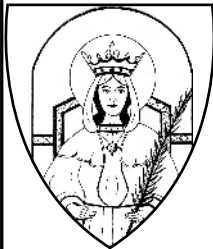


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Lent Week 1

26th February 2023

The First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalm 50; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

The first reading from Genesis reminds us of the creation of the world and of the first humans – Adam and Eve. Having reminded us of the beauty of Creation and of all the good that was in it, it then recalls the great sin of Adam and Eve as they gave in to temptation. The Psalm asks for forgiveness from God for our sins. St Paul tells the Romans that sin came through one man (Adam) but that all people have been redeemed through another man – Christ. As man brought separation from God so the unity has been restored by Man because whatever sins were committed God's freely given grace is always greater. In the gospel we see Jesus – truly man like us – being tempted by the devil while fasting in the wilderness. He resists these temptations because of his adherence to the word of God and because of his faith in God. We are called on in the readings to be faithful to God, to trust him at all times, and to call on Christ who knows what it is to be tempted.

Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows' 27th February

Born in Italy into a large family and baptized Francis, Saint Gabriel lost his mother when he was four years old. He was educated by the Jesuits and, came to believe that God was calling him to religious life. Young Francis wished to join the Jesuits but was turned down, probably because of his age, not yet 17. Following the death of a sister to cholera, his resolve to enter religious life became stronger he was accepted by the Passionists. Upon entering the novitiate he was given the name Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows. Ever popular and cheerful, Gabriel quickly was successful in his effort to be faithful in little things. His spirit of prayer, love for the poor, consideration of the feelings of others, exact observance of the Passionist Rule as well as his bodily penances His superiors had great expectations of Gabriel as he prepared for the priesthood, after four years of religious life symptoms of tuberculosis appeared. Ever obedient, he patiently bore the painful effects of the disease, seeking no special notice. He died peacefully on February 27, 1862, aged 24, he was an example to both young and old. He was canonized in 1920.

Saint David of Wales 1st March



David is the patron saint of Wales and perhaps the most famous of British saints. Ironically, we have little reliable information about him. It is known that he became a priest, engaged in missionary work, and founded many monasteries, including his principal abbey in southwestern Wales. Many stories and legends sprang up about David and his Welsh monks. Their austerity was extreme. They worked in silence without the help of animals to till the soil. Their food was

limited to bread, vegetables and water.

In about the year 550, David attended a synod where his eloquence impressed his fellow monks to such a degree that he was elected primate of the region. The episcopal see was moved to Mynyw, where he had his monastery, now called St. David's. He ruled his diocese until he had reached a very old age. His last words to his monks and subjects were: "Be joyful, brothers and sisters. Keep your faith, and do the little things that you have seen and heard with me."

Saint David is pictured standing on a mound with a dove on his shoulder. The legend is that once while he was preaching a dove descended to his shoulder and the earth rose to lift him high above the people so that he could be heard. Over 50 churches in South Wales were dedicated to him in pre-Reformation days.

Walk with Me - Receive God's Mercy

Israel, God's Chosen People, turned its back on the Living God and worshiped the Golden Calf (Exodus 32). Moses interceded and God revealed himself as a merciful Lord: 'God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness' (Exodus 34:5-6). The Psalms celebrate and rejoice in the depth of God's mercy and forgiveness, 'as far as the east is from the west so far as he has removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12). Lent is an opportunity to rediscover and taste again the overwhelming mercy of God by making the simple prayer: 'Have mercy on me. O God, according to your unfailing love.'

Please note

Saturday is the most popular day for mass intentions and they are filled up to the end of April.

The Mother of Mercy Group

Will open our church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 7th March 9.00am – 3.00pm. All welcome.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal 3rd March 2023

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows 27th February

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Ever popular and cheerful, Gabriel quickly was successful in his effort to be faithful in little things. His spirit of prayer, love for the poor, consideration of the feelings of others, exact observance of the Passionist Rule as well as his bodily penances—always subject to the will of his wise superiors—made a deep impression on everyone. His superiors had great expectations of Gabriel as he prepared for the priesthood, but after only four years of religious life symptoms of tuberculosis appeared. Ever obedient, he patiently bore the painful effects of the disease and the restrictions it required, seeking no special notice. He died peacefully on February 27, 1862, at age 24, having been an example to both young and old. Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows was canonized in 1920.

Wanted – Cathedral stewards

Small cogs often play a vital part in helping a big machine run smoothly. It's rather like that with Cathedral stewards who act as the link between Cathedral and congregation, making sure everyone feels welcome and can participate fully in the main services, whether presenting the offertory gifts, contributing to collections or receiving communion. The Cathedral needs more people to volunteer for this important role, both on a regular weekly basis and for occasional extra events. If you would like to be more involved in the Cathedral community, enjoy meeting people and are good at organising then perhaps this call is for you! In the first instance please contact Claire Hanlon on c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

Cost of Living Crisis

'There will be some families who will have to choose between freezing or starving, and some may face both.' The Money Saving Expert website lists over 90 tips for how to cut back on spending and manage the cost of living. Visit www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/cost-of-living-survival-kit/

Vacancy –Housekeeper at SS Peter & Paul, Crosby

SS Peter & Paul Crosby is looking for a parish housekeeper, for more information, visit: [Careers - Join the team \(liverpoolcatholic.org.uk\)](http://Careers-Join-the-team(liverpoolcatholic.org.uk))

Live Streaming System

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view Services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at www.churchservices.tv/croxteth

Liturgy for the Week

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

Saturday	25th	6.00pm	Marie O'Shaunessy (G.W.), Brian Threlfall
Sunday	26th	11.30am	Francis Doran (Anniv), Mary Kelly (B'day)
Wednesday	1st Mar	7.00pm	Natalie & Sheila Lane
Thursday	2nd	9.00am	John Robinson L.D.
Saturday	4th	6.00pm	John & Claire Darwent (Anniv)
Sunday	5th	11.30am	Billy Fox (Anniv)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Each weekend during the Season of Lent Fr Anthony will be available
Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm and Sunday 10.45am – 11.15am for reconciliation

Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

John Robinson, Stan Jones,
Joseph Jones.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Billy Fox, Barney Whitehead,
Mary Kelly.

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.

Diane Bell	Paul & Kate	Toni Dal	Christine & David
Eileen Guy	Ellen Cooke	June Fee	<u>Fitzsimmons</u>
Bernie Boyde	Janet Clark	Robbie Ross	Joan, Andreas
Angela Adlen	Josie Dunne	Peter Fraser	<u>Samaras</u>
David Holgate	Joan Turner	Ann Shreeve	Margaret &
Margaret Lace	Julie Pearce	G., + MP., + TC.,	Joseph <u>Maloney</u>
Angela Gregory	Kenny Morley	Peter & Jane Kelly	Vassilis
Eddie Unsworth	John Murphy	Marie O'Shaunessy	<u>Alamaniotis</u>
Marie O'Connell	Sr Edith Culliton	Canon Brendan Alger	

Stations Of The Cross

Will begin at 6.30 every Wednesday evenings. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of church if anyone would like to lead them.