

The Word of the Lord

Luke 4 : 1– 13

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is particularly apt on this First Sunday of Lent, as it recounts the forty days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. During those forty days, Jesus is tempted by the devil, and in resisting the temptation Jesus quotes from Scripture. The verses that are referenced below can all be found in **The Book of Deuteronomy**:

In **8: 3**, when Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments from God and had spent forty years in the desert, God tells him “Man does not live on bread alone”. The second of the references that Jesus makes is written throughout Scripture but can be found in **5: 7** in the first of the Ten Commandments, and then again in **6: 13** “You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone” followed in verse **6: 16** by “You must not put the Lord your God to the test” which Jesus uses as the third and final Scripture reference to rebuff the devil’s temptations.

We know how easy it is to be tempted into sin; but if we follow the example that Jesus gives us in today’s Gospel then our salvation will be our just reward.

Mary:

An actor in the life of The Church Wednesday 20th February

During Lent, after Stations of the Cross and Mass, the series of DVD presentations on the subject of “Catholicism” by Fr Robert Barron is being shown. This week the focus is: **“Our tainted nature’s solitary boast: Mary, the Mother of God”**. In this episode, Father Barron correlates the Catholic Faith’s testimony to the revelation of God in Christ with the practices of reverences to his Mother. Mary is explained as “an on-going presence, an actor in the life of the Church”. Father Barron journeys to the humble remains of Mary’s house in Nazareth, to the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus and to the great Marian shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe to explain the Church’s teachings about Mary as the Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception and the dogma of the Assumption.

Please see the **LENT** leaflet for details of the other sessions in the series:

The Existence of God

Peter & Paul

What is The Church?

Holy Mass

The Communion of Saints

The life of prayer

The last things...Death; Judgement; Purgatory;
Hell: Heaven

Salve Regina!

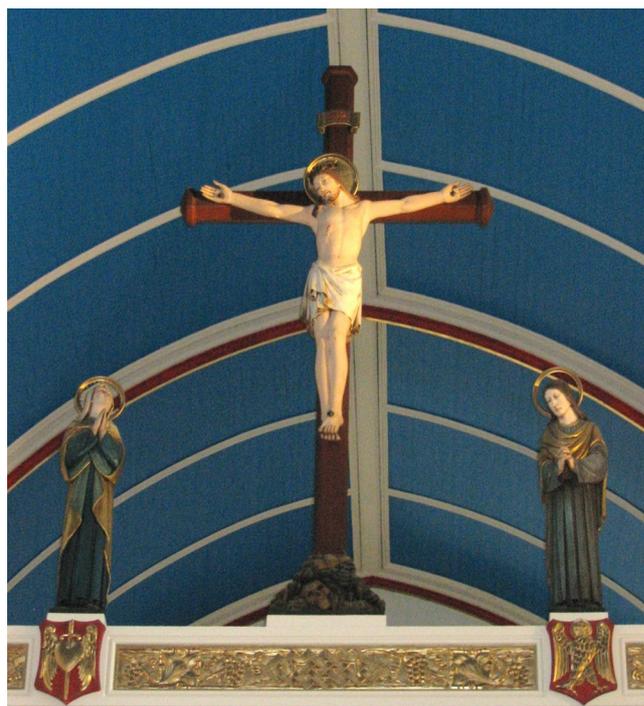
Welcome to our celebration today

17th February 2013

Lent 1

Our Lady of the Holy Cross

When Our Lady gave herself to God, to be the mother of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; she could not have predicted how his life was to end. We know that Mary was loving, caring and compassionate. She bore Jesus into the world and nurtured him, as all loving mothers would be expected to do. And it is quite clear that Jesus loved his mother—even if he did cause her a little heartache when he stayed in the Temple after their annual visit to Jerusalem. But Luke tells us that he returned to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph and that “His mother treasured all these things in her heart”.



Try, then, to imagine how Our Lady felt during the events that we will commemorate so vividly during Holy Week. She would have been aware of his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane; She may well have been in the crowd as Pontius Pilate issued Jesus with his sentence of death; we commiserate with Mary at the Fourth Station during Stations of The Cross as She watches her son struggling towards Golgotha; and there ever loyal, She stands at the foot of The Cross as Jesus commends her to the care of His “beloved disciple” and She watches Jesus die.