SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2020
First Sunday of Lent - Year A

The first section of the first reading deals with the creation of Adam and Eve. Though made of dust, man and woman are the pride of God’s creation. Enlivened by his breath, God has destined them for happiness - they live in an idyllic garden.

The second section deals with the tempting and fall of Adam and Eve. It illustrates the psychology of temptation. The cunning serpent succeeds in portraying God as unreasonable and jealous. After that, the fall is inevitable.

The source of all evil is man’s foolish striving to be independent of God. Only by accepting their status as favoured creatures of a loving, caring creator, can man and woman find fulfilment.

The result of their disobedience is that there is in human beings a sinful tendency which goes beyond personal sins we may commit. This basic tendency towards evil is part of the corruption that human beings introduced into the world, not an endowment of God.

In the second reading, Paul portrays Jesus as the new Adam, who by his obedience to God restores for us the gifts lost by the disobedience of the first Adam.

The temptations are prognostic of eventual victory, for after Jesus has demonstrated that he is the Son of God who completely serves God’s will, the devil departs and angels wait on him.
Congratulations: To our Catechumens who now enter their final stage preparing for the Sacrament of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The Catechumens are now referred to as the ‘Elect’.

Sundays During Lent: St Peter’s will be open on Sunday afternoons during Lent for quite prayer from 3.00pm - 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome even to pop in for a few minutes.

Youth Club: Will meet tonight in the Lanthorn from 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

RCIA: Will meet on Friday 6th at 7.00pm in St Peter’s.

Holy Family (St Andrew's & St Peter's): Will next meet on Thursday 5 March in St Peter’s church house.

PPC: The next meeting takes place on Thursday 5 March at 7.00pm in St Margaret’s.

St John’s Hospital Mass: Fr Simon will celebrate Mass in the hospital on Friday 6th at 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

World Day of Prayer: Will be held in St Theresa’s on Friday 6 March at 7.00pm. This year it has been organised by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and the theme is ‘Rise, take your mat and walk’. This ecumenical service is an annual event and this year St Theresa’s will be hosting. Everyone is welcome so please attend if you can. Refreshments will be served after the service.

CIC: The class meets again on Saturday 7th at 10.15am in St Andrew’s hall.

Lenten Mission - Monday 9th - Friday 13th March: Next weekend we welcome Fr Chris Marcynski, a member of the Pallotine order, to Livingston. Fr Chris, an internationally renowned retreat leader who has led retreats all over the world including Barbados and New York, will lead our Parish Mission this year. The theme is ‘Healthy Communication’. Daily Mass will be in St Andrew’s at 9.30am with a service each evening at 7.00pm. A full programme of the week is included in the enclosed flyer.

Lenten Reconciliation Service: This will take place during Mission Week on Wednesday 11th at 7.00pm in St Andrew’s.

Race Night: Tickets now on sale for the St Patrick’s Race Night on Saturday 21 March from 7.00pm - 9.30pm in the Lanthorn. Funds raised will go towards supporting the young people in our parishes. Tickets cost £5 adult/£2 child and are available from Christine Cooper or Cathy Bain (St Peter’s), Laura Callaghan (St Philip’s), Tom Grieve (St Theresa’s) and from the back of the church in St Andrew’s. Horses also available to buy. A fun family night out!

Safeguarding Induction Part 2: For those who have completed Induction Part 1 before 31 December 2019, Part 2 training will be held on Tuesday 10 March in West Calder Community Centre and on Wednesday 18 March in St Andrew’s church hall. Both sessions will be from 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

Project Ghana: The final figures are: St Andrew’s & One World Group £1,995.70; St Peter’s £2,000.00; St Philip’s £2,000.26; St Theresa’s £2,037.03; Polish Community £2,010.07. If anyone has any outstanding money they wish to donate to this project, can you please send it to the parish office as soon as possible as we want to send the final sum to Ghana by Easter. Thank you!

Use of a wheelchair: Does anyone have a wheelchair that a visitor to the parish can use from 9-30 March? Please contact the parish office if you are able to help.

Next Sunday’s Readings (08.03.20): Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9.

Recently Deceased: Bill Smith, Ellen McNeil, Pauline Hughes, Anniversaries (March): Donald Munro, Kirsty Wallace, Iain MacGillivray, Fr Charles Barclay, Alexander (Sandy) Eadie, Alexander Horne
Moving out of Exile

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat down and there we wept when we remember Sion.

How could we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?

Psalm 137: 1, 7

We are moving away from what holds us in bondage, choosing to depart from that which keeps us unfree and unable to access the best of our true self.

We are traveling out of “foreign land” that claims our energy and vitality leaving the pressure to live according to others’ burdensome expectations.

