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THOUGHTS FOR LENT: Message from Bishop Hryhoriy Komar (Thursday 6th)

"Praised be Jesus Christ! Dear Fr Francis, how are you? We have already had four days of the Great Fast (Lent). Each evening in the cathedral (Drohobych) we have Vespers with a part of the Canon of St Andrew of Crete, with the Pokloni (kneeling and bowing to the floor). Many people are coming to the Lenten services. It is so good to pray together in the cathedral, although knees are hurting a bit from the pokloni.

We are very frightened by the treacherous behaviour of America, which is trying to compel Ukraine by force to capitulate to the proposals of the criminal Putin. We are praying that God may protect us, stop the occupiers and killers, and give us peace. There often come to me people, especially the young, and ask, why has my brother, my friend, my schoolmate died? Is God really with us? It is so difficult to see this grief and tears. Pray for the suffering and endangered Ukrainian people and for our soldiers.

COMMENT: The behaviour of President Trump is alarming. It is causing very difficult international situations, of benefit only to the Kremlin, His blocking of aid to Ukraine, leaves them without the satellite information, the Patriot missiles and other weapons they need to defend their cities and their civilians against incoming Russian missiles. His halting of international aid (USAID) is causing suffering to millions in need in the developing world. His threats to seize Greenland, Panama, and make Canada a 51st State of the USA are turning longtime allies into enemies. He seems intent on abandoning or crippling NATO, which has maintained peace in Europe for some 75 years. Trust once destroyed is not easily recreated. He has pulled the USA out of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Why is Mr Trump behaving like Putin's puppet? Why is he trying to undermine President Zelensky and Ukraine, in favour of Moscow's tyrannical aggression? I wrote this week to Sir Keir Starmer, Mr John Healey (Minister of Defence) and Sir Lindsay Hoyle thanking them for their support for Ukraine and urging them to do what they can, in union with our European partners. It was good to see King Charles III give such a warm welcome at Sandringham to President Zelensky, compared with the rude and brutal way he was treated in the White House.

This Lent is an ideal time for us to offer up our prayers and self-denial for peace in Europe, including a just peace in Ukraine, not a surrender on Moscow's terms, which is what Trump seems to want. And for European countries to cooperate and collaborate to defend ourselves more vigorously against Moscow's hybrid and real war against us. Fr F Marsden

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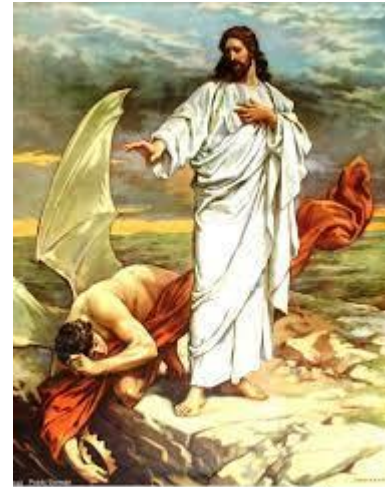
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St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9th MARCH 2025



Overcoming Temptation

At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry.

The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."'

And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, 'To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it

will all be yours.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."'

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' And Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time. Luke 4:1-13

Sat 8th
16.15-16.45
17.00

Sun 9th
09.30
15.00

Mon 10th
09.00
Communion

St John of God
Confessions
Mass – Peter Doherty (A)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Mass – Joseph Abraham RIP
Holy Hour with Benediction

Liturgy of the Word with Holy



Tues 11th 12.00 12.30-13.00	Mass – John Macauley (sick) <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 12th 09.00	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Thurs 13th 12.00	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Fri 14th 11.30 12.00 12.30-13.00	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Mass – Wladyslaw (A) and Leokadia Gray Grzeczynski, Paul Creaner <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Sat 15th 16.15-16.45 17.00	<i>Confessions</i> Mass – Sp Int (safe holiday)
Sun 16th 09.30 15.00	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Mass – Zosia (A) and Janusz (A) Neisser Holy Hour with Benediction
Mon 17th 09.00	ST PATRICK – Patron of Ireland Mass – Cathy Sharpe (sick)
Tues 18th 10.00	Catholic Schools in Chorley – Jubilee Mass Mass – World Peace
Wed 19th 09.00 10.45 – 17.00	ST JOSEPH – Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass - Rosemary Craddock (sick) Exposition and Adoration at St Joseph’s Anderton
Thurs 20th 12.00	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Fri 21st 11.30 12.00	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Mass – Fr Barry McAllister (A)
Sat 22nd 16.15-16.30 17.00	<i>Confessions</i> Mass – Frank Fulton (A)
Sun 23rd 09.30 10.45 15.00	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Mass – Fr Marsden (birthday) <i>Baptism – Reuben Harty</i> Holy Hour with Benediction

