Margaret's (as well as prior recordings) please go to <https://stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk/stream/> or at <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-margarets-rc-church>

FOR LENT, THE LIVE EVENTS INCLUDE:

Monday evenings starting Monday 22nd	Parish Scripture Study Group by Zoom. For further details please contact Tom Scott at tom.scott0711@gmail.com
Tuesdays at 7pm	Rosary and Benediction from St Margaret's via the Livestream
Thursdays at 7pm	Stations of the Cross from St Margaret's via the Livestream
Sunday 21st March at 4.00pm	Parish Groups Stations of the Cross by Zoom. More details nearer the time.
Wednesday 24th March at 7.00pm	"A Celebration of God's Mercy." Via the Livestream only.

In addition, his grace, the Archbishop also holds his Sunday Mass, information via the Archdiocesan website.

St Joseph's in Clarkston are continuing with their telephone Mass service. The Number to call to hear Fr Stephen's Mass is 0141 473 4869.

St Joseph's are hosting this Sunday's Mass on BBC Scotland at 12 noon with Canon Stephen – *let those with no internet access know*. This can be viewed on: Platform HD SD; Freeview & YouView; 108 9; SKY 115; Freesat 106; Virgin Media 108 then later on iPlayer.

PARISH ZOOM GROUP

On Sunday's at 11am there is a gathering for coffee after Mass and on Thursday evenings starting at 7:30pm there is a social quiz evening. These events are open to **all** parishioners. To find out how to join them please email Tom Scott on tom.scott0711@gmail.com.



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-37/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

More resources can be found at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy> and at https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/_uploads/www.rpbooks.co.uk/FMfrom3rdOrdinary.pdf for ideas over next few weeks for different age groups.

In Sunday's Gospel we hear about how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert and how during this time the devil tried and failed to tempt Him to do wrong.

WHAT EXTRA PRAYERS/DEVOTIONS CAN WE MAKE IN LENT?

- The Stations of The Cross (when we remember in a special way how Jesus loves us so much that He suffered and died on the cross to take away our sins so that we can get to Heaven).
- We would usually try to go to Holy Mass (this is the best prayer we can make) on other days as well as Sunday in Lent, but while the churches are closed we can't do this, but if we have access to live stream or recorded Holy Mass we could join in this way.
- Pray the Rosary at home with our family.
- Talk to God from our hearts and tell Him that we love him and that we are sorry we have hurt Him when we did not behave as we should

PARISH CHARITIES



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our SVP conference has been working hard to meet the needs of those in difficulty at this time. If you can help, the Bank Details are:

Account Name	SSVP AEO2044
Sort Code	800655
Account Number	00768139

A massive Thank You to all who have donated!



ST. MARGARET'S ONE WORLD GROUP

SUPPORTING MARY'S MEALS, HAITI HELP, EMMS AND PEAS.

The One World Group responds to sudden emergencies as well as funding our regular charities. The people of Tigray in Ethiopia urgently need our help. Due to brutal fighting in the region, frightened families have been forced to flee their homes and millions are living in fear of starvation. Mary's Meals has been working with a trusted partner in the region for many years and they are reaching out to children and communities affected by this dire situation. We have given an emergency donation of £500 to help this work.

We thank all our donors and *especially for a very large donation* in January. We can now meet our next two month's commitment to support Geveh Fancheh School in Liberia through Mary's Meals as well as meeting emergencies such as Tigray.

If any of you feel able to donate to our work, you can do so to our bank account:

Account Name	St Margarets One World Group
Sort Code	83-33-00
Account Number	10191867

If you prefer to send a cheque, please contact our treasurer Maureen Japp on 01383 725967 or by email at maureenjapp17@gmail.com

PARISH FINANCES

Please only donate if you can do so; do not put yourself into any hardship.
If you can, please consider Gift Aiding any donation you make.

1. Standing Order

Standing order forms are available on the parish website or you can set up on online via your bank.

