



ST. KENTIGERN'S CHURCH



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR IN CYCLE B

18th February 2018

Message from the Parish Priest

Mr Dear People,

Well – the joyful season of Lent is upon us. Loads of folk came to the Ash Wednesday Masses thank the Lord and many young people which is so good to see

Before us the Church, our Mother, presents us with the Gospel According to Matthew relating the Temptation of Christ in the Wilderness. It is in the wilderness that Israel of old struggled in their temptations and often turned against God as when they worshipped the Golden Calf. It is to the wilderness that our Lord and Saviour goes in order to begin his public Ministry to redeem Mankind.

The Devil knew that Jesus was like no other Man he had ever come across. Remember, the Devil is not all-powerful. He does not know everything – only God does. He was keen to tempt Jesus to see what kind of opposition he was dealing with. Gross temptations were out so he thought he would be subtle. The temptations are well planned.

Firstly Satan tests our Lord through his bodily hunger. The stones do indeed look like lovely crusty loaves; I have seen them myself – especially when you are starving and have only had water for 40 days – an epic fast. It is of course this fasting of Christ that we imitate in the 40 days of Lent. The Lord did the first Lent on our behalf.

The **Second** temptation involves being the Redeemer by political and military means. The **Third** Temptation is to shake heavens with a mighty sign in Jerusalem – the “Superman” approach to salvation – throw yourself off and see if God catches you.

Our Lord responds to each Temptation

with the Word of Holy Scripture for he has imbibed the Old Testament with his whole soul. In an odd kind of way St Matthew tells us that the Devil cleared off at the end to RETURN AT THE APPOINTED TIME. What was that “time”? I think it was when Satan entered the heart of Judas. “Now Satan has his hour” Jesus tells the Apostles at the Table of the Last Supper. Judas left before Holy Communion and went out into “the dark”. Our Lord said to his Mother at Cana “My Hour has not yet come.” He talks about “this Hour” a lot in St John’s Gospel.

In all these things Christ is victorious on our behalf. He was tempted in every way we are but has not sinned but he knows our weakness and we have a compassionate High Priest. We must not be afraid to take on the devil during this Lent. As soon as we begin a serious attempt in Lent we will be attacked by the Devil who does not wish us to draw close to God for he wants us in hell with him. Don’t be afraid. Use the words of Scripture to drive him away by saying the holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Do not be undermined- stand firm and be on the winning side. It all ends you know with the Resurrection! We must remain on the Winning Side.

Have a good Lent,

Father Tom Connolly



Mass Schedule & Activities

MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon- Fri 9.30am

Sat 11:30am
& 6:30pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY: 9:00 am

11am
6:30pm



CONFESSIONS

Sat. 12—12.30p.m. and 5.30—6.25p.m.



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptisms 12:15pm Sunday's by

prior appointment only.

Baptism Preparation

1st Sunday of the month 3pm
In Church



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS NEXT WEEK

Mon — Fri

2—4 pm

Sat: 10.30am— 11.25am



NO Lectio Divina



Legion of Mary meet on

Mon. at 7.30pm in the
Presbytery

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed: St Peter Damian

Thu: The Chair of St. Peter

Fri: St Polycarp

SICK: Elizabeth Leyden, Michael Nolan, Mary Fitzpatrick, Anette McHale, Brenda & Tom Lynch, Brendan Foy, Christine Booth, Laurence Lindley, Fred Pook, Omana Babus, Vera Sheehan, Eileen Ramsbottom, Peter Ramsbottom, Patrick Banahan, Carol Grighton, Sheila Scannell, John Leyden, Agnes Halligan, Ann Brady, Barbara Williams, Maureen Smith.

Recently Deceased: Helen Walsh (Reception of the Body 6pm Sunday 18th, Requiem 9:30am Monday), Kath Hilton

Anniversary: Michael Boyde (24th at 6:30pm)

BETHLEHEM ART- mission is to provide an income for the few Christian families still living in Bethlehem. There are few pilgrims and visitors to the Holy Land and so families have no means of selling their work. The items produced by local craftsmen are individually hand carved from the wood of the olive tree that are common throughout the Holy Land. Every purchase of these carvings will help to support the many Christian families that still in current times live under constant deprivation and conflict. They will be at St. Edward's this Sunday and at St. Kentigern's the following Sunday.

