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Can it really be the season of Lent so soon? Not that long ago it was Christmas: there may still be some turkey broth in the freezer! But, no, the full moon which will be seen on 27th March decrees that Easter Day shall be on the 31st of March this year, and as a consequence, the forty days of Lent start so much earlier.

Lent recalls the forty days and forty nights that Jesus spent in the desert, prior to taking up his life's work. At about the age of thirty, he was about to embark on the real purpose of his life on earth- to bring the Good News of his Father's love to all people. But first, he went into the desert to be tested and strengthened for the task ahead.

Going apart like this to find solitude was something he would do again and again during his public ministry. Indeed, he would sometimes take his disciples with him so that they, too, might find an inner peace. But, on this occasion, Jesus was joined in the desert by Satan, the tempter.

In today's Gospel we read of the three temptations set before Jesus: to turn stones into bread; to be shown all the kingdoms of the world and to be given

power over them; and finally, to do something spectacular by jumping off the parapet of the Temple in Jerusalem and to have angels support him and save him from injury.

This Lent, once more, we have the opportunity to focus our minds and hearts on the One who refused to be tempted, and to renew our apprenticeship to him by applying

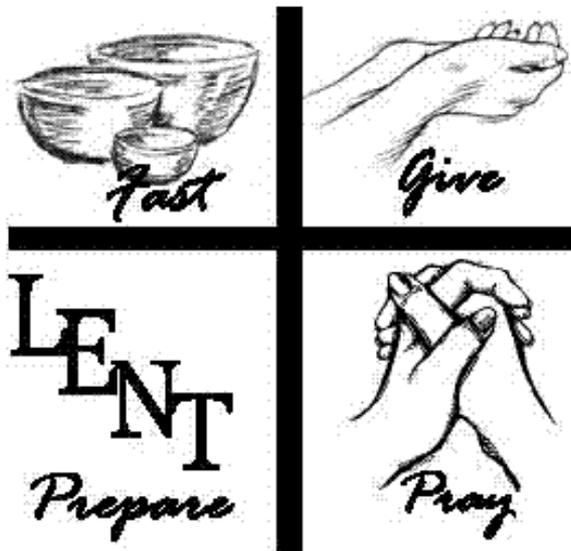
ourselves to the three Lenten tasks, which run counter to the three temptations Satan put before Jesus.

We are to fast- by giving up some material or worldly thing in order to strengthen us spiritually. We are to renew our prayer- by believing the power of prayer and allowing God's power to enter and control our lives; and

engage in almsgiving- by being active in doing something for others, but not for any human glory or instant reward.

Please God, this Lent, we will be given many opportunities in our daily lives to affirm our belief that our Lord Jesus is the Lord of our lives, and be shown to be true disciples, apprentices learning from our master and sharing in his life and work.

Al Callan



SATURDAY/SUNDAY 16th/17th February 2013

First Sunday in Lent (C)

- Sat 6.30pm** Danny Reilly RIP (M Reilly)
Sun 9am In Thanksgiving (Tissero Family)
11am People of the Parish
12.30pm BAPTISM: Emelia Rose Strudwick
6pm Mr & Mrs S M Fernando RIP (Gowthaman & Family)

Daily Masses 18th-23rd February 2013

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon: Feria

- 9.30am** Olwin Brady RIP (Mary Gray)
5.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

Tues: Feria

- 7am** Barry Rock RIP (Maira)
9.30am Mary & Michael Maughan RIP (Imelda Qualter)

Wed: Feria

- 7am** Richard Baker RIP (John Brooks)
9.30am Mary Brennan RIP (Eileen Pearce & Family)

Thur: Feria

- 7am** Ralph Cooper RIP (Rosemary Durkin)
9.30am Maderline Poulton RIP (Flo)
Fri: The Chair of St Peter the Apostle CAFOD Fast Day
7am Noel D'Costa RIP (Family)
9.30am Eileen Tull RIP (Peter Tull)

8pm DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICE WITH ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH

Sat: Feria

- 9am** Raffaele Ambroselli RIP (Family)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 23rd/24th February 2013

Second Sunday in Lent (C)

- Sat: 6.30pm** Vanessa Cunningham RIP (Cruse family)
Sun: 9am Francescantonio D'Agostino RIP & Giuseppa Gelormini RIP (Mrs D'Agostino)
11am Mora Witton RIP (Parish Choir)
12.30pm Baptisms: Freya Eve Harri & Emily Denegri
6pm People of the Parish

**YEAR OF FAITH
RECONCILIATION SERVICE
With individual confessions
Led by The Most Reverend Peter Smith
Archbishop of Southwark
FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2013 8pm**



Last week's Offertory Collection

for the upkeep of the church : £2,027
Cabrini Children's Society £ 442

We thank you for your continued generosity .
(Cash counters this week: Bernie Turkington & Barbara Buchinger
Next week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturdays- 9.30am to 10am
and 5.30pm to 6pm**

READINGS

This Week- 1st Sunday in Lent (C) page 153

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A thanksgiving to God for life and blessings.