2. Online ad hoc donations

If you have internet banking you can use this too. There are two ways:

- using the following bank account details:
for **St Margaret's**: sort code: 80 06 55 Account 00720303.
for **Holy Name**: sort code 83 33 00 Account number 00176355.
- using the link via the Archdiocese (archedinburgh.org) online secure 'donate' links

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT – FAITH IN THE TIME OF CRISIS



Archbishop Leo Cushley invites you to

Faith in the Time of Covid

Different approaches to the pandemic from distinguished voices

			
Bishop Philip Egan	Dr Mary Rice Hasson	P. John Haldane	Rt Hon Gordon Brown
Sunday 31 January 5pm	Sunday 07 February 5pm	Sunday 14 February 5pm	Sunday 21 February 5pm
Register bit.ly/FaithCovid-Egan	Register bit.ly/FaithCovid-Hasson	Register bit.ly/FaithCovid-Haldane	Register bit.ly/FaithCovid-Brown

 Each event last 30 mins.

recorded

Events available after the event from the Archdiocesan website

LENTEN SCRIPTURE GROUP

A Lenten Scripture study group will meet 6 times starting on Monday 22nd at 7.30 p.m. The meeting will be held on Zoom for further details please contact Tom Scott at tom.scott0711@gmail.com **The meetings are open to all parishioners** and you don't need to attend them all.

INSPIRE: LENTEN PRAYER TALKS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE (BOOK VIA WEBSITE)

- 1) *Songs of the Redemption: The Benedictine Liturgy of the Hours* Br Joseph Cannon (Pluscarden) | **Tue 02 Mar**, 7-8pm
- 2) *Prayer as a Relationship as Reflected in St Teresa of Avila* Sr Sally Rollo (Dysart) | **Tue 16 March**, 7-8pm |
- 3) *Praying the Passion According to St Mark* Archbishop Leo Cushley | **Tue 23 March**, 7-8pm

WHAT WOULD POPE FRANCIS DO?

To mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election, the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre is delighted to announce a number of prominent Catholic voices exploring the teachings of Pope Francis.

Join them each **Tuesday** in Lent as they delve into some of the key issues defining his papacy.

Lectures start 23rd Feb – see their website for more information: <https://edinburghjesuitcentre.org.uk/>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This takes place on Friday 5th March and the West Fife Village Churches have organised a World Day of Prayer Service by Zoom at 7pm. If anyone would like to join, the link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89315838452?pwd=bWRKcURGVStMTmNrYm1VS1c0dks3dz09>

Meeting ID: 893 1583 8452; Passcode: 651774

This year's theme is 'Build on a Strong Foundation' and is written by the Christian women of Vanuatu and invites us to focus on the Bible story in Matthew 7:24-27. Jesus tells a story about the kingdom of heaven using the image of a house and the land on which the house is built. Choosing the land on which to build the house is an important decision for people in Vanuatu. The combination of considering the

terrain and the climate is crucial in a tropical archipelago located in the South Pacific Ocean prone to earthquakes, cyclones, volcanic eruptions and rising sea levels. Booklet and other resources for the service can be seen at <http://www.wdpscotland.org.uk/Downloads.html>



WEE BOX

The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) has announced that supporters of the much-loved WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Appeal, will soon be able to get their hands on the WEE BOX.

For more than two decades, the initiative has been a fixture in many households throughout Scotland. Every year, generous Scots give up a treat for Lent and place the money they would save into the WEE BOX.

Money raised from this appeal helps to provide the crucial schooling, healthcare, food, sanitation, and support to earn a living that families need to work themselves out of poverty.

The Scottish aid charity has developed comprehensive online resources, jam packed with exciting activities for all ages to ensure people are able to continue to support the appeal.

Penelope Blackwell, Director of Public Engagement said: "The money raised from Lent appeals provides a lifeline to thousands of families who are less fortunate and gives them the hope and support they need to build better futures. We cannot do any of this without the help of our supporters and I would like to thank each and every one of you."

