

Wednesday 6th March 2019 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM



Encountering Christ
Prayerfully preparing for the
Sunday Mass and praying in
particular for our school families



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 10th March 2019 - The First Sunday in Lent

1 Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. **Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.



2 Read

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 10th March 2019 - Jesus is tested in the Desert (Luke 4:1-13)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf." But Jesus replied, "Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone." Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours." But Jesus answered him, "Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone." Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said to him, "throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone." But Jesus answered him, "It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test." Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.



3 Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

To remind us that Lent is a time of testing, the gospel reading of the First Sunday of Lent is always about the testing of Jesus. Through our fasting (or whatever that extra offering we make to the Lord during Lent may be) we enter into solidarity with the hardship undergone by Jesus in his Passion. Of course Lent is not a matter of testing out how far we can push ourselves (a sort of macho self-torture). Rather it is a period of preparation for the Passion and Resurrection - just like the forty years of Israel in the desert preparing for the Promised Land, or like the prophet Elijah's forty-day preparation before he encounters God on Mount Horeb, or like the forty days during which Christ prepared the apostles between Easter and the Ascension. The point of Jesus' forty-day fast is to give some force in response to the devil's first temptation. To each of the devil's taunts Jesus replies with a word of scripture: if you rely on God's word you are unshakably safe, for God has created and arranged everything. Matthew and Luke have a different order for the second and third temptations: Matthew climaxes with Jesus as the Second Moses, like Moses seeing all the territories from a high mountain. Luke ends the scene as he begins and ends his gospel, at Jerusalem, the turning-point of the gospel - the place where Jesus rises from the dead and ascends to the Father.

We do not live on bread alone. How has the Word of God fed you? In the solitude of the desert Jesus prayed to his Father. Can you find solitude for prayer? What can you do during Lent to come closer to the Lord?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

4 Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. **Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph.**



The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph

www.wednesdayword.org

Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady & St. Robert

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St Robert's Centre (Office Staffed Monday to Friday 9.00am until 12.00noon) Tel: 01423 529771

Sunday	First Sunday of Lent (Mass Book Page 153)	
10th March 2019	Sat Vigil 6.15pm 9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass (Theresa Chapman) Mass (Sally Reid) Mass (Edith Walton) Mass (John Sparkes)
Monday 11th	Weekday of Lent 8.30am 9.00am	Mass (Special Intention) Morning Prayer
Tuesday 12th	Weekday of Lent 11.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass (Marguerite Jennings) Mass (Parish Dad List)
Wednesday 13th	Weekday of Lent 11.30am 12.00noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass (Thanksgiving)
Thursday 14th	Weekday of Lent 11.30am 12.00noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass (Vikki Wakefield)
Friday 15th	Weekday of Lent 11.30am 12.00noon 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass (Sally Reid) Stations of the Cross
Saturday 16th	Weekday of Lent 11.00am - 11.45am 5.00pm - 5.45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Sunday 17th March	Second Sunday of Lent (Mass Book Page 156) Sat Vigil 6.15pm 9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass (James Murray) Mass (Fraser McGilvery) Mass (Mary Ganley) Mass (Maureen O'Keefe)

Please Pray For:
All the sick of the Parish

Those who have died recently:

Those whose anniversary occurs at this time: *Muriel Martin, Bridget Muslek and Fred Patton*

REGULAR EVENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 11am - 11:45am, 5pm - 5:45pm.
Also available by appointment with a priest.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays to Fridays, 11:30am - 12 noon.
Saturdays, 11am - 12 noon, 5pm - 6pm.

Prayer of the Church (Divine Office)

Mondays at 9am and Fridays at 6.40pm in Church
Contact: Paul Fogarty (701645)

Carers' Prayer Group

Tuesdays, 12.30pm in Church
Contact Rita Hartigan (881071)

Catenian Association (Harrogate Circle)

Second Tuesday of the month 7.30 pm
Contact John Tolan 01423 884690
www.harrogatecatenians.org.uk

Catholic Women's League of England and Wales

For further information contact Barbara Stitt
01423 563846

Children's Liturgy Group

Contact: Lucy Witton (07875 316035)

Choir (11.30am Mass) and Folk Choir:

Practice Thursday evenings in Church 8.00pm
Contact: Nigel Beetles 07533430293
nbeetles@gmail.com

Journey in Faith

Tuesdays, Nov-Easter 7:30pm - 9:00pm, St. Robert's
Centre. Contact: Father David (504988)

Mothers' Prayers

Meetings held fortnightly.
Contact: Jackie Tevlin 529035)

Rosary Group

Tuesdays, 2pm in Church.
Contact: Philomena Patton (567145).

Safeguarding Representative (Parish)

Contact: Doreen Grant (07740200247)
strobertsafeguardingrep@gmail.com

St Robert's Brownies

Wednesdays 6pm - 7:15pm
Contact: Sarah Mansfield (566651).
Email: mansfield.sarah@gmail.com

St Robert's Guides

Wednesdays 6.30pm - 8pm, St Robert's School.
Contact: Sarah Philp (568578)

St Vincent de Paul Society

Mondays, 7:30pm, St. Robert's Centre.
Contact: Katherine Merton Jones, (522731)
Furniture/white goods: Paul Barry (564240)

St Roberts Walking Group

First Thursday of every month.
Contact Sheila or Joe McNamara
734102)

Youth Ministry

Contact: Joy O'Brien. (529771).
strobertyouth.harrogate@gmail.com



A warm welcome to everyone!