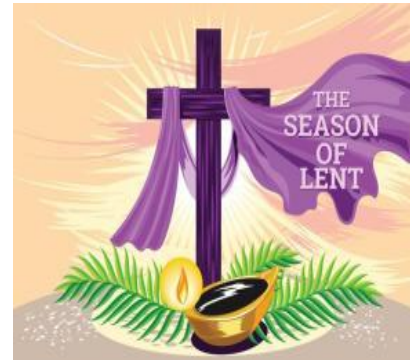
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND: Pope Francis, Margaret Arrowsmith, Emily Atkins, Michael Collins, Kathleen Coyle, baby Henry Curtis, Colette Ellis, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Winter Heenan, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, Fr Laurence Mayne, Debbie MacFarlane, Molly Redhead, Joan Smith, Alan and Marjorie Taylor, Mike White, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Mary Langton** (98) who died on 3rd March in Gillibrand Hall Nursing Care Home. Requiem Mass will be on Friday 21st March at 10.00 am, at St Gregory’s Weldbank. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord....

ANNIVERSARIES: **Kath Angland, Zosia Neisser, Janusz Neisser, Marie Worden Wladyslaw Gray–Grzeczynski, Laurence Moore, Fr Barry McAllister, Frank Fulton**

READERS: **08 Sat 17.00** Eileen McCarrick **09 Sun 09.30** Richard Gillett
15 Sat 17.00 Eleanor Jenner **16 Sun 09.30** Simon Eccles
22 Sat 17.00 Gillian Sharples **23 Sun 09.30** Paul Lennon

PRAYERS FOR POPE FRANCIS as we know, Pope Francis has been hospitalized in the Gemelli Hospital in Rome, for three weeks. Please continue to pray for Pope Francis as he continues to suffer the chronic complicated lung diseases that he has.



PROGRAMME FOR LENT AT ST MARY’S:
Fridays - 11.30am; Stations of the Cross.
Sundays 15.00 - Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction.

MARY’S MEALS: Please find a letter on the notice board, from Mary’s Meals acknowledging receipt of £1,153.80 which was collected last Christmas Day. Your generosity will help feed and educate hundreds of children in Southern Africa. Thank you very much.

VEN JOHN BRADBURNE – LEPROSY AND

AIDS CLINIC in Mutemwa, Zimbabwe received £400.00 from the collection in January for the World Leprosy Day. Thank you very much.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN CHORLEY JUBILEE YEAR MASS: On 18th March at 10.00am we will host 650 children for the Jubilee Mass. Please note that there will not be a 12 noon Mass on this day. Mr Lindley, Headteacher at Holy Cross has organised this Mass and the attendance of so many pupils from his school and from local junior schools. It will be a great occasion.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY AT WALSINGHAM will take place after Mass on 22nd and 23rd March. This is for the hefty bills that the basilica has every year. Thank you.

FINAL CALL: Sacrament of Confirmation: Registration website will end on 17 March. Young Catholics in year 8 and above (from any High School) can register at liverpoolcalled.co.uk

FIRST FRIDAY TALK, ADORATION, BENEDICTION AND MASS: At 6pm, on Tuesday 18th March, Father Hugh Donleavy will be giving a talk on the First Friday Devotion at St Patrick’s Church, Wigan (WN1 3RZ). As part of the Evening, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and priests available to hear Confessions. There will also be Benediction at 7pm, before Holy Mass at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

ROSARY ON SUNDAYS IN LENT; We pray the Sorrowful Mysteries on Sundays in Lent, returning to the Glorious Mysteries on Easter Sunday.