

St. Peter's Hamilton
First Sunday of Lent (A)
22nd February 2026

Our Parish Mission

**All are welcome in this place
Behold Love's amazing grace
All are welcome
Bring your hopes, bring your dreams
Mercy flows and love redeems
All are welcome! All belong!**

**It's 6.20 Thursday morning.
It was great to see so many people coming to Mass
yesterday to receive their ashes.
I want to thank all who helped me yesterday. I really
appreciate it.**

**Have a wee look at the lenten programme, plan what you
can come to. God will be delighted to see you here. As we
prepare for our the celebration if Easter.
Here below is Pope Francis' Lenten Fast, have a wee think
about what you could do**

**Pope Francis Lent Fast
Fast from hurting words and say kind words.**

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words be silent and listen.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them
by God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17

A prayer for mercy

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made
righteous. (shorter form: Romans 5:12,17-19)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the
devil.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted. Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call 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; God alone is God.

Some SCIAF WEE BOXES and Lenten Mass programmes are still available in the porch

Mass Programme

Monday 8.15am Mass

Tuesday : 10am Mass

Wednesday 10am & 7pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 8.15am & 10am Masses

Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday 10am Mass

Sunday Masses: 4pm Vigil, 9.30am & 11am Masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 9.30am - 9.55am

Sunday Rota

This Weekend

Readers

4pm Vigil: E. Cornes

9.30am: P. Davies

11am: P. Barton

We are looking for new readers for all the Sunday Masses. If you wish to volunteer please see Fr. Frank.

Eucharistic Ministers:

4pm Vigil: M. Kilpatrick, S. Boyle & M. Halbert

9.30am: C, Bonnar, M. Devanney & K. O'Neill

11am: S. Cunningham, H. Govers & S. Russell

Weekday 10am Mass Readers Rota

Tuesday: P. Davies

Wednesday: B. Cornes

Thursday: P. McKeown

Friday: J. McCluskey

Saturday: A. Devlin

Please pray for the following:

Sick:

Margaret Callaghan Doreen Cleary, Michael Ritchie, Neil Boyle, John Rielly Molly Strang, James Clark, Fr. Michael McLaughlin, Patricia Henderson, Joanna Maier (Connecticut USA), Therese Gilgunn Tressy Callaghan, Suzanne McMurray, Mary Coyle, Lesley Watson (Spain) Maureen McHugh, Margaret Burke, Marie White, Kathleen Daly, John McGuire, Jill Brown, Karen Pritchatt,

Louise Newton, Faith Lyndsey, Jill Brown,
Marie McGuire, James Morton, Paul Kearney,
Thomas Daly, Andrew McCluskey,
Premature Baby Vincent McDowell,
Bill Allan, Gudren Berk (Germany),
Jaqueline McReynolds, Mary Morrison, Helen Howarth
(Easterhouse), Margaret Loan, Avril McCluskey, Elizabeth
Miller, Carol Corr and all our sick.

Recently Dead: Thomas Gallacher, Frank Cook,
John Harkins, Mary Irvine, Owen McVey, Alice Kelly,
Kathleen Collins, Sr. Rita Currivan,

Month Minds & Anniversaries: Danny Lindsay,
Francis Donnachie, Tracey Archibald, Jim Sweeney, Margaret
Skelton, Joseph McCready, Christine McCready, John
Hendry, John O'Mailley, Terry Kane, Thomas McGurk, Jean
McGurk, Katie Lavery,
Michelle Meighan, Hugh McGhee, Ercole Divito,
Teresa Sim, Jim Sim, James Sim,
John O'Donnell Connolly,

Please if you could make sure all month minds and
anniversaries are handed in no later than Wednesday Night.
If they come in after that they will be read out at Mass on
Sunday. If the recently dead come in after the Wednesday
deadline they too will be read out at Mass on the Sunday.

Funeral Arrangement

Bridie McKechnie

Today Thursday 19th February 6pm Reception
Tomorrow Friday 20th February 10am Funeral Mass

John Harkins

Wednesday 25th February 9.30am Funeral Mass

Mary Irvine

Wednesday 25th February 6pm Reception
Thursday 26th February 10am Funeral Mass

Tommy Gallacher

Thursday 26th February 6pm Reception
Friday 27th February 10am Funeral Mass

Frank Cook

Monday 2nd March 10am Funeral Mass

Sacramental Meetings

Tuesday 24th February
St. Peter's & St. Mark's
Meetings will take place in the Church

6pm First Confession

6.30pm First Communion

7pm Confirmation

Powerpoint Remote Control:

I am also looking for Volunteers to move the power-points on during the Sunday Masses, Vigil 4pm, 9.30am & 11am.

It is very easy to operate, if we get enough volunteers for each Mass we would put a wee rota together. It would take a wee bit of pressure off me.

Gift Aid

If you wish to sign up for Gift Aid. It is a great way to help the parish financially, costing you absolutely nothing. If you wish to sign up contact myself or Doreen Lee and we will give you the form and hand it back as you can and we can get it organised. As I said it costs you nothing, but helps the parish so much.

Baptism/Wedding Meetings: THURSDAY 6pm & 7pm. JUST TURN UP

The Bulletin is available by email

I can't thank you enough for your generosity to the Parish. I really appreciate it. Please keep it up, Once again Thank You.

Fr. Frank

