

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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It is an ancient tradition that we read the Gospel of the temptation of Jesus on the first Sunday of Lent. There is the obvious connection that Jesus spends forty days in the wilderness, but there are deeper reasons. In each of the synoptic Gospels we are told how, before his ministry begins, Jesus, filled with the Spirit, encounters the spirit of evil. It is what his ministry is all about. It is what our lives are all about. To overcome evil with goodness is the constant challenge of the Gospel.

In the longer narratives in Matthew and Luke we are given what amounts to a profound reflection on the nature of temptation. To use God-given powers for selfish ends is a temptation rife in our modern times. To worship the source of evil recalls our modern confusion about what is morally good and morally bad. To put God to the test is similarly familiar. Jesus withstands each of these tests. Our Gospel ends with the departure of the devil 'to return at the appointed time'. Luke knows that the critical time will come at Calvary.

Which temptations are present in my life and how should I withstand them?

Do I share the moral confusion of the present time?

Let us pray for honesty in order to change our attitudes and our behaviour.

Let us pray for the strength of God's Spirit to put our lives to right this Lent.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £899.70. Loose Plate: £406.91. Gift Aid Standing Orders: £437.91. Total: £1,744.52. Thank you for your generosity.

SICK PARISHIONERS: Those of our parishioners and friends who have asked for prayers: Mary Rooney, Peter Beard, Frankie Gall, Maria Hoefft, Megan Delaney, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Sandra Gilbert, Frances Weaver, Chris Brodie, Mary McGrath, Janet Cash, Rachel Stokes, Isaac Barry, Maria Wray, Barbara Brabon, Margaret Butler, Josie Pullum and Brenda Sewell.

ANNIVERSARIES: Marjorie Youngman, Pawel Sinka, George Ramsay, Francis Mills, Eugene Baliga, Marie Whillock, John Snee, Kitty Lynch, Mary Coleman, Charles Savage, Michael John Carter, Manuel Poy-Penela, James Keane, Doreen Ashburner, Mary Davis, Nicholas Williamson and Margaret Francis. May they all rest in peace.

REFRESHMENTS: Available after the **9.00am** and **11.00am Sunday** Masses, in the hall.

REQUIEM MASS: For **Peter Krzykowski**, will be on **Friday 22nd March**, at **11.00am**, in church, followed by cremation at the Three Counties Crematorium. May he rest in peace.

REQUIEM MASS: For **Ken Pannell**, will be on **Friday 29th March**, at **9.30am**, in church, followed by burial at Braintree Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

PRAYERS: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Ryan** who has recently died. Her funeral will take place on **Friday 29th March**, at **1.30pm**, at the Three Counties Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Followed by Mass. **Every Friday** during Lent, at **7.30pm**.

MASS CHANGE: There won't be a **9.30am** Mass on **Friday 22nd March** but parishioners are invited to attend the funeral of **Peter Krzykowski**, at **11.00am**, to receive Communion.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS: There will be a Mass on **Monday 18th March**, at **9.30am**, to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: Is on **Friday 15th March**. A Second Collection will take place on the weekend of **16/17th March**. Please support this vital charity to help support people, around the world, who are suffering through drought, floods and storms. Gift-aiders please use one of your envelopes. (There are spare envelopes at the back of church but ensure you put your own gift-aid number on it otherwise we cannot claim the tax back). If you are a taxpayer and wish to gift-aid this donation as a one-off, then please use one of the CAFOD envelopes and complete the details. Thank you.

ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: Our Parish School recently had a two day Ofsted inspection. For those who haven't yet heard, the results are a finding of "Outstanding" in respect of Pupil Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare and the award of "Good" in all other areas of the School. I hold our School in the highest regard and think that the results are fully justified. So, on behalf of our Parish, I offer the heartiest '**Congratulations**' to the Head Teacher, the teaching and all other staff, the pupils, the governors and all who support the School in any way. We are very proud not only of the inspection result but equally of all the ongoing hard work and commitment which led to it. Fr David.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: This weekend - **9th/10th March**, we welcome our First Holy Communion children, and their families, to the **9.00am** Mass.

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING: Has been cancelled on **Friday 22nd March** because there isn't a **9.30am** Mass. The next coffee morning will now be on **Friday 12th April**.

