



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A, 26 FEBRUARY 2023

MASS SCHEDULES

Monday - Thursday

No public Mass

Friday – Saturday

9am (Adoration)

9.30am

Sunday

6pm (Saturday Vigil)

10.30am (English)

12noon (Polish)

Confessions

Saturday

10.00am (After Mass)

or call to make an appointment.

The readings in Lent deal with tremendous things, and those for year A are as it were the ‘default’ settings, especially when we get to Sundays 3 to 5. The reading from Genesis today is, after the first reading of the Easter Vigil, which forms a closure to today’s beginning, the most famous passage of the Old Testament. It explains the origin of our human condition, which is quite a basic consideration. We look at ourselves and ask why we suffer and do wrong, and this great story is an attempt to explain it. It occupies only a few lines, but it shapes much of what we feel about the world and other people; the garden, the serpent, the woman and the man, and what they do to each other, are part of our mental furniture. Yet to look at it superficially would be a disservice; we would for example blame women for everything which is wrong, and many people do just that, which is something God cannot possibly want. We call it disobedience but if Adam and Eve had no knowledge of good and evil how could that be? Knowing this difference is what makes us human, so before eating the apple we were simply another species of animal. After this we have a great passage of Paul which comments on Genesis but talks of the sin of Adam (not Eve!) and explains the work of Christ. And in the Gospel itself we see this ‘one man’ being tempted, as Eve and Adam were, and triumphing over the tempter *Liturgy Planner*

For Today Mass

Responsorial psalm

Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we have sinned.

Gospel acclamation

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

Pewnie każdy z nas, na serio zmagający się z własnym grzechem i słabością, marzy o tego rodzaju triumfie. To zwycięskie starcie Jezusa z szatanem poprzedzone było czterdziestodniowym czasem postu i modlitewnego wsłuchiwanie się w głos Ojca. Dzisiejsza Ewangelia stawia przed nami proste pytanie: Czy żyjemy „samym chlebem”, czyli jedynie sprawami przyziemnymi, czy też „każdym słowem, które pochodzi z ust Bożych”? Słowo Boże zawarte w Piśmie Świętym jest doskonałą odtrutką na manipulacje i półprawdy, które próbuje nam wsączyć diabeł, świat i nasza skażona grzechem natura. Chleb ziemski nie spada nam z nieba, lecz jego pozyskanie wymaga trudu. Nie dziwny się więc, że wysiłku wymaga również przyswojenie sobie słowa Bożego – wysiłku czytania, pokornego wgłębiania się w tekst, otwierania się na głos Boga poprzez wyrzeczenia i modlitwę. Czy jesteśmy gotowi na podjęcie tego trudu w rozpoczynającym się Wielkim Poście? *Mateusz.pl*

**SAINTS DAYS
and SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES THIS
WEEK**

Monday 27th February
1st Week of Lent

Tuesday 28th February
1st Week of Lent

Wednesday 1st March
1st Week of Lent

Thursday 2nd March
1st Week of Lent

Friday 3rd March
1st Week of Lent

Saturday 4th March
1st Week of Lent

PRAYERS

Please pray for the
repose of the soul of
those whose
anniversaries occur
about this time

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

**FROM LENT MASSES
IN BANFF ONLY ON
FRIDAY, STURDAY
AND SUNDAY**

CHRZEST

Zamiar ochrzczenia
dziecka zgłaszamy do
biura parafialnego na
**miesiąc przed datą
chrztu**

MAŁŻEŃSTWO

Zamiar zawarcia
sakramentu
małżeństwa zgłaszamy
do biura parafialnego
na **6 m-cy przed
datą ślubu**

JANUARY FINANCES

Income: £7199.73
Expenses: £3087.33
Balance: £4112.40

Bank account: £7391.158

LENT

WAY OF THE CROSS
Wednesday 6.30 pm (eng.)

DROGA KRZYŻOWA
Piątek g. 19.00

**LENTEN RETREATS
(REKOLEKCJE)**
17 – 19 March 2023
Fr Krzysztof Tomczak MS

CONFESSION
Tuesday 4 April
6.00 pm – 8.00pm

SCIAF
Wee box can be collected
from the back of the
church

GIFT AID

If you are a UK taxpayer,
ensure all your contributions
to the OLMC Banff are Gift-
Aided by registering for the
OLMC Banff Gift Aid
scheme. This means we can
claim an additional 25% on
top of all contributions you
make in whatever form,
without it costing you a
penny more!!
To complete GIFT AID
DECLARATION FORM
please contact Parish Office

STATION MASSES:

Thu 2 March – Forres 11.00 am

Wed 8 March – Huntly 11.00 am

Thu 16 March – Banff 11.00 am

Wed 22 March – Elgin 7.00pm

*Thu 30 March – Buckie Chrism
Mass*

COLLECTIONS

Sunday's Collection
19 February 2023
Cash – £279.50
Gift Aid – £40.00

SCHOOL OF FAITH

Our Sunday Teaching
form Catechism of the
Catholic Church will
resume from
First Sunday of Lent