



Parish News

Sunday 6th March

*'You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'*



Lent is a time of repentance, a time to set aside the usual stuff of life in order to take stock of where we are and where we want to go. It is, therefore, no accident that Lent begins with a reflection on Jesus' time in the desert. In keeping with a central theme of his gospel, Luke says that Jesus was filled with the Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

For Luke, the presence of the Spirit is the evidence that God is with Jesus and that Jesus is from God. It is the Spirit that allows him to recognise the temptations of the devil for what they are, and it is the Spirit that guides him in his rejection of the temptation. This is the same for his disciples; we can only follow Jesus by an awareness of his Spirit within us. All our Lenten endeavours will be just a waste of time and effort if we are not guided by the Holy Spirit in what we do.

Reflection

The gospel for the first Sunday of Lent is always the story of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. It is intended to make us think not only about Jesus and his struggle but to help us realise that the history of God's people from Adam and Eve to the present day involves a similar story. The essence of the temptation of Jesus was the idea that he could go it alone, that he could be entirely self sufficient. Jesus resisted this because he recognised his complete dependence on the Father. He knew that he needed to be nourished by God's word and that his true destiny lay in his seeking to do his Father's will. When Satan succeeds in convincing us that we have it in our power to save ourselves then we are on the path to self destruction. Lent is a time for us to humbly take God's hand and to walk the path of faith and love that leads to Easter.



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Additional Lenten Mass each weekday morning at 7:15am in St Columb's Church

Trocaire Boxes available at church porches

Walk with me booklets, reflections during Lent available at churches

SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE: Please complete our [online synod questionnaire](#) or return your paper copy to any of the churches where questionnaire return boxes will be available.

This Synod is unique because Pope Francis has invited us all to take part in discussions which will contribute to the views of the Diocese. It is an invitation for the whole Church to have our voices heard, leading to the Synod of Bishops in October 2023. Through this synod, the Church is saying: the voice of EVERYONE matters because God can talk though ANYONE

Journey Through Lent. Register for the FREE Lenten streaming series, led by Scott Hahn, featuring faith-inspiring talks on Confession, prayer, the Eucharist, and knowing the Gospel. Watch for free beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

[Register here.](#)

Lectio Divina: Praying with the Scriptures this Lent - Over the next four Mondays, Monday 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th March, following the 11am Mass in St Joseph's, Galliagh, you are invited to a one-hour time of Prayer with the Scriptures in the St Pio Centre, Galliagh, (11:45am-12:45pm approx). The focus will be on the Gospel for each of the upcoming Sundays of Lent. The Gospel reading and instructions will be provided for each session. All are most welcome!

STORIES OF HOPE: You are invited to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Steelstown, Derry on four Tuesdays of Lent at 7pm to listen to local people share their personal journeys of faith:

Tuesday 8 March Fr Isaac and Mikhail Kennedy

Tuesday 15 March Ciara Mc Alister and Jenny Mc Grath

Tuesday 22 March Rev. Canon Katie Mc Ateer

Tuesday 29 March Paul O'Hea

Each evening there will be music and tea/ coffee afterwards. All are welcome.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS will take place in St Mary's Church, Creggan, on Friday 11 March, from 8 - 9pm, led by Fr Patrick Lagan. Everyone is welcome to attend, or to follow the Holy Hour on the Creggan parish webcam at www.cregganparish.com



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NO GREATER LOVE – Five-week ‘zoom’ programme, each session lasting one hour, with a time for prayer, sharing and reflection. This programme is considered a great way to prepare our hearts and minds for the holiest of seasons in the Church calendar. In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage, taking us through the key events of Christ’s passion and revealing His amazing love for us. Best-selling author, Edward Sri, will guide us through the final hours of Christ’s life. You will walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Hosted by the Living Church Office in Down & Connor diocese, there are six ‘starting’ options to choose from: Tuesday 8 March at 7:30pm, Wednesday 9 March at 7:30pm, Thursday 10 March at 11.00am or 7.00pm, Monday 14 March at 11.00am or 7.00pm. Please consider participating! To book your place please click on the link:

[No Greater Love](#)

Trócaire have been selected for UK Aid match funding this year because our partnership model is different...Give to Trócaire’s Lent Campaign and through the UK Aid match programme, the UK government will double every pound you give now, or by 1st June 2022, up to £2million.

ANNUAL TROCAIRE LECTURE (Online): Tuesday 8th March 7pm ‘How women of faith are responding to the ecological crisis’ Dr. Carmody Grey, Durham University & Laudato Si Institute. Lucy Vokhiwa, Malawi. To register please contact Frances.Harnan@trocaire.org

CONCERN WORLDWIDE - Derry Group are operating a pop-up Donations Desk on behalf of the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal, in the Millenium Forum, Derry. The desk will be open 10am to 5pm from this Saturday, 5th March, until the following Saturday, 12th March, but not Sunday. Donations can also be made at the Concern bookshop and online.

CEMETERY SUNDAY The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on Sunday, 26th June 2022 at 6.00 pm.



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Our Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday schedule Monday to Friday

09.15am Immaculate Conception
7:15am (Lent) & 10:00am St Columb's,
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)
07:30pm St Columb's

Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's
11:00am Immaculate Conception

Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett
07:00pm St Columb's
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

Morning (Sunday)

09:30am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
12 noon Immaculate Conception

Evening (Sunday)

06:00pm St Columb's

NB! Mass in St Mary's Oratory, Newbuildings on Wednesday at 11:00am

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website

All Liturgies are streamed on www.youtube.com/watersideparish



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Rest in Peace

Deaths:

Naoimh McDaid, Bayswater,
Harry Walker, Eglinton

Anniversaries:

Mary Russell, Philomena McWilliams, Laurence Conaghan,
Kathleen Loughrey, Elizabeth Boyce, Jim McGinn, Esther McClintock,
James Bradley, Catherine and Patrick Mullan, Lily Harkin

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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