REPOSITORY: Liz Meek has run the Parish Repository for many years, having taken over from her mother before her. Liz has decided it is now time to step down but will remain a member of the team. We would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to her for all the time and effort she's put into looking after the needs of our Parish.

GIFT-AID SCHEME: Envelopes for the 2019/20 tax year will be available at the back of the church on the weekend of **16/17th March**. If you are a tax payer but not already a member of the Gift-Aid Scheme then please speak to Chris Dayer, our Gift-Aid Organiser, who will be available after all Masses on that same weekend.

APF RED BOXES: Envelopes are available at the back of the church to empty your boxes. Please return envelopes to the Presbytery. Many thanks.

PINK GIFT-AID ENVELOPES: The spare pink 'Second Collection' envelopes, at the back of the church, are for those registered on the Gift Aid Scheme only.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MISSIONARY FRANCISCAN SISTERS, BOCKING CONVENT: We have started the process of selling the Convent. Our hope and prayer is that another Religious Congregation can be found which will continue our ministry. We appreciate your prayers for this.

LENTEN LUNCHESES: Every **Wednesday** from **6th March** to **17th April**, **12noon** to **1.15pm**, at the Baptist Church. Money raised will be split equally between Hope House (a short-stay homeless shelter in Braintree) and J's Hospice (who provide high quality care for young adults aged 16-40, with life-limiting conditions). Adults £3. Children £1. The Lenten Lunch on **3rd April** will be organised by our Church.

SAFFRON WALDEN CATHOLIC CHURCH'S QUIZ NIGHT: Is being held at the Newport Village Hall, Station Road, Newport, CB11 3PL, on **Saturday 23rd March**, **7.00pm** for a **7.30pm** start. £8 per head (includes a Ploughman's Supper). Raffle too! Bring your own drinks and glasses. Strictly tables of 8 - make your own table of 8 or join others on the night. For tickets, contact Patrick on 0774306917 or Trish on 07971170821.

ANGLIA SINGERS' CONCERT: On **Sunday 17th March**, at **4.00pm**, in our church. Tickets available from the presbytery - £8 each (under 16s free). Fauré - Requiem and John Rutter - Feel The Spirit. Conducted by Christopher Green OBE.

BBC ESSEX INTERVIEW: An interview with Fr Graham Smith about the Winter Night Shelter at Sacred Heart Church, Southend-on-Sea will be broadcast on the BBC Essex Breakfast Show on **Sunday 17th March**. The show is on from **7.00am to 9.00am**.

Rosary	Church	Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	8.00pm
Women's Group	Jubilee Hall	Thursday 21st March	2.00-4.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 19th March	7.30pm
Youth Club	Jubilee Hall	Friday 22nd March	7.30pm

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th March Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Mary Austin RIP (Wallen)
Sunday 10th March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Alan Doleman RIP (A) (Burford)
Monday 11th March	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 12th March	9.30am	Ints Margaret Kissane (McKay)
Wednesday 13th March	9.30am	Ken Pannell RIP (Tully)
Thursday 14th March	9.30am	Ints Belinda, Nicola and Jason (Rushton)
Friday 15th March Stations of the Cross	9.30am 7.30pm	John McKeown RIP (A) (Paul)
Saturday 16th March	9.30am	Ints Susan Blaszczyk (Baker)
Saturday 16th March Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Mark Digby RIP (Digby)
Sunday 17th March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish A J Cunningham RIP and P J Cunningham RIP (Hill)
Monday 18th March MASS FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY	9.30am	
Tuesday 19th March ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am	Special Intention (Doleman)
Wednesday 20th March	9.30am	Joseph and Matilde Abou Jaoudé and Family (Abou Jaoudé)
Thursday 21st March	9.30am	Elias Abou Jaoudé RIP and Family (Abou Jaoudé)
Friday 22nd March REQUIEM MASS Stations of the Cross	11.00am 7.30pm	Peter Krzykowski RIP
Saturday 23rd March	9.30am	Ints Margaret Kissane (Paul)
Saturday 23rd March Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Ints Kathleen Jones (Akehurst)
Sunday 24th March THRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)	9.00am 11.00am	Bill Cocklin RIP (A) (Cocklin) People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAYS, 10.00AM-10.30AM, IN THE CHURCH,
The Brentwood Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No: 234092**