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**26 FEBRUARY 2023:
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 1)**

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7
Resp. Psalm: Ps 50 (51): 3-6, 12-14, 17
2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 26 February	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 151)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 28 February	Tuesday of Week 1 in Lent	Sacrament of Confession Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday 2 March	Thursday of Week 1 in Lent	NO LITURGIES	---
Saturday 4 March	Saturday of Week 1 in Lent	NO LITURGIES	---
Sunday 5 March	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (p. 157)	Holy Mass	9.30 am

First Sunday of Lent: Tale of Two Adams

In today's Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two "types" of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 15:21–22; 45–59).

Paul's argument in the Epistle is built on a series of contrasts between "one" or "one person" and "the many" or "all." By one person's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all.

This is the drama that unfolds in today's First Reading and Gospel. Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God's own Spirit, Adam was a son of God (see Luke 3:38), created in His image (see Genesis 5:1–3). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (see Psalms 8:6–8; 91:11–13). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father.

Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. But in His hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away. Still, we sin after the pattern of Adam's transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door (see Genesis 4:7) when we entertain doubts about God's promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation. But the grace won for us by Christ's obedience means that sin is no longer our master.

As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart (see Romans 5:5; Hebrews 8:10). As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence. (Scott Hahn)

Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

Jesus' experience teaches us that temptation is an attempt to walk paths that are alternative to those of God. Do this, there's no problem, then God forgives! One day of joy for yourself ...". "But it is a sin! — No, it is nothing". Alternative paths, paths that give us the impression of self-sufficiency, of enjoying life as an end in itself. However, all this is illusory. We soon realize that the more we distance ourselves from God, the more defenceless and helpless we feel when facing life's big problems. (Angelus, 1 March 2020)

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Today's Liturgy: First Sunday of Lent, Year A (p. 151)

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Saturday 11 March: Annual Diocesan Mass of St. John Ogilvie, in his home town of Keith – everyone is invited to this special Mass, **beginning at 12 noon**, at St. Thomas' church in Keith. The Mass will be presided by Bishop Hugh Gilbert, and the preacher will be Fr. James Bell, of St. Mary's Inverness. There will be refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. Please spread the word!

LENT 2023: RESOURCES –

1. Copies of the **Lent edition of the *Walk with Me*** reflection booklets, both **for adults and children**, are available in the entrance foyer, priced £1.00 each. There is also a **Lent calendar for children**, at 50p.
2. **FREE online courses available to you**, which are ideal for Lent:
 - **Scott Hahn, 'Holy is His Name'** – this video-based course traces the meaning of holiness from its origins in Scripture to its appearance in our own lives today. To register and view the course for free, visit: <https://stpaulcenter.com/holystudy/>
 - **Mark Leonard, "Total Abandonment to God's Will"** – this is available via the following website:
https://www.scienceofsainthood.com/total-abandonment-lent-optin?utm_source=youtube&utm_medium=desc&utm_campaign=2023lent
3. **Lenten Station Masses in the Highland Deanery** – each Friday in Lent at 7.00pm, at the following locations:

3 March	St. Mary's, Inverness
10 March	St. Aidan's, Aviemore (* with Bishop Hugh *)
17 March	St. Anne's, Thurso
24 March	St. Ninian's, Inverness (* with Bishop Hugh *)
31 March	St. Columba's, Culloden

4. **Lenten Talks: "Thirsting for Our Saviour: Journeying with Jesus through Holy Week"** – Fr. Domenico is planning two talks, to assist with our Holy Week and Triduum preparations: on **Wednesday 29 March, and Wednesday 5 April**, both beginning at 7.00pm. The talk will conclude around 7.30pm, and will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The evening will conclude at 8.30pm with Benediction.

Prize Bingo: our next evening together will be on Friday 24 March 2023. Eyes down at 7.00pm. Thank you for the many lovely items handed in to give as prizes, these are always needed, and they make the fundraiser such a success. We are quite low for March's Bingo, so any donations will be gratefully accepted. Thank you for your support!

90 Club: DRAW TODAY! Good luck to all who have a number. Would you like to join in, too? Please see Don.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Mo Horne, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot, Mary & Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald

RIP: Charlie MacNeil, John Macdonald

Anniversaries: Alexander Anderson, Douglas Taylor, Colonel John MacGregor, Monsignor Thomas Wynne, Jean Bewley