

The First Sunday of Lent

This **First Sunday** in Lent used to be referred to as **Quadragesima** Sunday from the Latin word for **forty**. It is forty days until Easter. **Ash Wednesday** marked the beginning of the season of Lent with its evocative action of being marked with Ash on the forehead. This action has a threefold significance. We are reminded of our **mortality**, encouraged to take on the traditional Lenten practices of **Fasting** (particularly on Wednesdays and Fridays), **giving Alms to the poor** and an increase in both the quality and frequency of our **Prayer Life**. The use of Ash is frequently mentioned in Scripture and so the tradition has a Biblical precedent. Lent is not primarily about 'doing without'. It is more concerned about positive actions, spring cleaning our lives, turning back to God (the Greek word is **Metanoia**) steeping ourselves in God. It is a wonderful season for returning to the practice of the Faith and particularly for families preparing for Sacraments a season of increased preparation. This is our **fifth catechesis** on the season of Lent.

A very interesting piece from the **Book of Deuteronomy**. Moses uses these famous words 'My father was a wandering Aramaean. The reference is to Jacob whose twelve sons would be the basis of the twelve tribes of Israel. Instead of Aramaean substitute the term **Syrian**. He talks about the origins of the nation, their trials and persecutions. But notice that having survived and come through it all the response was to give thanks.

Each week we are invited to carry out three parish practices this weekend. The merits of these we will apply to those whose anniversaries are in the newsletter. **Firstly**, let us pray the I confess with great reverence during Mass. **Secondly**, let us pray the first two stations with great reverence. **Thirdly**, let us spend some quality time with family.

The **Lenten Reflections** for small groups will be taking place during the season of Lent. For more information speak with Janet on janetmarykelly@hotmail.co.uk

All of our **Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors** are invited to attend a get together on Monday March 11th at 7.00 in order to rededicate ourselves for the season of Lent and Holy Week.

Contemplative Theology. Four Lenten Evenings at the Xavier Centre. Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March 7.15-9.00pm. All welcome.

Lenten Saturday of Prayer at the Xavarian Centre in Coatbridge on Saturday 13th April 11.00-3.30pm. All welcome.

At **Patrick's Day Dance** on Saturday 30th March 8.00-11.15pm in the parish hall. Details in the Church porch. Phone 01698 292210 for details.

Mary's Meals have sent us a letter of thanks for the backpacks that were collected after Christmas. They will be delighted for the sum of **£3,100** recently raised at the **Hibs Club**. The organisers extend great thanks to all those who helped and donated. We will take up another collection of clothing in time for Pentecost in the summer.

Thank you to all those who attend the **Bingo Night**. The figure of £752 was raised.

Next week there will a second collection for the sick and retired clergy of the Diocese.

Fr Bergin apologises for his absence last week. **Thank you** to parishioners and the Holy Ghost Fathers who made sure that parish liturgy was celebrated particularly on Ash Wednesday.

Attendance: 247, Collection: £631

Thank you to the parish for this generosity.

Response to the Psalm: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Lately Dead: Mary O'Dowd,

Months Mind: Jane McMahon,

Anniversary of: Mathew Morrissey, Thomas & Elizabeth Reilly, Rose Tracy, Pearl Corrigan, Peter Molloy. Cathy McAuley, Patrick McAuley, Timothy Forde.

Stations of the Cross

On the walls of our Church there are fourteen scenes that illustrate the final stages of the life of Jesus. These fourteen scenes are called the Stations of the Cross. They are of special importance during the Season of Lent.

Today we will focus our attentions on the First and Second Stations.

The First Station:

Jesus is condemned to death by the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate. Jesus is innocent however he has been condemned by the strongest political forces and the strongest religious forces in the land.

The Second Station:

Jesus takes up his Cross and sets off through the streets of Jerusalem to the place of crucifixion called Calvary.

The journey will be absolutely horrible.

On a hill far away stood an old rugged Cross, the emblem of suffering and shame and I loved that old Cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.



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Weekly Schedule	Time	Intention
Sunday 10th Mar. <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	10:00am 4:00pm	Timothy Forde Stations of the Cross
Monday 11th Mar. <i>Lenten Week Day</i>	9:05am 9:30am 1:00p 7:00pm	Prayers Before The Cross Rose Tracy Mass at Carstairs Meeting for All Ministers and Lecters
Tues 12th Mar. <i>Lenten Week Day</i>	8:15am 9:00am 9:30am	Mass in School Stations of the Cross Lena Irvine
Wed 13th Mar. <i>Lenten Week Day</i>	8:15am 9:05am 9:30am	Mass in School Office of Lauds Cathy McAuley and Patrick McAuley
Thurs 14th Mar. <i>Lenten Week Day</i>	8:15am 9:05am 9:30am 7:00pm	Mass in School Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mrs O'Rourke Michael Toolan
Friday 15th Mar. <i>Lenten Week Day</i>	9:00am 9:30am	Stations of the Cross David Menzies
Saturday 16th Mar.	4:00pm 4:30pm	Holy Rosary Agnes Carruthers

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 16th Mar.	J Burns	M Connor, I Connor, C Morrissey
Sunday 17th Mar.	Children's Liturgy	P Mackle, F Carroll, M Nugent

