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1st Sunday of Lent Year A – 26th February 2023

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	26 th	1 st Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Nora Kennedy (EM)	Gen 2: 7-9;3:1-7,Rom 5: 12-19 Matt 4: 1-11
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	27 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Rita and Cecelia Di Mascio	Lev 19: 1-18, Matt 25: 31-46
Tue	28 th	Weekday of Lent			No Mass	
Wed	1 st	St David, Bp	St O	10.00am	Special Intention (CD)	Phil 3: 8-14, Matt 5: 13-16
Thu	2 nd	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Bernadette Joyce (KJ)	Esther 4: 17, Matt 7: 7-12
Fri	3 rd	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	Ezk 18: 21-28, Matt 5: 20-26
Sat	4 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	Requiem Mass: Thomas Welsh	
Sun	5 th	2 nd Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Gen 12: 1-4, 2 Tim 1: 8-10 Matt 17: 1-9
			St M	11.00am	Anne Grealy (b'day) (JH)	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30-10.45am in St Mary's Church St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Currently closed for re-wiring						

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in February: Olive Dargavel, Laura Nuttall, Paul Mazzucchi, Margaret Kearney, Lisa Stimpson, Les Flitham, Luke Goodwin, Gordon Lamb, Maureen Ruddick, Clare Nelson, Wanda Parker Lockwood, Eileen Whalen, GR, Pat Scott, Sheila Boyle, Irene Keenaghan, Alan Brown, Betty Briggs.

And for Thomas (Tommy) Welsh, Fr Patrick McMahon and John (Jack) Marrinan who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Tommy will be celebrated on Sat 4th March 9.30am at St Mary's. The funeral service for Jack will take place on Monday 6th March at 11.15am at Whitley Bay Crematorium followed. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Dorothy Manford, John Hancock, Mary Wrightson, Tony Ferguson, Margaret Kidd, William McGinty, Joan Broome, Pauline Thompson, Caroline Gray, Geoffrey Spencer, Naima Jackson, George Heckley.

We will be joined by Young People from school Year 7 at St Thomas More Academy for Mass on Thursday at 10.00am at St Oswin's.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on **Friday evenings during Lent at 6.30pm** at St Mary's, beginning on **Friday 3rd March**. Please sign up on the list at the back of church if you would like to help lead one of these. It would be great if one of the ministry groups in the parish were to lead the stations each week. *Resources will be available in the sacristy.*

CAFOD Fast Day is **Friday 3rd March**. Envelopes are available from the back of Church. Please return them in the collection as quickly as possible.

Envelopes to donate to St Cuthbert's Care as part of Lenten Alms are available at the back of church.

Re-wire of the Church and Hall at St Mary's: This work has begun and good progress is being made in the church. The work is still scheduled to take a further 3 to 5 weeks to complete. During this time Sunday Mass will be as normal, but the church may need to be closed for weekdays for a few weeks, in which case weekday Masses will be celebrated at St Oswin's church. We thank you in advance for your patience.

Daily Diocesan Reflections for Lent are available on the Diocesan Website. They can be found at:
<https://bit.ly/DHNLent2023>

World Day of Prayer 2023 Services, "I have heard about your faith". We join in this ecumenical movement on **Friday 3rd March**. We have two services. Afternoon 2.00pm, at St. Columba's URC Church, Northumberland Square, North Shields. Evening 7.30pm, at the Methodist Church, Broadway, Cullercoats. Everyone is welcome at either service. Light refreshments will be available after both services.

There will be a Cake Sale after 11.00am Mass next Sunday, 5th March, at St Mary's to help raise funds for Laura Nelson who is going to Lourdes with HCPT with STM School at Easter. The group are there to serve in any way that is needed.

Christmas Collection for 'Walking With' - Thank you to all parishioners for the generous donation for Asylum Seekers and Refugees. We have new clients from Iraq, Iran, Syria, Sudan and other troubled areas so your donations really helps.

Copies of the Minutes of the recent **Parish Open Meeting** are available for collection at the back of church.

The Order of Mass can be found on Page 4 of your Hymn Book

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Adam and Eve succumb to temptation and cause a rift between themselves and God.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50

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

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| 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. | 2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me,
against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. |
| 3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. | 4. Give me again the joy of your help:
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. |

Second Reading

Romans 5:12, 17-19

By his obedience to God, Christ won back for us the gifts lost through the disobedience of Adam.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was tempted by the devil, but unlike Adam and Eve, he did not succumb.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?