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13

Faith is not obscure or complicated. It is pure and simple, and finds its echo in the human heart.

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

All the conflicts and struggles of Our Lord's life are captured in the drama of the temptations in the wilderness.

Next Week-2nd Sunday in Lent (C) page 156

First Reading Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

God enters into a covenant with Abraham, who hears and heeds the voice of God.

Second Reading Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Paul calls on the followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the life and teachings of the Lord.

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Jesus is transfigured on a mountaintop and the voice of God is heard, urging humanity to listen to Jesus.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Lorna Cooley, Mora Witton, Ralph Cooper** (husband of Maggie Cooper), **Jean Studham, Patricia Howard, Jeremy Morton, Joan Lancaster and Clara De Litta** (mother of Sonia Di Libero). We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We remember all our **sick and elderly parishioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them:

Maureen Kerr, Suzanne Godwin, Jim Spillane, Geoff Grenade (father of Debbie Dray), Azita Sohadi, Evie Durkin, Clint Sampson, Rouben Sarkissian, Francisco Dirago, David Moss, Linda Kirk, Bishop Patrick Lynch, Frank McCabe, Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlone, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), Elizabeth Gillman, Michael O'Brien, Rhian Knappgate, Brenda Killeen, Barbara Stevenson, Peter and Ann Groves, Ella Hayes, Amandina Marsella, Stephen Fleming, Derek Wells, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Maureen Dillon, Felicia Nazareth, Mary McDonnagh, Fr Simon Peat, Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Elizabeth Joège, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurlley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burridge, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, Tom Tyler, Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Jeffrey D'Cruz, George Hayes, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion and Norma Latham .

LENTEN PROJECT QUIZ NIGHT
Saturday 23rd February at 7.45pm

Join us for a family quiz to have fun and raise money for the parish's chosen charities. The quiz takes place in the Catholic Hall on **Saturday 23rd February at 7.45pm**. Tickets £3 per adult and £1 per child. Pay on the night. Bring your own snacks and drinks. To book a table (max 8 people per team) call George on 07949 334 349

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Thank you to all who supported our Bring and Buy Sale. Your generosity raised £106 for Help the Heroes charity. Our next meeting will be at 8pm in the old chapel on Tuesday February 19th. We welcome Father Anthony who will lead a discussion on various topics of interest and concern to members. All ladies are welcome to join us.

LENTEN PROJECT 2013

WANTED FOR TABLE TOP SALE –
Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd March

The Table Top Sale involves new and nearly new items as well as the very popular, home-made *jams, marmalades* and of course the *plants* stall.

The pupils of OLI school are planning to collect a good supply of *toys, books and games* both new and in very good condition.

Do you want to **book a table** and bring new/nearly new items to sell for the project?

Or do you have any **unwanted goodies?** gifts – chocs – toys that are 'over' after Christmas? - we can sell these, or use as raffle prizes to raise money for the Lenten Project this year. If so, we are now able to arrange delivery or collect anything you can't bring in.

Ring **0208 397 7733** to arrange collection of goods or to book a table. *Teas and coffees and cakes and biscuits will be on sale.*

Call in after the Saturday evening Mass and the 2 morning Masse- meet friends and support the project!

THANKYOU!

Friday 1st March- Women's World Day of Prayer

Theme- 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'

All are welcome- men, women and young people, at St Mark's Church, Surbiton, Friday 1st March at 10.30am. Speaker -the Rev'd Helen Hancock. Choir from St Andrew's and St Mark's School. Also at 7.30pm at The United Reformed Church, Elgar Avenue, Tolworth. Speaker; The Rev'd Heather Cadoux

CAFOD Lent Fast Day 2013 (England & Wales)
Friday 22nd February.

God created the world of abundance with enough food for everyone, but we have turned it into a world of want: each and every night, one in 8 people goes to bed hungry due to lack of food.

This Lent Fast day, we are invited to share the abundance of God's creation with our brothers and sisters across the world. So let us support this Fast day by donating what we save go towards supporting a fairer world. Fast Day envelopes are attached to the newsletter this weekend.

If you are a UK taxpayer, don't forget to fill out the gift aid slip on the back.

Our Lady Immaculate Lenten Project 2013
Can you help?

Our Lady Immaculate Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for over 40 years. Over the years we have raised in excess of £300,000 for countries in the third world. The 2012 Project raised over £18,000.

