

26th February 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Edenderry

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The Devil's Attention

If we imagine that temptation never seems to come our way, could it be that we're not worth the devil's attention? We tend to think of temptation as something that will lead us into a life of crime or immorality, but temptation is simply anything that threatens to take us away from God. If temptation never seems to come our way, perhaps it's because we are not trying to be close to God in the first place. Many of us fail to recognise temptation, and the reason we fail is because we don't really know who we are or what we're about. It's surprising that we can get so far on in years without being about to answer simple questions like "What are you doing for God?" "How would you like to be remembered?" The reason we struggle with questions like these is because as human beings we are governed hugely by self interest. Self interest is essential for survival and it's in all of us, but as Christians we have to put self interest on a back burner and put in the time and effort into defining who we really would like to be. Once we have achieved this, then the devil's temptations are suddenly crystal clear. After all, we can't be tempted away from our path in life if we've no idea what our path in life is. If we have no plan, we are hardly worth the devil's attention. When we choose to give up something this Lent, perhaps it should be something that reflects the path we have chosen and the temptation we are trying to transcend. If we decide to give up red wine for instance, with the intention of dropping a couple of dress sizes, God won't be hugely impressed and the devil won't be remotely interested. If we give up wine because we have identified that it is stopping us from doing some important work of God's making, our Lenten journey will take on a life changing significance. Jesus gives us an important clue; "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" When we make our daily choices ask, "Is this about me.... or is it about God?"



Please Note: Mass @ 10am on Friday's during Lent

MASS ROTAS

EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS

READERS

10am. 27th Feb — Martina Egan

EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS

READERS

7pm. Sat 4th March – Rita Evans

10am. Sun 5th March – Paula Lalor

11:30am. Sun 5th March - Caroline McNamee

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7pm. Sat 4th March – Bernice Flynn, Kathleen Hanlon, Theresa Naughton, Bernadette McKeon

10am. Sun 5th March – Reggie Rowe, Mary Hanley, Ger Kearney, Bernie Nutterfield

11:30am. Sun 5th March - Rose Waters, Maria Egan, Rita Guing, Elyse Halligan

Ofalia House

Mary Hanley

Community Notices

Communion Calls: will take place the first week of March

Edenderry Canoe, Kayak and Canoe Polo Club: are opening for registration of members on Saturday, 25th Feb 2023. Membership fees are €50 per person for the season (March to September).

The club caters for beginners from age 8 and above with sessions for Adults, Teens and 8 to 12 year olds.

Committee members will be at the club house from 2 to 4 on Saturday 25/02/2023 & 04/03/2023.

We have limited capacity and in the interest of fairness membership will be on a first come basis confirmed by payment of fees. Address: Edenderry Canal R45 WE04 adjacent to Blundell Wood and Pitch & Putt Club.

Divine Mercy Prayers: in St Mary's Church, Edenderry next Sunday 5th March @ 2:45pm.



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Saturday 7pm: Sean (Hooper) Farrell; James (Fluffy) Berry; Fergal Farrell, formerly Drumcooley; Eileen English; Keith Flower; Cora Foran

Sunday 10am: Thelma Mason, **Months mind Mass**; Kathleen Keogh, **1st Anniversary**; Betty O'Neill, husband Eamon O'Neill, son Peadar O'Neill & six son's interred in Carbury Cemetery

Sunday 11:30am: Liam Quinn, **Months mind Mass**; Ken Collins; Phil O' Callaghan; Ernie Lawless; Maria Lynam & deceased members of the Lynam & Larkin families

Monday 10am: Michael Sheill; James Farrelly; Phil O' Callaghan; Denis English; **Mass Card Intentions**

Tuesday 10am:

Wednesday 10am:

Thursday 10am:

Friday 10am: Mass 1st Friday

Saturday 7pm: Pat Denehan, **Months mind Mass**; New York, formerly Fr. Paul Murphy St; Kay Delamere; Kit O'Mara; May Glennon

Sunday 10am:

Sunday 11:30am: Marian Rowan, **1st Anniversary**; Jude Loughlin; Fionnula Doyle



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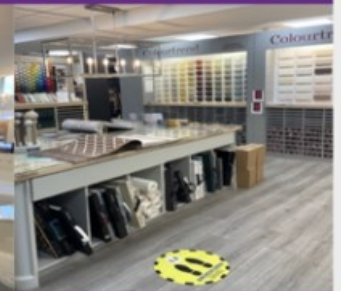
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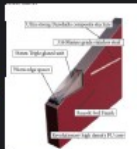
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Priest: *The Lord be with you*
People: **And with your Spirit**

PENITENTIAL ACT I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

FIRST READING (2-9:9.31-7)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden? The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, 'You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain or death.'" Then the serpent said to the woman 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Have mercy on us. O Lord for we have sinned. Response.

1. Have mercy on me God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R**
2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

SECOND READING (5:12-19)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Sin, entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of law-breaking, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free

gift. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man Jesus Christ brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (4:1-11)

Priest: *The Lord be with you*
People: **And with your Spirit**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says; Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels charge and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these,' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

World Day of Prayer: Friday 3rd March in the Parish Centre @ 8pm. All Welcome to attend



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