

WE must always remember that Jesus is God the Son, made man for us. We must do so, even if this must make us wonder how Jesus could be tempted, as we are told, in detail, in today's gospel.

We are told it for a very good reason; to help us think how he 'humbled himself, to share in our humanity' as we say in the offertory at Mass.

We all have thoughts, and wishes, and dreams, and fears, in our minds. In fact we have to. It's a necessary part of our humanity.

We can be ashamed of some and even alarmed at them; but this human 'dreaming' is very important. All the 'man-made' things around, buildings, books, clothes, started, as someone's dream.

And even the dreams we might be ashamed of should make us think. We must examine them, and get to know ourselves, humbly, and better.

We could dream of simply getting everything we wanted just by wishing ('stones-into-bread'); or of obtaining power, by playing up to everyone's pride ('worship-me'); of a false, childish-safety feeling ('catch-me-I'm-jumping'). It's all-too-human to think this.

Jesus let himself be tempted in all these ways; and so he showed us how to reject temptations – by knowing, and remembering, the many things said in Scripture.

We come to find these holy writings very helpful for this indeed.

The trouble always is that many people don't even see the need to recognise 'temptations', and resist them. They think it's only natural, to have these silly and sometimes quite nasty thoughts.

So they never really come to understand what help there is, and what Scripture is, and what it is for.

Jesus allowed himself to be tempted to show us the truth in this.

Fr Duncan OP

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**The Newsletter of
HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER**

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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
6:00pm Vigil	Fr Isidore	Jim & Mary Morton, RIP	Fr Duncan
8:00am	Fr Isidore	Holy Souls	Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr Duncan	Sr Marie of Bethanie, RIP	Fr Peter
11:00am Solemn	Fr Fabian	Mr & Mrs D'Silva, RIP	Fr Leon
12:30pm Old rite	Fr Leon	Thanksgiving for a successful operation	Fr Thomas
5:00pm Students	Fr Fabian	Mass for students in the Lady Chapel	Fr Peter
7:00pm	Fr Duncan	<i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Thomas

OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES	6:00pm Rosary	20 February	Confessions	27 February
9:00am Lauds	6:20pm Compline	Fr Duncan	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Isidore
5:45pm Vespers	6:40pm Benediction	Fr Peter	5:00 - 6:00pm	Fr Peter

SHORT LENTEN TALKS – Through Death to Life. The usual season of Lenten Talks is now under way. Talks are given by one of the friars after the 10am and 12:30pm Masses each Friday in Lent, apart from Good Friday. This week Fr Thomas will speak on "The Scourging at the Pillar".

Entrance Antiphon:	When he calls me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.
1st Reading:	Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
Psalm Response:	Be with me, O Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)
2nd Reading:	Romans 10: 8-13
Tract (at 11:00) or Verse before Gospel:	<u>At 11:00</u> – Whoever dwells with the assistance of the Most High will abide in the protection of the God of heaven. <u>Otherwise</u> – Glory and praise to you, O Christ. ☩ Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Gospel:	Luke 4: 1-13
Offertory (at 11:00):	The Lord will conceal you with his pinions and under his wings you will find refuge. His faithfulness is buckler and shield.
Communion Antiphon:	Either – The Lord will overshadow you, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness is buckler and shield. <u>Or</u> (but not at 11:00) – Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £979.69; SVP £26.63; Friends of Holy Cross £14.34; Holy Souls £11.63; Grenada Church Restoration £3.78. The McNabb Appeal fund stands at £6650.38. Last week's retiring collection for the Diocesan Quota came to £532.47.

There is a retiring collection next week for Lenten Fast Day which will be sent to Aid to the Church in Need.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The congregation at the Anglican church of St Mary de Castro are seriously pondering the Pope's recent offer of corporate reunion with the Catholic Church. They will be praying the rosary together at 12 noon tomorrow, Monday 22nd, and have invited Fr Leon to lead them. Please come along and join in our prayers, to show them solidarity and charity in a true spirit of genuine ecumenism.

OUR DEANERY LENTEN PROGRAMME: Lenten Station Masses have been arranged as follows:

- ◆ Wednesday 24 February at St. John Bosco's at 7pm.
- ◆ Wednesday 3 March at St. Thomas More's at 7pm.
- ◆ Wednesday 10 March HERE at Holy Cross with Bishop Malcolm at 7pm.
- ◆ Wednesday 17 March at St. Patrick's at 11am.
- ◆ Wednesday 31 March, Mass of the Holy Oils at the Cathedral at 11.30am.



Today's Gospel: "You must not put the Lord your God to the test."

