



NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 2022

Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness

At Jesus' baptism, God declared him "beloved Son" (Lk 3:22), filled with the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, that same Spirit tests Jesus, subjecting the divine Son to a completely human experience: temptation. Like Israel, repeatedly called "God's son" in the Old Testament, Jesus is led into the desert. For Jesus' contemporaries, the wilderness served a dual purpose; there one might encounter temptation; there one might encounter God.

The first reading demonstrates both realities. Moses recalls the testing that Israel experienced in the long desert trek, but also God's abiding presence, revealed in "signs and wonders" (Dt 26:8) Moses then makes a fitting response to the God who guarded Israel in the wilderness: he offers grateful praise and adoration.

In his desert experience, Jesus too undergoes testing, facing subtle but repeated temptation. He has been assured of divine approval, favour, and presence. Should he use his status as "beloved Son" to his own advantage? Go ahead, the tempter seems to say; use the divine power within you to turn stones to bread, never hunger again, and amaze others with your abilities!

When Jesus relies on the One who truly feed him, the tempter tries again: if you won't use your exalted position to your own advantage, then turn your allegiance away from God, toward me! Like Moses, Jesus knows the better way: I serve and worship God alone, the one power greater than evil. In a third attempt, the tempter tests God's own Word and Jesus' identity as Son of God. In reply, Jesus banishes the tempter and amply proves himself to be "Son" by obedient reliance on God. The evil one "departed....for a time" (Lk 4:13); Luke note that even the Son of God will endure continued testing.



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Sunday 6th March 2022 (Cycle C)

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 6th March

First Sunday of Lent (C)

Sunday 13th March

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

The Season of Lent

Fridays in Lent

During the Season of Lent, we will have Friday morning mass at 9am and evening masses with Stations of the Cross beginning at 7.30pm. All are warmly encouraged to participate in this traditional practise.

Masses & Intentions This Week

Saturday 5 th March	9.00 am	May Coleman – RIP/Anni (donor – Michelle Taplin)
Sunday 6 th March	10.00 am	Rose Grant – (donor – Anne-Marie Laffey)
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners
Monday 7 th March	9.00 am	John Passet – RIP/Anni (donor – Michelle Taplin)
Tuesday 8 th March	9.00 am	Nancy Cronin – RIP/Anni
Wednesday 9 th March	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 10 th March	9.00 am	James Medlin – RIP/Anni (donor – Mary Wright)
Friday 11 th March	9.00 am	David Ward – RIP/Anni (donor – Michelle Taplin)
Saturday 12 th March	9.00 am	Greta Street – Well being (donor – Michelle Taplin)
Sunday 13 th March	10.00 am	May Shanahan – Recovery
	6.30 pm	For Parishioners

Parish Notice Board

UKRAINE – Emergency 2nd Collection

Due to the devastating circumstances unfolding in the Ukraine, today we shall have a second collection.

2nd Collection – 13th March - Lent Appeal

Our second collection next week will be for the above, thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11th 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 the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent).

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger – Lent Challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders.

Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, and you'll conquer your 200k target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

Urgent Request

We have a family within our parish in need of a 3 bedroom house for rental. If anyone knows of one or equally has one, please can you contact the office. Many thanks.

Parish Finance: 27.02.22

Gift Aid:	£ 65
Loose Plate:	£167.21
Total:	<u>£232.21</u>

Pilgrimage to Aylesford

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Legion of Mary of this parish will be going to Aylesford for a day pilgrimage in honour of Edel Quinn on 14th May, 2022. Everybody is invited and the cost for the coach is £15 each person. The coach will be leaving from our car park by 9 a.m. Please contact Michael Okafor on 07956586370 and pay immediately as the seats are going quickly.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright, Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

Lent Readings

The Scripture readings for Lent are particularly rich and a major source of help in living a good Lent. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest, Scripture scholar, and member of the Pontifical

Biblical Commission, has prepared commentaries on all the readings in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass throughout Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. The full text of the biblical readings and commentary are accessible from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org

Caritas

“Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people of all ages to collect items throughout Lent, by following our Lenten Giving Calendar. All the items you collect can be placed into a box or container, topped with an Easter Egg, and then donated to your local foodbank just in time for Easter week. All information, including the calendar itself, can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent or by emailing sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org”

Please see the noticeboard for Job Vacancies within the Diocese.

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