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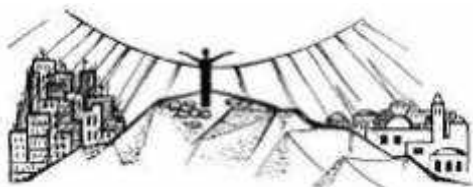
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First Sunday of Lent Year B

21st February 2021



We begin our Lenten journey at the decisive moment of the flood, when God establishes his first Covenant with man, in the person of Noah. Noah was saved from the waters, while we (as Saint Peter points out) are saved by the waters of Baptism.

This is the Covenant we live in, thanks to Christ, who came to establish this "new and eternal Covenant in his blood". He is the only one who can do this, because he is without sin, despite "having been tempted in every way that we are".

"Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him."

W/C 21/02/2020 This Weeks Intentions

Sanctuary	Wedding Anniversary
Our Lady	Sean Patrick McGivern

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Joseph Keenan, Marie Townsend, Geoffrey Rishton, Father Alban Crossley, Ryden Cross, Frank Cutler & Jean Willis.

remember to put your offertory money in the boxes on the way in or out of Church. You can also post your donations and any Mass intentions through the Letterbox of the Presbytery which is locked inside. Also, it is possible to make online donations. www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/ There is also a link on our Parish Website. Thank you.

Retrouvaille Marriage Support - Covid19 is a challenging time for many marriages. So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing.. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. You just can't cope, would be better apart you wonder. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ...and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 25th - 28th February 2021 Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Weekly Eco -Thought for — The First Sunday of Lent 21st February 2021—From the first reading: God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you.' God pledges never to destroy his creation. Can we make that same pledge to God and safeguard the gift God has given us? Think of one practical step that you will take this Lent and beyond.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is on Friday 26 February. This year Cafod is focusing on water, as one in three people has no access to safe drinking water. Our usual church collection cannot take place but Fr Joe asks that we give on-line at www.Cafod.org.uk/give. You can also text LENT to 70460. There will be Freepost envelopes at the back of church which you should send to Cafod or give to Margaret or Michael Cronin who will post them for you. As our parish contribution to Cafod, Michael and I are walking 10,000 steps a day for the 40 days of Lent. You can donate on our just-giving site using the following link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walking-for-water1386>

Offertory Donations: We are not holding offertory collections during Mass but please do try to

Altar Servers Online Retreat – 'Serving God and our neighbour in the everyday'
Saturday 27th February 2021 – 10am-12pm (Ages 8-11) and 1pm-3pm (Ages 12-17) - Servers aged 18 and over please email the address below. The day includes a keynote from Bishop John on the ministry of serving during this time and in the future, times of prayer, a recommissioning service and workshops on 'Challenges & Opportunities', 'Prayer - A Friendship with Jesus', and 'Called to Serve'. To register your place or for more information email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk An under 18's

videoconferencing consent form must be downloaded, completed by parents/carers and returned to the above email address. Download from <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/altar-server-retreat/>, The retreat will take place on Zoom.

Austen Ivereigh & Diocese of Salford Lent Course - LET US DREAM -- Our Lenten Journey with Pope Francis, guided by Austen Ivereigh. Over the Wednesdays of Lent we will explore Pope Francis' book, Let us Dream, with the assistance of Austen Ivereigh, who worked closely with Pope Francis on the book. Let Us Dream is the first book by a pope in response to a specific crisis and offers us Pope Francis's spiritual guidance for humanity in the throes of the COVID-19 crisis, helping us to seize the opportunity for conversion and change — as individuals and as a society. The course will begin with an Introductory presentation by Austen on Wednesday 24th February at 7pm. Every Wednesday from 2nd March until 31st March we will meet 7pm-8.30pm, again with an opening reflection from Austen, to explore the book in five sections, share our thoughts, ask questions and deepen our understanding of the Lord's call to us, to our Church and world through the teaching of Pope Francis. This is a wonderful opportunity, and the Bishop and Diocese are very grateful to Austen Ivereigh for making this possible. **For more information go to the website <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lentcourse/> Or to sign up, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk**

The Global Catholic Movement invites you to "Global Healing."- In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	20th Feb Vigil	18:00	The Parish
Sun	21st Feb	10:00	First Sunday of Lent Marie Townsend R.I.P.
Mon	22nd Feb	6:30 pm	Chair of St Peter (F) Marie Townsend R.I.P.
Tues	23rd Feb	1:30 pm	Requiem Mass for Geoffrey Rushton R.I.P.
Wed	24th Feb	9:15 am	Marie Townsend R.I.P.
Thurs	25th Feb	9:15 am	Ryden Cross R.I.P.
Fri	26th Feb		NO MASS
Sat	27th Feb Vigil	18:00	Marie Phelan R.I.P.
Sun	28th Feb	10:00 11:00	Second Sunday of Lent The Parish Baptism of Jacob Thomas Rusburn

St Mary's, Brownedge <u>Live Streaming Times</u> https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge		
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Open for Private Prayer	Tuesday Thursday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm

engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action. **When?** Six Thursdays from 18th February – 25th March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm

How to join? To register please click [HERE](#) or email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global

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SPIRIT WILDERNESS TEMPTED
SATAN WILD BEASTS
ANGELS GOOD NEWS
CLOSE REPENT BELIEVE



Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound and for those who have asked for your Prayers.