



First Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the
mouth of God.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Communion Antiphon

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but by every word that comes forth from the
mouth of God.



Stations of the Cross

Sunday

Old Hill : 4pm

Friday

Halesowen : 7.30pm

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LITURGY FOR THE WEEKEND 8th/9th MARCH 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

TIMES OF MASS & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 8th	Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent	6.30pm H	Pro Populo
Sun 9th	First Sunday of Lent	10.00am H 11.30am OH 4.00pm OH	Adrian Bryan (R.I.P) John Phap & Holy Souls <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Mon 10th	Lent Feria	No Mass	—————
Tues 11th	Lent Feria	<u>9.00am</u> OH	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 12th	Lent Feria	12noon H	Harry Arikat
Thurs 13th	Lent Feria	12noon OH	Celebrant's Intention
Fri 14th	Lent Feria	12noon H 7.30pm H	John Conlan (Int) <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 15th	Lent Feria Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent	10am H 6.30pm H	Michael Rose (R.I.P) Pro Populo
Sun 16th	Second Sunday of Lent	10.00am H 11.30am OH	Elsy Francis (R.I.P) Louis Fielding (R.I.P)

MASS INTENTIONS to Father Stefan please

Masses marked H will be at Halesowen, OH will be at Old Hill

Confessions

There will be an opportunity for Confessions at Halesowen from 10.30 am until 11am.
The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during confessions.
Confessions are also available by appointment.

Second Collections

This weekend we will have a second collection for Church Maintenance (H) & Parish Debt (OH).
Please note for those with envelopes, it has been brought forward a week due to the
Second Collection the following week which is for CAFOD.

Our Lady of Lourdes Foodshare

The Old Hill Foodshare gang would like to thank everyone for their generous donations during
the festive period. It means the kitty has been replenished and fear of having to close has been
averted. God bless you all for your continued support.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross (Old Hill) will take place on Sunday at 4pm

Stations of the Cross (Halesowen) will take place on Friday at 7.30pm

Old Hill Foodshare

There is a great need of - **cereals, sugar, toilet rolls, toiletries, detergents along with tinned fruit, tinned fish and tinned meat.**

Lately Dead

Please keep in your prayers those who have lately died: Michael Rose, Gertrude Finney & Adrian Bryan.

May they rest in peace.

MARCH Anniversaries

Remember in your prayers these deceased members :

Michael Fogarty, Margaret Moloney, Bill Price, Demi Gavin, William Woodhall, Eric Shelton, Marion Jones, John Russell, Charles Long, Teresa Diffin, Helena Moore, Kenneth Bradley, Angela Clayfield, Donald Boston, Kathleen Clarke, Noreen McCartin, Winifred Stone, Reginald Drew, Roger Billingham, Bertha Vince, Ernest Hall, Bridget Rosa Peck and Michael Bishop. *May they rest in peace.*

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

You are most welcome to join us this Jubilee Year as we journey to Lourdes in May.

The pilgrimage runs from Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025 with the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope".

If you would like to travel to Lourdes but in need of assistance we can help. Assisted pilgrims have the support of doctors, nurses, carers and hospitaliers throughout their time on pilgrimage. You will participate fully in the pilgrimage and experience the love of God through the care, love and friendship of volunteers.

Please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288 / admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

As well as applications from assisted pilgrims we're also keen to hear from doctors, nurses and carers eager to volunteer their time and experience Lourdes.

If Our Lady is calling you, please answer and give to others. We look forward to hearing from you. Find out more here: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org./lourdes-pilgrimage>

Bingo is Back!! (St Kenelm)

There will be a bingo fundraising event with all proceeds going to the Our Lady and St Kenelm's church. It will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 15th March 2025 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Old Hill, B64 6HN. Doors open at 1pm and eyes down for 2pm.

Just like before, there will be Irish bingo; play your cards right and a raffle held as well.

Come and have a laugh and enjoy yourselves! Any questions, please see Rebecca.

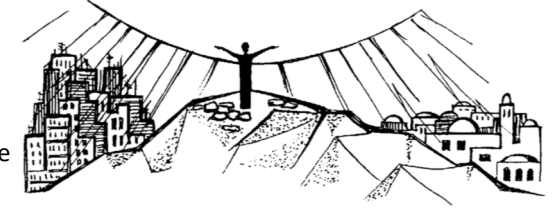


Reflection for First Sunday of Lent

Readings: *Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13*

Each of the readings this week asks us to reflect on our faith in our lives. In the first reading Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of the people. In the second reading Saint Paul teaches us that we are saved by faith and in the Gospel we have the temptation of the Lord in the wilderness.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus spends forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In the gospels of Luke and Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.



Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into how we hope to develop our own spirituality as we keep the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises.

The gospel ends by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his death on the Cross, the saving sacrifice that sets us free as well.

As we have started our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.



Sharon,

Fr Stephen

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