Especially to all new parishioners, visitors, those on holiday or conferences. Please, if you wish, make yourself known to the clergy or the welcomers/greeters.

Sacrament of Baptism In accordance with normal church practice, the Sacrament of Baptism is not celebrated during the six weeks of Lent. Any parents anticipating the Baptism of a child should now make arrangements with the parish clergy to celebrate Baptism during the season of Easter.

St Robert's Brownies and Guides: are looking for adult volunteers to help at our meetings on Wednesday evenings. We also have spaces for new members to join. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please contact Sarah Philip 01423 568578 strobertsguides@talktalk.net Thank you.

Women of the Passion – A Via Dolorosa for Women: An ecumenical evening of prayer for women on Thursday 4th April from 7.00pm till 9.00pm at St Aelred's Church Hall, Woodlands Avenue.

Living with Loss – A Weekend Retreat: Led by Abi and John May on 22nd-24th March. The aim of this retreat is to better equip ourselves to deal with life-changing loss. To book please contact the Administrator at The Briery on 01943 607287 or briery@btconnect.com

Day of Reflection: Caring for the Earth - Our Common Home: The Justice and Peace Commission have organised a Day of Reflection on 30 March 2019. It will take place at SS John Fisher & Thomas More, Burley in Wharfedale LS29 7PX. It will start with the usual community mass at 10:00 and finish around 4pm. A day of prayer, some discussion and time for personal reflection about our place in God's creation and our responsibilities towards looking after our 'common home'. The day is free to attend but please email the Justice and Peace office to book a place: jandp@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Bulletin notices:

Any notices for the weekly Bulletin should be sent to office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or delivered to the Presbytery by Wednesday lunchtime for the following weekend. Thank you.

Going away? You can find the nearest Church or the nearest Mass at www.CatholicDirectory

OFFERTORY

2nd/3rd March 2019

Loose Cash	£ 966.50
Gift Aided Envelopes	£ 489.00
Planned Giving	£ 100.60
<u>Avg weekly Standing Orders</u>	<u>£ 899.19</u>
TOTAL	£2455.29

Special Refugee Appeal: £1394.16

Many thanks for your Generosity

Retiring Collections: For the Lent Project 2019 will commence after all Masses **this weekend** and continue every weekend during Lent. Special envelopes will be available if you wish to Gift Aid your donations.

New Offertory Envelopes. Your boxes of new envelopes, for the year beginning 6th April 2019 will be available next weekend.

Regular Giving: If you would like to give regularly to St Robert's church, please consider using 'giving envelopes' or setting up a standing order from your bank. If you are a UK taxpayer the Church can reclaim tax from your donation at no cost to yourself; all that is required is a signature from you on a Declaration Form. Please contact Kath Plant on 01423 873476

St Robert's Parish 200 Club: PLEASE SIGN UP!

The Parish 200 Club is still on-going and providing funds to cover the cost of our Youth Minister, Joy. To enable the Parish to continue this funding we need to fill up the empty spaces in our monthly draw. **PLEASE** give some thought to joining, It only costs £5 per month for 3 numbers. Please contact Janet Myers on myers333@btinternet.com

Leeds Diocesan 2019 Pilgrimage to Lourdes: please see notice at back of church. **5th to 11th July 2019**, £799 from Leeds Bradford airport. Six nights full board accommodation.

Lourdes 2019: Calling all doctors, nurses and carers who are interested in being part of our amazing hospitality team on the Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage **5th to 11th July 2019**. There is an information evening taking place at Mount St Mary's School, LS9 8LA Tuesday **19th March**, at 7.00pm. Please do come along or tell someone about this event.

Sacramental Preparations

First Reconciliation (current YR 3) Parents and candidates to attend 9.00am Mass
Sunday 10th March - Registration of Candidates after 9:00am Mass
Sunday 17th March - Session 1 after 9:00am Mass (with parents)
Sunday 24th March - Session 2 after 9:00am Mass (with parents)
Sunday 31st March- Session 3 after 9:00am Mass (with parents)

First Reconciliation on Tuesday 2nd April at 5:00 pm in St. Robert's Church (with parents)
Sunday 7th April - Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass at 9.00am

First Holy Communion (current YR 4) Parents and candidates to attend 9.00am Mass
Sunday 5th May - Registration of Candidates and Session 1 after 9:00am Mass (with parents)
Sunday 12th May - Session 2 after 9:00am Mass (with parents)
Sunday 19th May - Session 3 after 9:00am Mass (with parents)
Sunday 9th June - Session 4 after 9:00am Mass (with parents)
Tuesday 11th June - Reconciliation for Communion Candidates 5:00 PM at St. Robert's Church (with parents)
Sunday 16th June - Session 5 and Rehearsal after 9.00am Mass (with parents)

First Holy Communion Sunday 23rd June
St Robert's 9.00am and St Aelred's 10.30am

Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 30th June at 9.00am
Confirmation Dates to follow for Year 6 starting in September 2019. For more information please contact our Youth Minister, Joy O'Brien at strobertyouth.harrogate@gmail.com

St Robert's Youth Group:

Takes place every Monday **6:00-7:00** (term time only). It is open for young people who are 8 years old and above. If you would like more information contact Joy O'Brien on 07402 976079 or by email to strobertyouth.harrogate@gmail.com



Please Remember: To switch off Mobile Phones when you come into Church - They do have a habit of going off... right at the wrong moment!!! Thank you