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Do not give in to temptation

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of

Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

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For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, O Lord,
in my distress.

Gospel Acclamation

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.

STATION MASSES DURING THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

Please make an effort to join Bishop Robson
and parishioners of St John's
for a Lenten Station Mass

**7pm, Wednesday
17th February
St John the Baptist's,
Melville Street, Perth**



AROUND PERTH

Sunday Mass in St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie

10am - Sunday
8am - Weekdays
(except Wednesday)
7am - Wednesday

Sunday Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham

5.30pm (vigil); 11am

Sunday Mass in St Mary's, Kinnoull

10am

Sunday Mass in St John's 6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of
the souls of Antony Martin,
Adam Martin and Dr Jim O'Brien
and all the faithful departed.

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Sundays at 3pm
in St Mary Magdalene's**

during Lent

Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £237.05. The special collection for the work of Catholic Education raised £122 - thank you for your generosity.

Special collection

A special collection will be taken next week in aid of the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund.

120 Years

Congratulations to Sister Elizabeth Girvan and St Eileen Brady, Sacred Heart nuns who are celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of their first vows.

Ad multos annos

SCIAF Boxes

SCIAF boxes are available in the Church porch for your Lenten Almsgiving - please return them at Mass on Holy Thursday.

Helping in Lourdes

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association are looking for helpers in order that the sick pilgrims can go on this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage 8-15 July. They require a Doctor to lead the medical team of eight nurses.

We are also in need of nurses. Can anyone in the Parish help in this appeal. Further enquiries to Mrs. C. Van der Boon Tel. No. 01382 815292.

Italian Classes

Italian classes in hall every Saturday from 4.15-6.15pm except for the last Saturday of the month. Open to all - beginners and fluent speakers.

Work experience

Do you have a business or work for an employer who could give a pupil experience of the workplace?

St John's RC Academy is looking for opportunities for their senior pupils. If you think you can help please contact the school on 01738 454300 or email pward@pkc.gov.uk.



Rainbow Guides

There are a few spaces available in the 19th Perth (St John's) Rainbows which meet in St John's Church Hall on Fridays from 5.30-6.30pm.

The unit will be celebrating its Silver Jubilee later this year and if your daughter is aged 5 or 6 and would like to join in the fun and friendship which has made this a popular section of the Girl Guides for so many years - please contact Anne Mitchell 01738 628039.

World Youth Day - last remaining place!

There is now only ONE place left for young people (16-30) who would like to join our parish group who are attending World Youth Day in 25th July - 1 August 2016 - cost £400. Please speak to Mgr Hendry if you are interested.

**During Lent
our Saturday
Weekday
Mass
will be
celebrated
at 10am**

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass