

FAITH IN FOCUS: PLENTY OF TIME?

One day the devil called a meeting in hell with all his demons. Top of the agenda was the question of how to get people to stop believing in God and end up ignoring sin and being forever at each others' throats. This would then swell hell's numbers.

One of the chief demons said, "I have a plan. Let's tell the people that there is no God and they've been tricked." Another demon said, "No, that's too obvious. Of course, there's a just and holy God. Anyone except a fool knows that."

"Well then," another demon said, "Let them believe that he is a just and holy God, but tell them that they are so sinful that they've had their last chance and now he won't accept them. That will demoralise them."

But another said, "No, that won't work. Everyone knows he's also a God of mercy, and anyone who recognises their sinfulness and repents is assured of his forgiveness." "I know exactly what we can do!" another demon exclaimed, "Let them believe there is a God - a just and holy God, full of mercy, but let's just tell them that there's plenty of time."

Lent is the season of penance and self-denial. It's six weeks when we take stock of our lives and see whether they are taking us closer to God or further away from him. Is there any rush? Should we get urgent about it? Should we begin looking to see if there is a pattern about the way we fall into situations that we know are sinful and do us no good? Are there aspects of our lifestyle that need checking? Are some of our desires questionable? Are we genuinely trying to purify our motives? Do we do enough for others, close to home or those abroad who are in need?

Lent is about action, about opening ourselves to the working of God's grace, about having a change of heart, a U-turn in the normal pattern of our behaviour. It's a holy season of self-denial. But don't worry; there's plenty of time. Or so the devil says.

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1st March 2020
1st Sunday of Lent Year A

(Missal Page 169)
(Prayer of the Church Week 1)



Sunday Masses

6:30pm(Vigil) 8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30-11:30am & on request

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Last Week

Sunday Collection: £265 + Standing Orders. Thank You.

Sunday

Coffee and Tea available in the Savio Centre after the 10.30am Mass

Monday

9.30am Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross

Wednesday

9.10am Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

9.30am Mass

4.00pm Reception of the Body in Church (Annie Morgan)

7.45pm Legion of Mary in Savio Centre

Thursday

11.30am Funeral Mass **Annie Morgan RIP**

2.00pm Funeral Mass **Manuel Garcia-Raposeiras RIP**

6.00pm Confirmation Preparation in Savio Centre

7.30pm Journey in Faith in Savio Centre

Friday

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

9.30am Mass

Saturday

10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday -

2nd Sunday of Lent . CAFOD Collection for Lent Fast Day

E-mail address

The new e-mail address of the parish can now be used. It is chertsey@abdiocese.org.uk .

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

On Friday 6 March is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to

help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.

Deanery Care Mass at St. Anne's

The next Care Mass will be at 3pm on March 8th. Everyone is invited. Afterwards there will be a celebration tea for everyone. We would be very grateful for any donations of food and would really welcome people's help in serving tea and drinks. Many thanks.

A Message from Cecilia

My name is Cecilia Carlsson. I'm a single 18 year old catholic female looking for a room to rent here in Chertsey. I need it rather urgently as I start work on the 2nd of March in a café in Shepperton. I am tidy, well organised and non-smoking. Please let me know if you or someone you know has a room I can rent in with access to a kitchen and a bathroom. Call 07402 136 510 or email cecilialuciacarlsson@gmail.com God bless.

Spiritual Meditations online

TakeTime is a method of spiritual meditation which can be done in groups but also online in your own homes. Download the app by entering "Take Time Spiritual Meditations" in the App Store search box or visit <https://taketime.org.uk/meditations/> Try it during Lent as part of your Lenten observance.

CAFOD is looking for volunteers

People who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. We need people who have a commitment to CAFOD's aims and values and an interest in sharing our work in secondary schools through delivering assemblies or workshops. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid. For further information contact CAFOD on 01483 898866. Thank you.