

### Spiritual Matters

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus, was tempted by Satan in the desert. After forty days of fasting our Lord was vulnerable to temptation, but He was able to resist Satan's false promises and stay true to the Father. I wonder, 'Would we have had the courage and strength to do the same?' The answer is probably not, because unlike Jesus we are sinners and this makes us susceptible to temptation. I am sure that at times each of us have strayed from His path, doubted Him or done things that we have regretted. We all know, however, how important it is to try to follow His way. This week we have started our journey through Lent, and during this time we will try to get an even closer relationship with Jesus. Many of us will undertake some form of self-denial, we may give alms, read more of His Word and/or spend more time in prayer. Whatever we may do we will do so with the greatest of intentions, but we will need the Lord's help to fulfill our pledges. We will inevitably experience temptations and we need to pray that, like Jesus, we will be able to resist them. The knowledge of this can make choosing an easier journey very appealing, but we know that we really want to follow the way of the Cross. So today let us pray for strength in our Lenten preparations and, if we are yet to begin, let us start today. Jesus, we give ourselves totally to you. Amen.

Louise Bowen (Catherine Walker)



**Sick and Housebound**  
If you are going into hospital or if you know someone who has already been admitted and would appreciate a visit from one of the chaplaincy team then please text details to

Deacon Chris Blackman on **07462 040390**

### Mass Intentions

There is currently a waiting list for intentions especially for the weekend Masses. If you want a specific date please request this well in advance.

### Win a chocolate Easter Chick

In the Lenten charity Quiz. Sheets are available after the weekend Masses During Lent, price £1



### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent we will be saying the Stations of the Cross in remembrance of Our Lords passion and death. This is an excellent Lenten devotion and a chance to reflect on what Christ suffered for our salvation.

CAFOD Lent fast day will take place on Friday 15th March. Please collect a Fast Day envelope this weekend 9th/ 10th March and return it at Mass the following weekend 16th/ 17th March. Thank you.



### Embrace Development Project

With 2 weeks left of the Talk to Me Worcester campaign, there is still time to organise an event with your neighbours. Find us on Facebook and Register your activity on our Talk to Me Worcester Facebook page and be in to win a £50 shopping voucher. The best activities will be awarded a plaque by the Worcester Mayor at an award ceremony on the 21st March. Contact Chris if you need support registering. There have already been 32 different events across Worcester, get involved #talktomeworcester. The next Embrace Forget Me Not Friendship meeting will be on Thursday 21st March 2019 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. Come for a cuppa and a chat, bring a friend, everyone is welcome. I would also invite anyone who is concerned about themselves, or someone else who is isolated or alone in the parish, to contact me for confidential support. Chris Watkins 07387109661.



### Advanced Notice

We are hoping to hold an "Audience with Thomas Plant, (nee Forrester)" well known auctioneer and television personality, in the very near future in order to raise funds for the parish. Keep a look out for further details of what promises to be a very enjoyable evening.



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NEWSPLETTER

			READER	MHC
<b>Saturday 9th March</b> <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	12.30am	St George's	Vigil Mass	
	5.15 - 5.45pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6.00pm		Vigil Mass <i>Roy Holland S.P.</i>	Mike E Stella T
<b>Sunday 10th March</b> <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	9.00am	St George's	Mass	
	10.00am	St Joseph's	Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	Marion J Paul C
	11.00am	OLQP	Mass	
	6.00pm	St George's	Mass	
<b>Monday 11th March</b>	9.15am	St Joseph's	<i>Anne Matthews RIP</i>	
<b>Tuesday 12th March</b>	9.15am	St Joseph's with the children	<i>Viv Butler S.P.</i>	
<b>Wednesday 13th March</b>			<i>No Mass</i>	
<b>Thursday 14th March</b>	9.15am	St Joseph's	<i>Holy Souls</i>	
<b>Friday 15th March</b>	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Exposition with Stations of the Cross	
	7.00pm	St Joseph's	Mass <i>Anne Matthews RIP</i>	
	7.30pm	St Joseph's	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
<b>Saturday 16th March</b> <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	12.30am	St George's	Vigil Mass	
	5.15 - 5.45pm	St Joseph's	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6.00pm	St Joseph's	Vigil Mass <i>Stan and Sadie Smith RIP Ann</i>	David V Ann K
<b>Sunday 17th March</b> <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	9.00am	St George's	Mass	
	10.00am	St Joseph's	Mass <i>Rose Allen RIP Ann</i>	Ruth Holland
	11.00am	OLQP	Mass	
	6.00pm	St George's	Mass	

**Please pray** for all the sick of our parish and for all those who are sick at home or in hospital. We also pray for the Lately dead, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

### Collections for Weekend of 2nd and 3rd March 2019

Gift Aid: £398.00; Non Gift Aid: £357.06

### Second Collection Cathedral Maintenance Fund

Gift Aid: £34.10 Non Gift Aid: £116.25