Collection £564

Director— Kevin Fitzpatrick:
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St Kent's the Place to be

MON: Irish Community Care & Ladies Darts

TUE: Irish language classes & Don Night

WED: Bingo & Adult Dancing

THU: Ceili/Set Dancing

FRI: Irish Dancing classes

SUN: Salsa

FEBRUARY

Thu 22nd—Liverpool Irish Tues group

Fri 23rd—Fundraising for Lisburne School Stockport—DJ Adm. £5

Sat 24th—The Indian's showband & JIB Disco Adm. £10

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE—Monday June 25th—Friday June 29th (5Days) Bed, breakfast & evening meal. Day out to Cromer £320. Deposit of £50 required to book a place. Enquiries : Mary Walsh 0161 474 0964.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

WITH POPE FRANCIS- Pope Francis has chosen Dublin to host the largest international gathering of families in the world. The World Meeting of Families will take place this summer in Dublin 21st—26th August. Bishop John wishes to invite people from our Diocese to accompany him in particular families, married couples, parishioners involved in marriage preparation and support. Details can be found at the back of the Church or please contact formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or contact Fr Paul Daly on 01706 369777.

UNVEILING THE MYSTERY- LENTEN DEVOTIONS— St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley on Thursday 22nd February from 7:30pm –8:30pm. The rest of the Lenten Devotions are: 1st March—Healing Service—Testimony by Daniella Stephens, 8th March—Taize Music and Lection Divina—Reflecting on Christ's suffering, 15th March, Reconciliation Service, Individual Confession, Accepting Mercy, 22nd March, Shroud of Turin Exhibition and Devotions (Held at Wardley Hall)

A LENTEN RETREAT: ACCOMPANYING JESUS IN THE EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK—Wardley Hall, Friday 23rd February 10:30am—12:30pm. Using Scripture, poetry, art and/or music, we will pray with the events and people of Holy Week. Sessions will include presentations, individual prayer time and sharing. Suggestions for daily prayer will be provided.

THANK YOU FROM ADA- Dear Friends, THANK YOU so much for your generous contribution towards the mission of my new Fraternas' community in Ecuador. Please pray for us and if you would like to continue to supporting us, please do so via my sisters in St Edward's. They will be able to send me your donation. May Our Lord bless you abundantly!

BIBLE STUDY COURSE—A Bible Study course entitled "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" consisting of 12 weekly sessions starts on Thursday 22nd February at St Kentigern's Social Club Wilbraham Road start time 7.30pm. No experience of Bible Study required just a desire to know more about our Faith and the Church's teachings about the Virgin Mary in particular. For more info please take a leaflet from the tray at the back of church.

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2018—at Holy Name Church 7:30pm: Wed 21st Feb Simon Leach (organ) and Benedict Holland (violin), Fri 23rd Feb Benjamin Sheen, Fri 29th June Andrew Dean; Fri 4th May Daniel Brondel; Wed 7th Nov John Kitchen

SALFORD DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 27th July – 2nd August. Led by Bishop Arnold. If you come as a nurse or doctor you may get financial help. Lourdes Pilgrimage Office 817 2209 or website www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE. Lent Campaign. has been organised in Manchester beginning 14 February throughout the Lenten season. Come along and join this venture to save precious lives OF THE UNBORN

A HUGE THANK YOU - for the help given to us for our Afternoon Tea in aid of The Christie. The day was a huge success. The day raised an amazing £3688! This means we have raised a total of £14,385.65 for The Christie from the 3 events we have held at the club. I would like to say a special thanks to Brendan and the team who were working on the day, as they were fantastic at helping out with things. Huge thanks again. Michelle Thank to Brendan Connor and all the staff for making this event and all others a success. This means we have now raised over £1,452,000 so far for charity. Well done everyone thanks for booking St Kents for you charity events however big and small

MASS IN ITALIAN— St Mary's the Hidden Gem on 25th February at 3pm.

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