

THIS WEEKEND	1st Sunday of Lent		Year B
Sat 17th Feb	<b>5.00pm</b>	St O	John Fiddler
	<b>6.30pm</b>	St T	Margaret + Thomas Conway
Sun 18th February	<b>8:30am</b>	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	<b>8:30am</b>	St O	For the family of Tim Upton and the repose of his soul
	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	In thanksgiving 60 years of Marriage John + Audrey Baldwin Mary Millicent Alston
	<b>11.00am</b>	St MM	John McCole, Eileen Leahy
WEEKDAY MASSES			
		Divine Office Week 1	
Mon 19th February	<b>9.15am</b>	St T	Frances Hart
	<b>9.30am</b>	St O	Teresa Gilleran
Tues 20th February	<b>9.15am</b>	St T	Jack Ashton
	<b>9.30am</b>	St O	For the Parish
Wed 21st February	<b>9.30am</b>	St MM	Irene Schorah
Thu 22nd February St Peter the Apostle	<b>9.30am</b>	St O	Mary Leyfield
	<b>7.00pm</b>	St T	Laura (Bunny) McGuffie
Fri 23rd February CAFOD FAST DAY	<b>9.15am</b>	St T	Special Intention
	<b>9.30am</b>	St O	Patricia + Roger Holdcroft
NEXT WEEKEND	2nd Sunday of Lent		Year B
Sat 24th Feb	<b>5.00pm</b>	St O	Gillian Glenholme
	<b>6.30pm</b>	St T	Lorraine Rylance Kazimierz + Danuta Cywinski
Sun 25th February	<b>8:30am</b>	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	<b>8:30am</b>	St O	Private Intention
	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	Ernest Stuart, David Rigby Tony Rigby
	<b>11.00am</b>	St MM	Margot Schwartz

**Confessions:** 1st (St T) and 2nd (St O) Sat at 10.00am.

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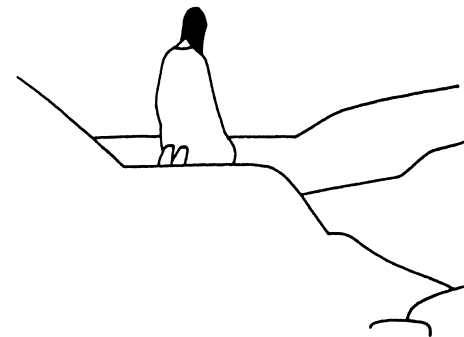


### 1st Sunday of Lent

**18th Feb 2018**

**Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness  
and love**

As we begin Lent, we are invited to follow Jesus into the silence of the wilderness and join with him in prayer and fasting.



Throughout Lent, the Old Testament readings guide us through the history of our salvation. This Sunday we begin with God's Covenant with Noah and his descendants (1st R). The rainbow in the sky is a reminder of that loving Covenant, which foreshadows the promises God will later make to Abraham. The first letter of St Peter (2nd R) teaches that just as the waters of the flood in Noah's day led to a new life and Covenant with God, the waters of our baptism lead to new life in Christ.

In the **Gospel**, after Jesus has been baptised and received the Holy Spirit, he is drawn by the Spirit into the desert. After forty days of fasting and testing in the wilderness, he immediately returns to Galilee and begins to spread the Good News, calling people to repent and turn back to God. The story of both God's Covenant with Noah and today's **Psalm** would have been well known to Jesus. Perhaps we can imagine him praying the psalm and taking comfort from its words: "*Lord make me know your ways. Lord teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth.*"

Let this be our prayer, too, as we begin our Lenten journey. May Jesus be our guide as we learn to follow his path to salvation. We begin as Jesus did by entering into silence ...

**Retiring Collection: for SVP + Caritas: 2nd Sunday of Lent.**

**St MM Tea and Coffee after Mass:** There will be no coffee on the 3rd Sundays because no one volunteered!

**St T Meeting Room:** The work will start on Monday 19th February. This means that the meeting room will be out of action until May 5th. There was a site meeting this week and the contractor (John Hamilton) has said that he would try to keep the toilet available for as much of the job as possible. There will be no tea and coffee after Sunday Mass at St T from the 2nd Sunday of Lent.

**RCIA:** We continue our preparation for those adults who wish to be baptised, be welcomed into the Church and make their 1st Communion or be Confirmed, on Tuesday 20th February at 7.00pm in St Teresa's Church.

**Knit-a-Bit** is changing it's name to "**Needles and Pens**" this is to include crochet, embroidery, colouring activities, arts and crafts, crosswords etc. We will be in the social centre from Feb 19th. Why not come and join us there from 10.00 until 12.00 every Monday.

**St T and St MM:** Gift Aid: On the weekend of March 3rd we will have a drive to encourage new gift aiders. More information to follow.

**SOC Lunch Club.** Friday 23rd. Feb: 12-00pm to 1-pm. We look forward to seeing you, you will be most welcome. SOC Family Bingo - Friday 23rd. March. During the next few weeks there will be a box in the entrance to Church for any raffle prizes you may wish to donate. There is a Caritas Collection next weekend to support a parishioner helping with the HCPT Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**Baptism:** This weekend at St T we celebrate the baptism of Noah Lambert, Anthony Kenyon, Jack Hallas-Appleby and Felicity Hallas-Appleby.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** Fri 2 March at Kingsfold Methodist Church at 2.00pm. All Welcome. There is also a service at Much Hoole Methodist Church.

**St T Bereavement Tea and Chat:** The next afternoon will be Sunday February 25th 3.00pm - 4.00pm St Teresa's Church in the Sacristy. Please invite those who would find this helpful, not just the recently bereaved, all are welcome.

The Friends of St Teresa (**The Friends**) - coming soon. More details next week!

**Lent 2018:**

**Stations of the Cross:** There is a list to sign up to lead the stations.  
Wednesday after 9.30am Mass at St MM. (Led by KSC).  
Friday at St O after morning Mass.  
Sunday at St T at 4.00pm with benediction.

**4 Thursday evening:** exploring different spirituality that has influenced the Church: 7.30pm - 8.30pm. In St T Church.

22nd Feb: St Ignatius for lay people led by Rose McCrave

1st March: the spirit of l'arche led by John Sargent

8th March: Carmel for lay people led by Gillian Coxhead

15th March: The Camino led by Patricia Wilson

**Holy Hours: At St O:** Tuesday 6th March 2.15pm and Monday 19th March at 2.15pm. Fr Michael will lead these holy hours which are part of our preparation for the Eucharistic Congress.

**Week of Guided Prayer:** This takes place from Sunday 25th Feb until Friday 2nd March.

**Sponsored Run/Walk/Bike:** This year our Faith in Action sponsored event will be on Monday May 7th at 12 noon (Bank Holiday).

**Weekday Mass:** We do our best to keep to the regular schedule of daily Masses. Why not try to come to an extra Mass in Lent. If you work there is always Thursday evening at 7.00pm at St Teresa's.

**CAFOD Fast Day:** Friday 23rd Feb. For every £1 you give to CAFOD between 13th Feb and 12th May, the Govt. will give £1—up to £5 million. There will be no special collection, just use the CAFOD envelopes in Church and give when you are ready.

**Lenten Soup Lunches:** Friday 2 March and Friday 23 March. Selection of soups/roll and tea/coffee with buttered scone. All for £3.50 pay at the door. Proceeds to CAFOD

**Food Bank:** During Lent we make a special effort to support our local food bank. They urgently need pasta sauce and tinned fish and meat.