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1st Sunday of Lent

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Sunday Reflection: “Temptation of Christ Tests and Choice” The Gospel narrates the temptation of Christ in the wilderness. Our limited language has reduced temptation to meaning a seduction towards wrongdoing. The word is bigger than that. It means something nearer to “test” or “trial” or “examination”. Think of music exams grades. The test became a declaration of achievement. In the Gospel, Jesus goes ahead of the rest of his brothers and sisters through the *test of choice*. In Mark’s Gospel no details are given about the kind of choices he had to make, but the other synoptic gospels specify the choices.

Feast of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order - This great Feast is on this Saturday 17th Feb. We celebrate the memory of Our Founders at 6.30pm. All parishioners are especially welcome to join us. We rejoice and give thanks for our founders’ inspiration and achievement. They were seven merchant noblemen who came together in 1233 in war-torn Florence to search for God. Drawn together by friendship and devotion to Mary, they committed themselves to community life, common prayer, caring for the sick, poor, and witnessing to peace and reconciliation. Inspired by Mary’s service to the Lord, they called themselves “Servants of Mary”. The Servite Friars here at Fulham Road, together with the Servite family, continue to live their charism in today’s Church. Happy Feast to all!

Confirmation Programme: Next Session will be on Thursday night 22nd February at 7pm in the Founders Room. Our Confirmands will also have a Retreat day on Sunday 25th February in Allen Hall. At the 7pm Mass that evening each Confirmation Candidate will be enrolled.

CAFOD Family Fast Day 2018: Is on Friday 23rd February. This Lent is a chance to support those who don’t have enough to eat or clean water to drink. On Friday 23rd Feb, why not give up a meal and donate the money you save to fight hunger and malnutrition in Zimbabwe? This year the UK government will match every pound donated up to £5million so your donation will make double the difference. *Don’t forget to collect your Fast Day donation envelopes next weekend.*

First Holy Communion - Next Session 9th will be on Sunday 25th February 2018 at 9am (Prompt) in the Servite School Hall. Children will then be brought to the 10am Mass Service in our Church.

Lenten Talk - By Fr. Paul Addison about Via Matris (meditating on the sorrows of Our Lady who was intimately associated with the Passion of her Divine Son) and Desolata on Tuesday 27th February @ 7.15pm in the Founders Room.

Baptismal Course - Is on Tuesdays 6th and 13th of March. Please get a registration form from the Parish Office. Both Parents must attend.

St Patrick’s Day Celebrations - Join us for our Parish St. Patrick’s Day Celebrations on Saturday 17th March in the Founders Room from 7.30pm to 11pm. Tickets £5, available from the Parish Office. There are a limited number of tickets.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Mass Times

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon - Fri 10.30 am - 11.15am

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!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Is on Thursdays at 11am in the Founders’ Room.

Saints Days

Wed 21st - St Peter Damian

Thu 22nd - The Chair of St Peter
The Apostle

Fri 23rd - St Polycarp

Toddler Group - Is on Tuesday Morning at 9.30am in the Founders Room. If you have any queries or would like to contact this group, you can do so on email: servitetoddlers@gmail.com
All are Welcome!