

## Welcome to St Andrew's Church Handsworth

Thank you for visiting us and joining us for the service. We are a very friendly and warm community. Hope you will enjoy the service and be filled with God's love. We will pray for you and for your loved ones. Hope to see you again with us.

26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

10.00 am – Eucharistic Celebration

Led by: Fr Paskal Clement

Chalice: Chris

Intercessor: Carole

Hymn Numbers 14 169 422 328 65

### First Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17,3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

### Second Reading: Roman 5: 12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in

the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*"Prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well." (James 5.15)*

**Prayer for the sick:** John Beards, Linda, Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Monica, Anthony, Harry Wilkes, Jackie Bond, May Joseph, Gill Ludford, Linda Daniels, Edmond Griffin, Nancy Forbes, T Clarke, Steadford Clarke, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell, Jacqueline Cole, Mr and Mrs Gordon, Deb Jones, Caroline P., Joshua, Barry Rotheroe, Ralph Whitehouse.

**Anniversary of Death:** Sybil Darke

### **Notices**

- Lent Course – In Wilderness

Starts on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 7-8 pm on Zoom. First topic is Jesus, Satan and the Angels. Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89663616123?pwd=RWlVZVoyZ3R5T29TZURkcGx2VTUoUT09>

Meeting ID 896 6361 6123 Passcode 457991.

- **Magazine** There will be a magazine on Sunday April 2. Please send articles for publication to Eileen at [parishmagazine949@gmail.com](mailto:parishmagazine949@gmail.com)

• **Church Giving** Cartons of white giving envelopes are now available at the back of church. They include an envelope for each Sunday, starting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. If yours are not there, or if you would like to start using weekly envelopes for your offering, just add your name to the list. St Andrew's has to pay the bills every week, even if you are not here! If you prefer to give directly from your bank, add your name to the list. It really helps – we don't have to count so much money and take it to the bank! Audrey Robinson will let you have the details on what to do. If you'd like to know more, have a word with Audrey or with Fr. John – they are the assistant treasurers

**Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> March 23 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3: 1-17**

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