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6 MARCH 2022:
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
 Resp. Psalm: 90 (91): 1-2, 10-15
 2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8-13
 Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 6 March	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 206 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 7 March	Monday of Week 1 in Lent	No Liturgies	---
Tuesday 8 March	Tuesday of Week 1 in Lent	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 9 March	Wednesday of Week 1 in Lent	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 10 March	Feast of St. John Ogilvie, Priest, Martyr – Feast	Stations of the Cross Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Friday 11 March	Friday of Week 1 in Lent	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass Station Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am 7.00 pm
Saturday 12 March	Saturday of Week 1 in Lent	No Liturgies	---
	Diocesan Mass of St. John Ogilvie with Bishop Hugh	Mass in St. Thomas', Keith	11.00 am
Sunday 13 March	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ** SPECIAL COLLECTION: SCIAF UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL ** (p. 211 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

First Sunday of Lent: Forty Days

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel. We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son (see Luke 3:22; Exodus 4:22). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see Exodus 15:25). He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food (see Exodus 16:1-13). As Israel quarrelled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care (see Exodus 17:1-6). When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see Exodus 32). Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings (see Deuteronomy 8:3; 6:16, 12-15).

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty (see Genesis

7:12; Exodus 24:18; 34:28; 1 Kings 19:8; Jonah 3:4), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification. Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Second Reading (quoting Deuteronomy 30:14; Isaiah 28:16; Joel 2:32). This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the Lord . . . and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us. (Scott Hahn)

NEWS

TODAY'S LITURGY (CTS New Sunday Missal): First Sunday of Lent, Year C (p. 206)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 206: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 155: Preface: The Temptation of the Lord
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

SATURDAY 12 MARCH: DIOCESAN MASS OF ST. JOHN OGILVIE, WITH BISHOP HUGH AS MAIN CELEBRANT: the Mass will be celebrated in **St. Thomas' Church in Keith**, and **begins at 11.00am**. All welcome

SUNDAY 13 MARCH: SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE: SCIAF has organised an emergency appeal for the people of Ukraine, and there will be a retiring collection for this next week.

SATURDAY 26 MARCH: FUNDRAISER CEILIDH – organised by, and on behalf of, 'Welcome In: A Local Response to the Refugee Crisis'. The Ceilidh will take place in St. Mary's Hall in Huntly Street. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets: £10 Adults; £2.50 Children. Bring your own drinks! Tickets available from the Sacristy after our Masses, or see Margaret MacLennan or Tricia Green.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): available after every weekday Mass, and by appointment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: each Thursday evening from 6.45pm during Lent.

SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL – Every Lent, thousands of Catholics in Scotland save money in their SCIAF WEE BOX to help give a hand up to people living in poverty overseas. By collecting your loose change, you can make a lasting difference to families in some of the world's poorest countries. **WEE BOX PACKS are available in the entrance foyer – please take one home.**

ST. JOSEPH ICON – our popular replica icons have all been sold, and Fr. Domenico has had to order more! Watch this space!

'LENT WITH LUKE' STUDY COURSE – this is a Scripture-based course, delivered in St. Columba's, organised over four evenings during the Lenten season. We will then examine the Gospel readings from St. Luke that feature throughout Lent and into Holy Week. The talks will take place on the following Wednesdays at 7.00pm:

9 March	'Who was Luke?' – 'In the Wilderness' (1 st Sunday in Lent)
16 March	'Mountains and Fig Trees' (2 nd and 3 rd Sundays in Lent)
30 March	'Profligates and Adulteresses' (4 th and 5 th Sundays in Lent)
6 April	'Donkeys, Lambs, and Empty Tombs' (Holy Week)

A Zoom link will also be available. Please contact Fr. Domenico if you wish to register interest in this event.

STATION MASSES: we are restoring this well-supported practice in our Deanery, albeit on a limited scale. The dates and locations of the remaining Station Masses are listed below. Masses take place on **Fridays at 7.00pm**:

11 March – St. Mary's, Beaulieu;
18 March – St. Ninian's, Inverness
25 March – St. Mary's, Inverness;
01 April – St. Vincent's, Tain;
08 April – St. Lawrence's, Dingwall

90 CLUB: February Winners – First Prize: Mary MacNeill; Second Prize: Anne Gow; Third Prize: Clare Greig. Next draw on Sunday 27 March. If you would like to take part in this parish fundraiser, please speak to Fr. Domenico. It only costs £2 a month.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Anne Hamill, Winnie Ferrari

Recently Departed: Alex Mackintosh

Anniversaries: Carla Pagliari, Douglas Taylor, John MacGregor, Donald MacLean, Mary Armstrong