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**Office Timings:** Tue:11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Thurs: 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. & Fri. 3.00pm to 5.00pm

**26 February 2023**  
**First Sunday in Lent, Year A**

**1st Reading:** Genesis 2: 7 - 9, 3: 1 - 7  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 50  
**Response:** *Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we have sinned*

**2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12 - 19**  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you O  
Christ, King of eternal glory!  
*Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from  
the mouth of God.*  
Praise to you O Christ,  
King of eternal glory!

**Gospel:** Matthew 4: 1 - 11

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES.**

**Saturday Vigil Mass:**  
**6.00p.m. St Cuthbert's.**

**Sunday Morning Masses:**

**9.30a.m. St Cuthbert's.**

**11.30a.m. Our Lady's**

**Dear Parishioners,** Lent's twofold purpose is to prepare catechumens for their Baptism and to renew the faith of those who are already baptized by reminding them of their own baptismal call. Jesus' sojourn in the desert can be a model for our Lenten observance. Let us begin this Lent with prayer and fasting, so that our faith may be renewed and our almsgiving sincere.



**Gospel Reflection:** We are never immune to temptation; it is real. But temptation always brings choice, decision, and greater self-knowledge. In the case of the Son of God, his choice was also between God and Satan, his decision was to be faithful to God's Law and revelation, and his greater self-knowledge led him out of the desert to begin his public ministry. In our daily living we must place our temptations and the choices within the context of the commandment to love God and neighbour. This is Lent's challenge and invitation. (**Living Liturgy, p. 64**)

**St. Cuthbert's Offertory collections.**  
**Last Sunday's collection; 19 Feb.: £595.**  
*Thank you and may God bless your generosity*

**Our Lady's Offertory collections.**  
**Last Sunday's collection; 19 Feb: £232.50**  
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**UPDATES:**

**Children's Liturgy.** This will restart on Sunday 26th February for all primary school aged children (5+) and will continue each Sunday in Lent. Please encourage your children to attend as they can participate in the mass, but with prayers and readings which are suitable for their age.

**Children's Liturgy Team.** Can everyone involved, or who would like to be involved, in delivering the Children's liturgy, please meet in the hall after 9.30 mass today (19th) for a short meeting. If you want to be involved but can't make the meeting, please have a chat with Janice Millhouse or email her on j.millhouse@hotmail.co.uk

**There will be the Stations of the Cross** during this year's Lenten season. This takes place every Wednesday at Our Lady's Currie, 7p.m. and every Friday at St Cuthbert's 7p.m. We are all encouraged to participate in this spiritual exercise.

**Lenten season:** Here are the files for the suggested lent activity, the links to the podcast and the information to register for the zoom talks! <https://www.podbean.com/ea/dir-ptmme-16920353>.

**Parishioners at Our Lady's Currie** who would like to prepare to celebrate a joyful Easter by listening to short talk on how to pray with the Sacred Scripture and then praying individually with the Gospels and also those who would like to have a weekly meeting in a small sharing group should please contact Blanca Nieto 07981222796 or via email: blancanieto@virginmedia.com  
Times and dates will be fixed according to participants' availability.

**Ceilidh is on March 17** (St. Patrick's Day). It organised by the Irish dance company (Audrey Fallon Academy of Irish Dance). Kindly meet Caroline Easton at the back of the church for your tickets. The venue is at the parish Hall; don't miss out!

<b>MASS TIMINGS St Cuthbert's Slateford</b>	<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	<b>MASS DONOR</b>	<b>MASS TIMINGS Our Lady's Currie</b>	<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	<b>MASS DONOR</b>
Tuesday 28 Feb. 9.00 a.m.	Tommy McGettigan (R.I.P.)	Milhouse Family	Wed. 1 March 10.00. a.m.		
Thursday 2 March 9.00 a.m.	Tommy McGettigan (R.I.P.)	McCafferty Family	Friday 3 March 10.00 a.m.		
Saturday 4 March. 10.00 a.m. <i>(Confessions after mass)</i>  Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00 p.m.	Tommy McGettigan (R.I.P.)  Charlie Green (R.I.P)	Mitchell Family			
Sunday 5 March 9.30 a.m.	Anthon (R.I.P)		Sunday 5 March 11.30 a.m.		

**Blessings to you, your families and those who are dear to you in Jesus's name, Amen. ~ Fr Francis**