

ST. JAMES' & ST. JOSEPH'S

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1st Sunday of Lent (Year C) 14th February 2016

Temptation

The first reading from the book of Deuteronomy relates the 'creed' of the Israelites. It especially stresses the hand of God at work in their history—how he listened to their prayers when they were in Egypt, and delivered them from slavery. The gospel, too, shows Jesus tempted as the Israelites were. The entire scene reminds us that Jesus was human as well as divine—subject to temptations as all men are. The temptation centres on the question of what kind of Messiah Jesus will be. He is tempted to become a wonder worker, granting the people their every desire, or a political leader who would restore Israel to its former greatness and overcome the Roman domination of their country. After his period of prayer in the desert, and being filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus rejects the temptation although, as Saint Luke notes, the devil would return, presumably a reference to the Passion and Death of Christ.

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and all the patients in Wrightington Hospital. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from your Holy Place.

We pray for all those who have died recently. May God the Father welcome them into eternal life promised by Christ His Son, the Lord of life. We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

MASSES

Saturday 13th February 6:00pm Mairead Meehan
Sunday 14th February 9:30am People of the parish
Wednesday 17th February 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
Friday 19th February 10:00am Requiem Mass Gordon Milligan
Saturday 20th February 6:00pm Holy Souls
Sunday 21st February 9:30am People of the parish

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm

Neighbourhood Prayer

This week you are asked to pray for all those living in Back Lane No's 1-67 & 2-36 (below Glen Drive)

Mission Intention for February is:

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound

Mossy Lea Road & Toogood Lane Starting next Friday at 10am

CAFOD LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Winning No. 48 Tom Watson

Weekend Masses at Saint James' Orrell

Sunday: 11:00am & 6:00pm
Confessions @ St. James' Saturday 10:00am-11:00am
Confessions @ St. Joseph's Saturday 5:15pm-5:45pm

A box will be in place on the altar for Lenten Alms. If you Gift-Aid your donation please use your envelope.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at Tunley United Reform Church, Wrightington on Friday 4th March at 7:30pm. It has been prepared by Christian women of Cuba.

Rota for cleaning church

Please can Group 3 clean the church this week i.e. Phil & Catherine Scarth

Red Boxes Missio

The Novena to Saint Joseph will take place from the 10th—18th of March 2016 at Herbert House, Freshfield, Formby. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of Saint Joseph, their patron Saint, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask God's blessing on their society and their work. Details and times of Masses can be found on the poster at the back of church. If you would like a Novena booklet to join in from home by praying the daily Novena please see Phil or Catherine. Thank-you.

Knights of Saint Columba

From this weekend members of the K.S.C. will be at the back of church selling tickets for their annual sweepstake on the Grand National Steeplechase. The tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. All proceeds are for the Knights' charities, and this year the principal one is Missio. Please buy as many tickets as you can to support this good cause. Thank-you.

Gift Aid Contributions

Details of contributions for the third quarter ending 3rd January 2016.

2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
£5324 :14	£4952 :00	£5084:47

The loose cash total/non/gift aid envelopes for the third quarter.

2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
£3985:00	£3918:00	£2772:94

These amounts do not include those who contribute by standing order.

Are you Thirsty for God?

A new 'Life in the Spirit' course led by the Irenaeus Team will take place on Wednesdays 17th & 24th February and the 2nd, 9th and 16th March at Saint James' church, Orrell at 7:00pm--8:30pm. For further information contact Irenaeus Tel.No. 0151 949 1199 or e-mail: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

CAFOD

Lenten Fast Day is Friday 19th of February. Envelopes will be placed in the pews for you to put your donations in. We have an opportunity to try and ensure that girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. CAFOD is working to bring water to family homes so that girls who would normally spend time collecting it, can instead have time for school, study and interact with their friends. For every £1 you donate in Lent will be matched by the U.K. Government. Please don't forget to Gift Aid your donation. Every penny counts!

Please continue to remember Fr. Gerry & Fr. Kevin in your prayers, who are both sick at this present time.