

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



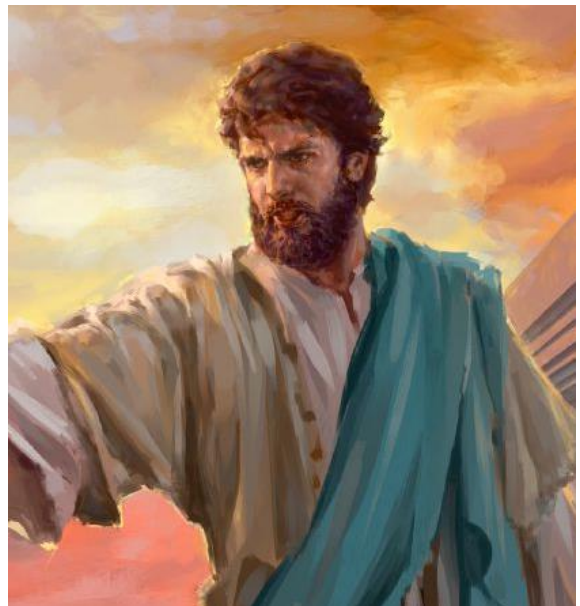
6 March 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus is tempted

A key to Luke's Gospel is that the devil introduces the first and third temptations with the challenge, "*If you are the Son of God.*" That reminds us that Jesus' desert sojourn began immediately after his baptism where he heard God proclaim, "*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*" Between the baptism and this scene, Luke recorded Jesus' genealogy, a list that begins by saying that Jesus was thought to be the son of Joseph and takes the lineage all the way back to Adam — whom Luke also calls a son of God. Luke seems to imply that Jesus' struggle to understand and live the vocation of being the son of God was both unique to him and applicable to all the descendants of Adam.

Luke adds one distinctive detail to his version of the temptations. While Mark and Matthew end this scene with angels ministering to Jesus, Luke says that the devil "*departed from him for a time.*" (Note: Luke depicts angels at Jesus' birth and not again until his agony in the garden, but in Luke 22:28 Jesus tells his disciples, "*You have stood by me in my time of temptations.*") Luke presents the temptations as Jesus' struggle to live as a faithful son of God. The challenge to turn stones to bread focuses on self-preservation. It was not simply a question of hunger, but the purpose of his life: Would he live self-assured and comfortable or risk



security for service and rely on a community of faith? Because Jesus understood how prioritizing his own needs and desires could undermine his mission, he would later send his disciples out on mission without provisions, ready to rely on the power of the Gospel alone.

The bargain the devil offered Jesus with all the kingdoms of the world implied accepting the methodology of the powerful: fear and coercion and a rule book that says it doesn't matter if might makes right because might can trump everything else.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 6 March - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.00am

11.00am

Tuesday 8 March - FIRST WEEK OF LENT

10.00am

Wednesday 9 March - FIRST WEEK OF LENT

10.00am

7.00pm

Thursday 10 March - FIRST WEEK OF LENT

10.00am

Friday 11 March - FIRST WEEK OF LENT

10.30am - Funeral Mass for Maureen Jolly RIP

7.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00pm

CONFESSIONS: After Mass or by appointment.

OUR PARISH

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 90: 15-16

*When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.*

Gospel Acclamation - Mt4:4

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of
eternal glory! Man does not live
on bread alone, but on every
word that comes from the mouth
of God. Praise to you, O Christ,
king of eternal glory!*

Communion Antiphon - Mt 4: 4

*One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.*

PARISH NEWS

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL:

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting www.cafod.org.uk

LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTIONS ‘KNOWING JESUS - THE EMOTIONAL JESUS’ Every Thursday in Lent, 7.30pm - 8.15pm via Zoom Our Lady & St Edmund Parish of Abingdon invite you to join their Lenten prayer and reflections. The focus will be on Gospel stories revealing ‘*the emotional Jesus*’ and will include discussions, and the opportunity for prayer. For info contact Pauline at pehanley@hotmail.com or call 07506 753 085.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH (FROM MILL HILL MISSIONARIES) between 10 - 18 March 2022. People may follow the Novena Masses online each weekday evening at 7.30pm, on Saturday at 10.00am and on Sunday at 11.00am. These Masses will be held at St Joseph’s, Maidenhead. For more information, see www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena

This Family Fast Day, please give to help those who are protecting God’s creation.

Donate at cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis



PREPARING FOR LENT: We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. Let us start to prepare for this 40+ days season of grace. Confessions are available on request or after Mass. Please feel free to speak to Father Leslie.

ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT: A five-week journey through Lent, reflecting on the Sunday gospels, starting on Thursday 10 March from 7.30pm - 9.00pm on Zoom. For further information please contact Deacon Roger and Jackie: jcarrjones@icloud.com or by calling 07948 516854.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

You can donate directly into the bank account:

**PRCDTR Bournemouth
Our Lady Immaculate**

Sort code: 309304 Account: 00875075

Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially:

Teresa Wraith,
Win Sheridan, Kathleen Wood,
Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay,
Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici,
Marjorie Lee

In the wilderness

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, *'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.'* But Jesus replied, *'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'*

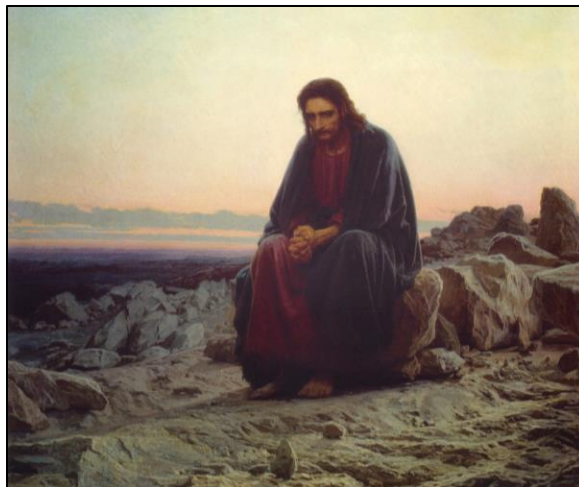
Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, *'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.'* But Jesus answered him, *'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'*

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. *'If you are the Son of God,'* he said to him *'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'*

But Jesus answered him, *'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'*

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

UKRAINE APPEAL: Please take a look at the list on the noticeboard to see how you can help the Ukrainian people in their hour of need. Food, blankets, underwear and batteries are just some of the essential items that are desperately needed. Thank you for your support with this urgent appeal.



MAUREEN JOLLY RIP: Her funeral Mass will take place on Friday 11 March at 10.30am. The burial will be at North Cemetery. May she Rest in Peace.

GDPR FORM: To ensure we comply with General Data Protection Regulations, please can you fill in the relevant form in the lobby or on our website. You will be granting us permission to store your personal details on the parish database for another year. Please return this to our Parish Administrator, Suzanne Quinn.

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF WELCOME: We invite you to a thought-provoking evening of ideas and inspiration on the theme of welcome from parishes across the diocese. Thursday 10 March 2022 on Zoom 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Register by clicking on: www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-nlzdqr

BRIDGE CLUB: Every Monday from 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome, including those who have never played before.