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Sunday Reflection – The story of the fall of Adam and Eve, and the story of the tempting of Jesus, are two very sophisticated stories. They are essentially about making choices, about saying “yes” or “no” to God. The temptations which Jesus experienced were invitations to put aside His vocation and God-given mission, and to settle for power and self-promotion rather than self-giving service. Jesus was presented with the choice of either doing his own will or doing the will of His loving Father. Unlike Adam and Eve, Jesus made the irrevocable decision to do God’s will rather than his own. So, it wasn’t easy for Jesus. He was without sin, but wholly human. However, prayer, fasting and fidelity to the word of God helped him to overcome the attractive suggestions of the tempter. These Lenten practices can also school us in resisting temptations and keep us faithful to our calling to be first and foremost children of our loving God. Whatever we do for Lent, it would be a good idea to allow the word of God to get close. The word of God comes to ask us “where are you?”. It also comes to show us and support the kind of people we could be. So, take a little time – five or ten minutes each day – to let the word form us as it formed Jesus. Let the word of God find us so that we can escape from our hiding places and come into the peace of his presence.

Season of Lent – Began on Wednesday, 26th March, Ash Wednesday. Lent is traditionally a Penitential season of Renewal in the Church leading to Holy Week and Easter, a time of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving. Hopefully it is a time of “Growing in Faith”. During Lent “Alleluia” is omitted in the Liturgy, and we don’t adorn the Altar or Sanctuary with Flowers, as well as restricting the use of the Organ and other musical instruments. We hope and pray all Parishioners will have a good and Holy Lent.

Way of the Cross – Will be held in the Church every Friday during Lent at 7pm.

First Holy Communion – Next Session is on this Sunday 1st March at 9am.

Children’s Liturgy Group – On this Sunday 1st March at 10am Mass.

Confirmation Programme: Next Session is on this Sunday 1st March from 5.30pm to 7pm. The 7pm Mass follows.

CAFOD Fast Day – This year’s Lent Fast Day is Friday 6th March. We will have our Parish CAFOD representatives with us today to encourage our response for next Friday. Take a CAFOD envelope home with you to bring your offering next Sunday. Do Fast and be generous to those in real need.

Coronavirus – We have been advised not to minister the chalice in the present climate and to encourage the receiving of Holy Communion in the ‘Hand’ rather than ‘on the Tongue’. Please consume the Host before leaving the Minister. Retaining our reverence for the Sacrament let us help and support one another in Receiving the Holy Sacrament.

St. Patrick’s Parish Celebrations – Is on Saturday 14th March at 7.30pm in the Small Hall. It promises as ever to be an enjoyable Parish night, so come along for the company, food, dance, raffle & Fun. Tickets are £5.

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
10am
(Spanish) 11.15am
12.15pm
7pm
Mon – Sat 10am + 6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm
Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am
6.00 – 6.30pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

After 10am Weekday Masses

Rosary: Wednesdays 10.30am,
followed by Tea/Coffee in the
Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every
Tuesday at 7pm in the Library.
New members are welcome!

Contemplative Prayer Group:

Will meet on Monday
evenings from 2nd March at
7.15pm in the Servite Chapel.
This will be instead of the
Thursday morning
Charismatic Group.

Saints Days

Wed 4th – St Casimir

Fri 6th – Family Fast Day

World Day of Prayer

Sat 7th – Ss Perpetua & Felicity