This year we have set a target to raise over £20,000 for good causes in India, Africa and the Holy Land.

We are planning to have a **Grand Raffle Draw** as one of the planned activities. We have already had some very generous donations to offer as prizes (more details to follow). We are looking for Parishioners who are able to donate prizes for the Grand Draw or one of the many small raffles which take place at the various events.

Do you work for a company who might be willing to assist with the printing costs for the Draw booklets?

Similarly, do you work for an organisation who might be able and willing to offer a prize?

If you are able to help please contact Phil Townsend on Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk on 8399 3481.

Thank you.



LENTEN PROJECT 2013
EVENTS CALENDAR- SO FAR

- Saturday 16 Feb **UCM CAKE SALE**
(after 6.30pm Mass)
- Sunday 17 February **UCM CAKE SALE**
(after morning Masses)
- Saturday 23 February **QUIZ NIGHT**
- Sunday 3 March **TABLE TOP SALE**
- Sunday 10 March **APPLE PIE SALE**
- Saturday 23 March **HELEN O'BRIEN MEMORIAL SPONSORED WALK**
- Saturday 23 March **KSC/UCM JUMBLE SALE**
- Saturday 6th April **SOUTH INDIAN FOOD FESTIVAL & CULTURAL EVENING**
- Weekends 6/7 April)
- 13/14 April) Collection of Lenten Boxes
- 20/21 April)

WEBSITE:

Pictures and write up from the Confirmation Retreat at Whitstable last weekend (Gallery)

Congratulations to:

Michal Dzedziak, Martina Hardy, Stephen Hardy Katie Mitchell and Zuzanna Nietrasz, who all made their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning (16th February).

KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in our Foodbank collections. Kingston Foodbank have expressed how grateful they are for our support and donations. Please be assured that all food donated goes to help local people in crisis who need food (see website for more information www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk).

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (23/24 February) – so do please remember to bring donations, even if it is one item, it really does help to make a difference. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food, and donations can be left in a box in the church porch.

Food currently needed is instant mashed potato, noodles, steamed puddings and rice. In the run-up to Easter it would also be nice to include some chocolate treats.

Many thanks for your help.

Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Ruth Oliver
(OLI Foodbank Coordinators)

Fairtrade Fortnight and the Big Breakfast

A date for your diary - the Justice and Peace Group invite you to join us for tea, coffee and other goodies to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight on Sunday **24th February** after the 9 am Mass in the Old Chapel.

OLI J&P Group.



The Chair of Saint Peter 22nd February



Like the committee chair, this chair refers to the occupant, not the furniture. Its first occupant stumbled a bit, denying Jesus three times and hesitating to welcome gentiles into the new Church. Some of its later occupants have also stumbled a bit, sometimes even failed scandalously. As individuals, we may sometimes think a particular Pope has let us down. Still, the office endures as a sign of the long tradition we cherish and as a focus for the universal Church.

ALTAR SERVERS- NEW ROTA

Would all altar servers please collect your new rota from the RDJ Room after Mass this weekend.



Opening of our Parish Library

If you are aged between 4 and 94, come & borrow a book.

Sunday 24 February 10am to 11am & 6.45 to 7.30pm

In the RDJ Room (On the right of the church towards the sacristy)

HOME HELP REQUIRED

Home help needed for a parishioner for 1-2 hours each morning. Please contact Maureen on 020 8399 6575

Pope Benedict XVI on Monday said he plans on resigning the papal office on February 28th. Below please find his announcement.

Full text of Pope's declaration

Dear Brothers,

I have convoked you to this Consistory, not only for the three canonizations, but also to communicate to you a decision of great importance for the life of the Church. After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but no less with prayer and suffering. However, in today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the bark of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfil the ministry entrusted to me. For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the Cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a Conclave to elect the new Supreme Pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is.

Dear Brothers, I thank you most sincerely for all the love and work with which you have supported me in my ministry and I ask pardon for all my defects. And now, let us entrust the Holy Church to the care of Our Supreme Pastor, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and implore his holy Mother Mary, so that she may assist the Cardinal Fathers with her maternal solicitude, in electing a new Supreme Pontiff. With regard to myself, I wish to also devotedly serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer.

From the Vatican, 10 February 2013

BENEDICTUS PP XVI

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

The St Petersburg Blagovest Ensemble will be performing a concert in church on Friday 17th May. Tickets will go on sale nearer the time.

Saturday 16 MARCH, 7.00PM

The Merbecke Choir will visit St. Raphael's to sing Mozart's Requiem. This sacred music, amongst the crowning achievements in the European repertoire, gives an opportunity for prayerful reflection and preparation for the celebration of the event of the Cross and Resurrection.