



21 February 2021

First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again. (Genesis 9:11)

Faith in Focus

Fighting back

‘Spiritual warfare’ is not a very popular term because it tends to conjure up the image of Christians who are besieged by a hostile world and holed up in some sort of religious system which is a bastion against all progress and development. Sometimes it is the rallying call for off-balance people who want to ban all pleasure and find fault in the most innocent of things. The Church, of course, is not an organisation that is primarily against things. It’s in favour of life and goodness in all its forms. It’s something wholesome and positive.

Yet in today’s scriptures we cannot escape spiritual warfare. We find Noah’s ark battling the floodwaters of all that is evil, and we meet Jesus in the wilderness fighting off the temptations of the devil.

There is no doubting that evil exists in our world. There’s no need here to give a long catalogue of terrible things that happen day by day. We can all cite the examples. And even more speedily we can recall the various ways in which we ourselves co-operate with evil. For evil is not just something that other people get involved in. We are tempted each

day to become part of it. Far from being something terrible, like genocide or



war, evil creeps up on us in the simplest and craftiest of disguises. It may be the gossip we chip in with that blackens someone’s character, the small act of dishonesty that weakens us for the next time, the festering coldness with which we treat members of our family or the prejudice we house for certain types of people. Evil starts as a small seed and is prepared to bide its time.

But it is never too late to fight back against sin and evil. God told Noah that although the world had turned from goodness and truth he would never allow evil to get the better of humanity. And Jesus himself, although he was really tempted at the roots, gave us the pattern to fight against temptation. God has made a covenant with us that ensures we can never be overcome against our will.

Lent is the period for taking stock of how we allow evil to take hold of us. And with God’s grace it’s the period for fighting back.

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Parish Office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
and Wednesday to Friday from 9.00 am to
5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement. Please
see Father John or Father Thomas at
weekend Masses.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on
Wednesday from 6.30pm or by request.
Please note, there are only confessions at
Holy Name at this present time.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound: Currently
suspended.

Hospital Visits: If you wish to see a priest
please let the hospital staff know.

Mass Requests: Please complete the pre-
printed envelopes and place in the Mass
intention box or with weekly collection.
Please also specify the reason for the
intention, i.e. recently deceased, anniversary
etc. For a particular day, please request
early.

Newsletter Notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Currently closed.

Parish Social Media

Facebook: HolyNameandStPhilomena

Instagram: [holynome_stphils](https://www.instagram.com/holyname_stphils)

Twitter: @holyphilomena

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>

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Your offerings this week total £699.86

Lenten devotions

With the current lockdown restrictions
we do not want people to come to church
other than for Mass. Therefore Lenten
devotions will be online this year. Further
details will be announced in future
newsletters and on social media.

CAFOD: Family Fast Day

Family Fast Day is Friday 26th February,
and a second collection will be taken at
Masses next weekend. CAFOD envelopes
are available in church.

You can also donate online at
<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>, or to donate by
texting LENT to 70460 to donate £10*.

*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate
message you'll be opting in to hear more
about CAFOD's work and fundraising via
telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give
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information/Privacy-notice](https://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)

National Novena to St Joseph

The National Novena to St Joseph takes place from 10th to 18th March at St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. The Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for this Feast with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing.

Masses are on Wednesday to Friday (10th – 12th March), at 7.30 pm, Saturday, 13th March at 10 am, Sunday, 14th March at 11.00 am, Monday to Thursday (15th – 18th March) at 7.30 pm.

Masses and the Novena prayer leaflet are available from the Mill Hill website <https://millhillmissionaries.com/novena>, or <https://stjosephsparish.co.uk>

To send in petitions or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet write to the Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Caring for Creation

Hope for the Future is a charity that seeks to enable and equip constructive engagement with MPs on climate issues. In collaboration with the Liverpool Archdiocese, they are holding a training workshop over Zoom on Saturday 6th March from 10.00 am to noon. For more information go to <https://hftf.org.uk/>, or to sign-up go to <https://tinyurl.com/lq2yo9rv>

What would Pope Francis do?

To mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election, the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre is hosting a number of prominent Catholic voices exploring the teachings of Pope Francis each Tuesday in Lent at 7.30pm.

The first talk on 23rd February is 'Pope Francis on Social Justice' by Austen Ivereigh. For further information go to: <https://edinburghjesuitcentre.org.uk/>

Global Healing

In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. This Lent, you are invited to join a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource 'Global Healing'. These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home.

For six Thursdays from 18th February to 25th March, 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/ry6ro63c>, or email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global

CAFOD: Lenten challenge

Could you 'Walk for Water' as a Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days? For more information and to sign up <https://cafod.org.uk/walk>

Praying for the vulnerable

Right to Life UK is asking Catholics to pray for the vulnerable. The prayer for this week is:

'As we begin this season of Lent, we offer up the merits of our daily sacrifices to the needs of the most vulnerable in society. We offer them especially for the poor, the lonely and the unborn. That the Lord would see their needs and pour out his love and blessing upon them. Lord hear us'.

Catholic Universe

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3/12 month subscription £25/£99
Digit copy (12 months) £55

A free copy of this week's Catholic Universe is on the parish website.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
First Sunday of Lent			
Saturday 20 th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Michael Barnicle
Sunday 21 st	9.30 am	St Philomena	Cathy Frakleton (3 rd anniversary)
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes
Monday 22 nd	10.00 am	Holy Name	Patrick Delaney
Tuesday 23 rd	10.00 am	Holy Name	Walter Wyche
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Henry & Elizabeth Lynch (Anniversary)
Wednesday 24 th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Josephine Clarkson
Thursday 25 th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Margaret Gibbons
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Maureen Riley
Friday 26 th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Christopher Cunningham, RIP
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Jimmy Smith, RIP
Second Sunday of Lent			
Saturday 27 th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Christina Cooke
Sunday 28 th	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Nora Ellison
COVID-19 Guidance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When coming to Mass or a funeral, a face covering must be worn. • The number of mourners at a funeral is limited to a maximum of thirty, and to maintain social distancing, only invited family and friends should attend. 			
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently: Andrew Common, Margaret Rusk, Sheila Teresa Brocken, Elizabeth Lewis, Eileen McQuaid, Canon Giles Goward, Elizabeth Bullock, David Rimmer, John Platt May they rest in peace</p>			
Mass is uploaded daily to https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26			



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