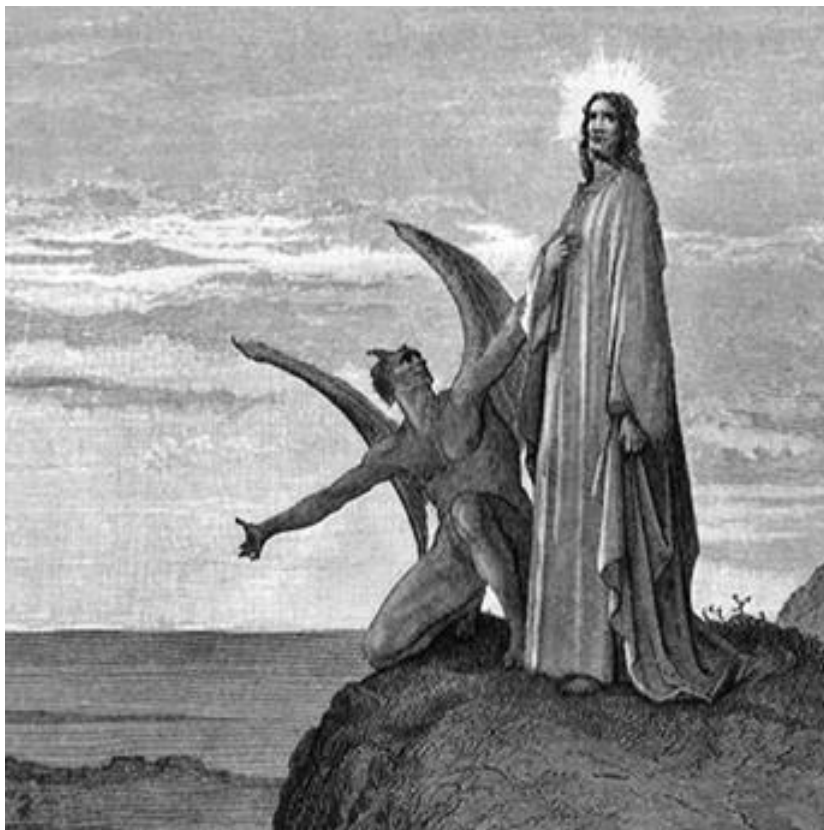


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**First Sunday of Lent (A)**

**26 February 2023**

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**Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Mary Cooper, Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, Fr Bill Bergin, Tom & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Jonathan Dempsey, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.***

## **During Lent**

During his life on earth Our Lord undertook voluntary penance, e.g. the Forty Days in the desert, and he invited us all to do the same. Our penance can therefore be offered spiritually as a share in his own suffering, especially in his blessed Passion and Death. Christian penance is also an expression of inner conversion and a form of reparation for sin, it should be a personal action or sacrifice offered in love for God and neighbour.

Following Christ means we must always practise some form of penance and devote ourselves in a particular way to prayer, self-denial and works of charity.

- From **this Sunday, 26 February, after the 10.00am Mass**, there will be **Stations of the Cross**. Please sign-up if you are willing to lead.

- **From 27 February, on Mondays in Lent** the morning **Mass** will be at **7.15am**.

- From **4 March, on Saturdays in Lent** there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, from 10.00 to 10.50am (concluding with **Benediction**) and **Confessions** will also be available (N.B. except on 18 & 25 March).

- **Stations of the Cross**: I would like to **encourage people to feel free to pray this Lenten devotion before or after Mass** should you wish. It is a lovely sight to see people meandering around a church in prayer and a simple prayer at each Station is all that is required (there is no set or series of necessary prayers that you must say).

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of suitable items for Lent and, looking ahead, also cards, etc., in anticipation of Easter.

The annual **Lenten CAFOD Fast Day**: is **this Friday, 3 March**. By eating simply and giving generously we can offer help to communities around the world affected by extreme hunger and to children suffering from malnutrition. CAFOD envelopes are available, and an offerings box will be in the church next weekend, 4 & 5 March, or you can visit [www.cafod.org.uk/lent](http://www.cafod.org.uk/lent) Please remember Gift Aid your donation to increase its value to CAFOD by an additional 25%.

## Financial matters

**Offertory envelopes** for the new tax year, commencing in April, **are available to collect** from this weekend in the church.

**To save on costs**, especially as our bank charges have risen significantly (particularly for banking cash – *especially coins* – and cheques) **please consider making a regular contribution to the parish via standing order.**

Alas, **the effects of inflation and above-average costs** in some critical areas of our expenditure, (e.g. our gas price increased by 400%) **has eaten into the value of our giving** over the past twelve months. I would therefore respectfully ask you, where possible, to **please also consider an increase in your regular giving.** If, for example, twenty people gave 50 pence more per week then that would see an increase of £520 per year to the parish. As they say: *‘Every little helps.’*

Finally, if anyone pays UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax and has not completed a Gift Aid declaration, but would like to know more about the scheme, then they can e-mail or speak to Tony Brodrick or Fr M. As always, **thank you for your understanding and for your continuing support.**

**St Wilfrid’s Centre Lent to Lent Challenge**, February 2023 to February 2024, seeks to sponsor a Day or a Meal or a Mug of Tea for a year. You will also not be surprised that the cost of running St Wilfrid’s Centre has increased and they are asking for help, please see [stwilfridscentre.org](http://stwilfridscentre.org) for further details. Also, the centre has a vacancy for a cook, please see [stwilfridscentre.org/vacancies](http://stwilfridscentre.org/vacancies) for further details.

**St Wilfrid’s Centre Volunteers:** Bev Kershaw, their Volunteer and Events Coordinator, is always on the lookout for new people to join the excellent team of volunteers. She would really like to hear from anyone who thinks they could give up a few hours a week to help.

The **annual diocesan Safeguarding event:** *‘Hidden Harms...from Social Distancing to Social Solidarity’* will take place on **Saturday 25 March**, from 9.45am – 4.00pm at St. Joseph’s, Wath-upon-Deerne, (there is a Mass of the Annunciation at 9.00am for those who wish to attend). The event is open to all safeguarding representatives, parishioners and volunteers. Refreshments and a free lunch will be provided. To book a place contact Jo Pearson on 2566453 or [jpearson@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:jpearson@hallam-diocese.com)

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
<b>Sunday 26 February</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>8.45am</b> For the People  <b>10.00am</b> Steve Wardle <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Monday 27 February</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i>	<b><u>7.15am</u></b> Private Intention
<b>Tuesday 28 February</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Ron Ashworth
<b>Wednesday 1 March</b> <i>St David</i>	November Memorial Dead List
<b>Thursday 2 March</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Celebrant's Intention
<b>Friday 3 March</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i>	<b>9.00 – 9.55am</b> Exposition  <b>10.00am</b> Roy Dyson
<b>Saturday 4 March</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i>  <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Exposition & Confessions <b>10.50am</b> Benediction  <b>5.00pm</b> Genie Mason
<b>Sunday 5 March</b> <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	<b>8.45am</b> For the People  <b>10.00am</b> Leanne Wainwright <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>

**Last week's collection was £759.29** (£384.00 in offertory envelopes, £375.29 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!

**This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:**  
Our holy observance of Lent

**Please pray for Leonard Cooper, Genie Mason & Janina Posluszny  
RIP, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries  
occur around this time.**