We are coming home to that place within us that longs for acceptance and understanding, coming into the embrace of our own nurturance and compassion.

We are remembering possibilities for growth, the promise of transformation and the reward of loving unconditionally.

We are extending a confident hand toward the slow-to-trust part of self, befriending it and calling courage to find ways back into our life.

We are moving from our experience of disengagement, heading toward community, willing to support others who search for what is missing in their lives.

We are entering ever more fully into relationship with the Divine. Whenever we are in exile, this Compassionate One travels with us, companioning us until we find the road that sings the song toward home.

Joyce Rupp, Prayer Seeds. A Gathering of Blessings,
### Parish Calendar

**Date** | **St Andrew’s** | **St Peter’s** | **St Philip’s** | **St Theresa’s** | **Feast Day**
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**Sun 1 Mar**<br>9.30am Polish PK<br>11.30am Mass JS <br>Donor’s Intention | 9.30am Mass SH <br>John Harte | 9.30am Mass KO <br>People of the Parish | 11.30am Mass KO <br>Donor’s Intention | 1st Sunday of Lent - Year A
**Mon 2 Mar**<br>No Service | No Service | No Service | 9.00am Mass JS <br>Iain MacGillivray | Monday 1st week of Lent
**Tue 3 Mar**<br>No Service | 6.00pm Mass SH | 9.30am Mass JS <br>Bill Groden | No Service | Tuesday 1st week of Lent
**Wed 4 Mar**<br>No Service | 9.30am Mass SH <br>J Harte | No Service | 6.00pm Mass JS <br>John O’Donnell | Wednesday 1st week of Lent
**Thu 5 Mar**<br>9.30am Mass KO <br>Catherine Caffrey RIP | 9.30am Mass SH <br>Eddie O’Hara RIP | 9.30am Mass JS <br>William Caffrey RIP | No Service | Thursday 1st week of Lent
**Fri 6 Mar**<br>9.30am Mass KO <br>Mina Trainor | 10.00am Funeral of Ellen McNeil SH | No Service | 9.00am Mass JS <br>Margaret McGettigan RIP | Friday 1st week of Lent
**Sat 7 Mar**<br>9.30am Mass KO <br>Pauline Hughes | 9.30am Mass SH <br>Margaret McGettigan RIP <br>6.30pm Polish PK/CM | 9.30am Mass JS <br>Mina Trainor | No Service | Saturday 1st week of Lent
**Sun 8 Mar**<br>9.30am Polish PK/CM <br>11.30am Mass CM | 9.30am Mass JS <br>People of the Parish <br>5.30pm Mass SH <br>John Harte | 9.30am Mass SH <br>People of the Parish | 11.30am Mass JS <br>John O’Donnell | 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A

**Wiadomości Polskiej wspólnoty w Livingston**

Pan Bóg ulepił człowieka z prochu ziemi i tchnął w jego nozdrza tchnienie życia – tak autor księgi Rodzaju opisuje poetycko początki ludzkości, do których odwołuje się wielkopostne zawołanie środy popielcowej – z prochu powstałeś i w proch się obrócz. Przez Wielki Post mamy uznać swoją grzeszność i razem w modlitwie wołać: Zm-split się, Panie, bo jesteśmy grzeszn! Nadzieję daje nam list do Rzymian, gdzie słyszymy: Albowiem jak przez nieposłuszeństwo jednego człowieka wszyscy stali się grzesznikami, tak przez posłuszeństwo Jednego [Jezusa Chrystusa] wszyscy stają się sprawiedliwymi. Opis pustyni i kuszenie Jezusa jest przypomnieniem, że wszyscy jesteśmy uczestnikami walki duchowej i życiowych wyborów. Musimy karmić się Bożym słowem w czasie tego Wielkiego Postu, pamiętając, że nie samym chlebem żyje człowiek, lecz każdym słowem, które pochodzi z ust Bożych. Pamiętajmy, że pokusa nie jest jeszcze grzechem, jest raczej próbą uwiedzenia. Dlatego możemy na początek naszych zmagań zobaczyć samego Jezusa w czasie 40 dniowego postu i w Jego walce z pokusami. Jezus broni się słowem Bożym, które jest Jego orężem w spotkaniu z kusicielem: nie samym chlebem żyje człowiek; nie będziesz wystawiać na próbę Pana; Bogu swemu będziesz oddawał pokłon. Zwycięstwo odniesiemy, gdy zanurzymy się w Słowie Bożym i we wspólnocie będziemy się karmić Eucharystią. MODLITWA, POST, JAŁMUŻNA TO SPRAWDZONE NARZĘDZIA W WALCE DUCHOWEJ O ŻYCIE WIECZNE – DO BOJU!