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WEEK 7, YEAR A

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The ancient Babylonians had introduced the principle of “(no more than) eye for eye and tooth for tooth” to try to curb excessive retaliation in war. Jesus replaces this with a radical demand: when someone hits you on one cheek, turn the other; go an extra mile, give to anyone who asks. His reason? Retaliation does not stop violence: it doubles it. Jesus' idea of turning the other cheek is the way to stop violence in its tracks.

Mass Times		
Monday	10am	Week 7
Tuesday	10am	Week 7
Wednesday	10am	Feast: Chair of St Peter
Thursday	10am	Memorial: St Polycarp
Friday	10am	Week 7
Saturday	10am	Week 7
Saturday	6pm	Week 8, Year A
Sunday	10am	

Rosary (9.30am) and Morning Prayer (9.45am) weekdays daily in the church before morning Mass

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP Thursdays 7pm

COLLECTIONS	12th February	£373.50
	Education Sunday	£176.10

Many thanks

LENT IS APPROACHING! Ash Wednesday is on 1st March- 10 days. What are we to make of Lent?

6 weeks of misery through giving up what we enjoy?

OR

6 weeks that are challenging, but also life-enhancing?

Two gospel ideas can help us choose the second option.

On Ash Wednesday we remember the three traditional forms of penance:

- ➔ Prayer
- ➔ Fasting
- ➔ Almsgiving

They sum up every Lenten penance we can imagine; but we need to be clear why we do penance. On the first Sunday of Lent, we have another list of three: ‘temptations’, or tests, that Jesus faced at the beginning of his ministry. They don’t sound like any temptations we face, but with prayer, fasting and almsgiving, they give us clues on how to make important changes to our lives.

When Jesus was hungry, the devil (the word means the ‘deceiver’) tried to persuade him to turn stone into bread; he also tried to convince him to take possession of the kingdoms of the world, and to put God to the test by throwing himself off the Temple. These ‘tests’ are really symbols of what keeps God and us at a distance: they all seem good at the time.

- ➔ Turning stone into bread represents the times we indulge ourselves just because we want something, when **Fasting** may be better for us in the long run.
- ➔ How do we put God to the test, though? Well, how often have you done this by trying to bargain with him (“if you do this for me, I’ll do the following for you”); those who trust in God do not need to test his love; they know it for themselves. **Prayer** helps us grow in love of God.
- ➔ Finally, if Jesus accepted the kingdoms of the world, he would have had power. We often crave power, influence, recognition from others; **Almsgiving**, i.e. giving to charity, helps us change the focus from ourselves to those in need.

The devil, the ‘deceiver’, makes temptations seem reasonable: Jesus offers prayer, fasting and almsgiving as a way for us to see more clearly the truth that comes from God alone.

HOW CAN I PRAY, FAST AND GIVE ALMS THIS LENT?

LENT RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

At the Ignation Spirituality Centre, 35 Scott Street, Garnethill, Glasgow, G3 6PE on Mondays for 7 weeks beginning 20 February. The retreat is open and ecumenical. To book and for more information about this and other inter-faith events visit: www.iscglasgow.go.uk

CALMING THE STORM

A day of reflection and stillness in a busy world

Saturday 11th March Our Holy Redeemer House, Clydebank

A retreat day where you are invited to take some time out during Lent to look at different ways to pray, and to use these to reflect on your relationship with God. The day begins at 10am (after 9.30am Mass in OHR church) and will finish around 3pm. We hope to offer you the chance to experience different types of prayer and the peace and quiet to reflect on your experiences.

Cost for day £25 and includes tea/coffee on arrival and in the afternoon and lunch. To book contact Oonagh Coultas on 07920065584 or email oonaghcoultas@gmail.com. A deposit of £10 per person is required with each booking. Numbers are limited to 12 on the day so book early!

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE - Residential Weekend from Friday 31 March until Sunday 2 April 2017

For those who find themselves alone again through divorce, separation or widowhood. From Friday 31 March to Sunday 2 April at St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth. For further details contact Ros on 0131 669 0003 or email: rcm2524@yahoo.co.uk

Completed applications must be returned by Friday 24 March 2017.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 14-21 July

The Glasgow Lourdes Hospitalite invite you to apply to join us on Pilgrimage in July. All ages welcome. We have a team of doctors, nurses and helpers, who are ably assisted by the St Margaret of Scotland Youth Group to ensure your Pilgrimage is a wonderful spiritual experience. Pilgrims under our care generally stay in the Accueil Notre Dame. Price £699 excluding insurance. Closing date for applications is the end of March. See Poster

EDUCATION SUNDAY – APPEAL FOR TEACHERS

If you would like further information on becoming a teacher in our Catholic schools, please contact the Scottish Catholic Education Service: mail@sces.uk.com

ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND HOSPICE is the first, and largest, hospice in Scotland and relies on the generosity of fundraising for half of its costs. They are holding a Sports Dinner on Friday 10th May 2017 at the Radisson Blu hotel in Glasgow. Details are on the poster at the back of the church.

They are also having a Grand Prize Draw with Raffle Tickets priced at £1. See poster at the back. Unfortunately there is no mention of how to get the tickets!!!

PARISH FUNDRAISING

To date we have raised around £3600 for the Mission Project and £2100 for the Parish (we had some specific donations to the Mission Project). Fr Francis took away another £2600 with him which was most gratefully received. We hope to receive some photographs showing progress this week. **MANY THANKS** to all who have helped and supported this fundraising.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently dead: Scott Green, Aileen Waters, Joe McLaughlin, Carrol Moore

Anniversaries: Claire McGarrachan, Bob, Fraser & Robert Dalziel

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN, who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and for their families. At the end of Catholic Education Week we acknowledge the importance of handing on faith in the homes, in the parish and in the school. The parish is where the Sacraments are celebrated: the home is where they are lived.