To order a WEE BOX go to: www.sciaf.org.uk/weebox or call 0141 354 5555.

HYMN CORNER: TWO VIEWS

LEAD US TO THE CROSS

Chris Muglia

Verse 1

1. For forty days and forty nights we fast and pray, we sacrifice.
We pray, O God, that you will make us holy.
From the snare of sin and the grip of vice we turn away to renew our lives.
We come back to you, we seek your love and mercy. **(to Refrain)**

Refrain

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "You a-lone, you are all we need. You a-lone, are ev-ery-thing. Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross." There is an asterisk (*) above the note for "ev-ery-thing".

You a-lone, you are all we need.
You a-lone, are ev-ery-thing. Lead us to the cross.
Lead us to the cross. Lead us to the cross.
Lead us to the cross.

Verse 2

2. In solitude we walk with you,
in your love and in your truth.
We must be the hands and feet of you, Lord.
Help us turn to the lost and poor,
to the naked and the forgotten, Lord,
that we might bring your compassion
and your mercy. **(to Refrain)**

Bridge

- O God, renew our hearts and minds;
remove the blindness from our eyes.
And when we falter and we fail,
lead us back to you again. **(to *)**

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LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

ST. FLAVIAN



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us did fast and
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, And did the vic - t'ry
3. As you did hun - ger bear and thirst, So teach us, gra-cious
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through your Pas-sion-
5. A - bide with us that when this life Of suf - fer - ing is



1. pray, Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.
2. win, O give us strength in you to fight, In you to con-quer sin.
3. Lord, To die to self, and al - ways live By your most ho - ly word.
4. tide, For - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
5. past, An Ea-ster of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

Text: CM; Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898, alt. Music: *The Whole Psalmes in Foure Partes*, 1563, alt.

THE LAST WORD...

...from Father Isaac

THE LENTEN JOURNEY

One beautiful thing about the Holy Catholic Church is that she offers her children serious opportunities to be saved. Her times and seasons are designed primarily for the salvation of all. Hence, we have no reason whatsoever to miss heaven. The season of lent is another time of renewal. "Now is the favourable time, now is the day of salvation." (Cf. 2Cor. 6:2). Christ himself would say: the time has come, the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the gospel" (Mk. 1:15)

We are being invited to get ourselves cleanse of all iniquity like God cleanse the world with water in the time of Noah. A Christian attains this cleansing through baptism. But soon we get ourselves stained due to human frailty. The sacraments especially, penance, and other spiritual

exercises like fasting, prayer, alms giving help us to get ourselves renewed. Lent is a season we are called upon to embrace more fully these instruments of holiness

No matter what kind of mess we might have made of things and ourselves, up to this point, lent once again offers us an opportunity to leave our past behind and start afresh again. No matter what our past has been, we can always begin anew. We are invited to destroy the forces of evil operating in our lives and to get ourselves renewed.

The whole world is besieged with multiples of trials and tribulations at the moment. Many are fed up with life. So many are facing different kinds of temptations. Are you one of such persons? Temptations do not last forever, "tears may endure at night but joy comes with dawn". (Psalm. 30:5) Christ too was tempted. In fact, the more we are trying to be holy, the more our trials and tribulations become.

Let us journey with Jesus who was like us in all things except sin. In truth, temptation loses its power when Christ is close to us. St. James would say "Come close to God and God will come close to you. Wash your hands you sinners and purify your hearts you double minded" (James 4:8) "Resist the devil and he will flee away from you". (James. 4:7) Whatever our experience of evil might be, that is not our final story; after good Friday, there is Easter Sunday.

A little kindness shown to someone can rekindle hope in us and in that person. A little self-denial can conquer the operative power of evil in our lives and in the world. A little prayer whispered to heaven can bring about complete change in our own lives and in someone's life. "Lent is meant to be enjoyed, not to be endured, for it invites us to begin again, to grow into maturity and to emerge spiritually stronger through self-discipline". (Vima Dasan).

Stay safe,
Remain Blessed,
Happy Sunday to you.