KARAOKE REQUIRED – For the parish Karaoke Evening on Saturday April 24 we would like to hire a good-quality, professional karaoke DJ, with own tried and trusted music system, to run the karaoke. If anyone in the parish can do this at a reasonable cost, please contact Jeff on 243 1289.

The Government has asked for consultation on its Sex and Relationships Education guidance to schools. If you intend to respond to the consultation (e.g. as a teacher) please consider looking first at SPUC's briefing at

<http://www.spuc.org.uk/campaigns/sreguidance201001>

which shows that much of the guidance is contrary to Catholic teaching. Secondly, the Holy Cross pro-life group still needs volunteers to help leaflet households about the dangers of the Government's proposed sex education plans. Please consider joining us. Contact Sica on 0775 88 44 918.

Aquinas Study Weekend for Young Adults. Sr Valery Walker OP is organising a Study Weekend for young adults from Friday evening 12 March to midday on Sunday 14 March. This will be a reflective study on the subject of Calvary and the Mass, with special reference to the work of St Thomas Aquinas. Talks will be given by Fr Thomas and there will be discussion led by Sr Valery. The weekend will be held at St Dominic's Convent, Stone. For details, and to book, please see Fr Thomas or email Sr Valery on valeryOP39@googlemail.com.

There is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Malcolm. Copies are available: please take one, read and inwardly digest.

Year II	The week ahead...	Psalter Week 1
There will be STATIONS OF THE CROSS each Friday in Lent at 6pm.		
Monday:	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, APOSTLE	
Tuesday:	Lenten feria	
Wednesday:	Lenten feria	
Thursday:	Lenten feria	
Friday:	Lenten feria. <i>Lenten Fast Day. Prayers are recommended for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give God public thanks. Women's World Day of Prayer. Prayer for the upholding and protection of the dignity of human beings is encouraged.</i>	
Saturday:	Lenten feria	
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. This week, Mass in the older form will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30am, and on Saturday at 8:15am. All welcome, especially servers. If you would like to learn to serve this Mass, please contact Fr Thomas.		
Next Sunday – 2 nd Sunday of Lent. <i>Prayers are recommended for candidates for the sacraments. Readings:</i>		
Genesis 15: 5-12.17-18	Philippians 3:17 - 4:1	Luke 9: 28-36

An Evening of Music and Reflection for Lent – Saturday March 13th, 7pm in the Centre. A social evening featuring music, readings and reflection from a wide range of groups and individuals, including Fr Fabian. All welcome. Tickets: £3 in advance (£2 concession) or £5 on the door, to include soup and roll. Bar open. See the ticket sellers for your Mass or call Jeff on 243 1289.

Vacancy: 2 x Assistant Headteachers. Christ the King Primary School, Glenfield Road, wishes to appoint two inspirational, motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join its creative and supportive Senior Leadership Team as Assistant Headteachers from September 2010. Please contact the school office on 285 7261 for further details. Closing date for applications is Midday on Friday 5th March. Tours of the school are welcomed.

The Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council are posted on one of the noticeboards at the back of the church in the narthex.

There will be a Schools Public Speaking Contest run by the Catenians on Sunday 28 February at 2pm at the Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth. All are welcome. See noticeboard.

Forthcoming events for your diary	
Wed 10 Mar	Station Mass with Bishop Malcolm, 7pm
Sat 13 Mar	Evening of Music and Reflection for Lent, 7pm
Sat 27 Mar	Leicestershire Chorale - Devotional Music, church at 8pm
Sat 24 Apr	Karaoke evening, 7pm
Sat 15 May	'Day for the Year of the Priesthood', with the artist and writer Elizabeth Wang. Details soon.
Sat 15 May	Absolute beginners' Cha-cha, 7pm

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 8.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers Old Rite Masses as announced. Church is open from 8.00 - 18.00
WEDNESDAYS 10.30 Exposition until 12.30 11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction
SATURDAYS 9.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 10.30 Novena to Our Lady 10.30 Confessions until 11.30 12.30 Mass 17.00 Confessions until 18.00 17.45 Vespers 18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday Old Rite Masses as announced.
HOLIDAYS 18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass 8.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 12.30 Mass 17.45 Vespers 19.00 Mass
BANK HOLIDAYS (& MON TO FRI AROUND XTMAS & NEW YEAR) 8.00 Lauds 12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
SUNDAYS 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 9.30 Mass (Family) 11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Sundays) 12.30 Mass (Old rite in Latin) 17.00 Mass (for Students, term time only) 17.45 Vespers 18.00 Rosary 18.20 Sung Latin Compline 18.40 Benediction 19.00 Mass
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