

People of the Word: Moses (part 1)

Last week we heard how Joseph and his brothers, the heads of the twelve tribes of Israel, ended up in Egypt. Over time they became slaves of the Egyptians, but – four centuries later – **God raised up a man who would lead them to freedom: Moses.**



Born at a time when all Hebrew baby boys were being killed by Pharaoh, Moses was left in the river but rescued by Pharaoh's daughter, who treated him like a son. When he was an adult, he killed an Egyptian he had seen striking one of the Hebrew slaves, and then fled into the desert (Exodus 2). Here, he encountered God in the mysterious bush which was on fire but not burnt up (Exodus 3:1-12). In this encounter, God revealed His name – YHWH (meaning, "I am").

It was also here that Moses received his mission: he would go to Pharaoh and demand freedom for his people. Pharaoh refused the demand, at which Egypt was struck with a series of plagues, ending with the death of the firstborn in each house. But the Angel of Death passed over the houses marked with the blood of a lamb – the Hebrew homes. This is the 'Passover', celebrated each year by the Jews. After this plague, Pharaoh finally let the Hebrews go, and they left Egypt to begin a journey to the 'Promised Land', a country given them by God. Next week we will read more about this 'Exodus' and the crossing of the Red Sea.



Questions for reflection:

- Moses encountered God in the burning bush. Where do I meet the Lord?
- At the bush, Moses received his mission. Do I listen to what God is asking of me and allow Him to guide me? What is my vocation, and how do I live it?

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Office: Psalter Week 1; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: of Lent

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday 29 th Feb	6pm (vigil)	First Sunday of Lent	Michael and Margaret Holleran RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 1 st March	9:30am		Ints Christine Mattinson
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Holy Souls
	5:15pm		<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Holy Souls
Wednesday	9:15am		Marie Howson RIP
Thursday	9:15am	Holy Souls	
Friday	12noon	Holy Souls	
Saturday 7 th	10am	Second Sunday of Lent	Roger and Florence O'Donnell RIP
	6pm (vigil)		Tom McAuley Sr RIP
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>
Sunday 8 th March	9:30am		Kathleen Walker RIP
	6pm		Peter Sissons RIP

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for **William James (Jim) McCallion**, whose Requiem took place here on Tuesday, and all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS: Morning Prayer 7:45am Monday-Friday during Lent; sung Vespers and Benediction 3:30pm on Sundays during Lent.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon and on request.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sundays 3pm during Lent.

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass.

ST ANTHONY: March wall box donations will go to local people in need of help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Isabella Maxwell, Mary Hurley, Maureen Ford, James Woodruff, Winifred Taylor, Marion Holden, Anne Fisher, Marie Anderson, Ella Grall.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS MARCH: We pray that the Church in China may preserve in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

LECTIO DIVINA: Starting this Tuesday, an opportunity to pray together this form of meditation on the Word of God. A chance to listen to the Word of God using a pattern of prayer taught by St Clare. 7:30-8:15pm in the side chapel. All welcome.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2021: October half term next year (2021). There will be an initial meeting for those who may be interested this Sunday (1st) at 7pm in the side chapel. If you're interested but can't make the meeting, speak to Fr A.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Sunday during Lent at 3pm. A beautiful devotion.

SUNG VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: Sundays during Lent, 3:30pm-4pm.

MORNING PRAYER: Weekdays during Lent, 7:45am. Start the day with the Lord!

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: Come and spend time before the Lord, watching and praying with Him. This Friday, 7pm. A great way to enter more deeply into Lent.

CTS BOOK SALE: We have some CTS booklets which will be on sale for a bargain price after Masses this weekend (29th/1st). A chance to get some Lenten reading!

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: This Friday (6th). Please return any envelopes next weekend (with the collection or through the presbytery letterbox). Thank you.

LENTEN LUNCHESES will begin on Friday 13th March. Soup and a roll after the 12noon Mass, with all donations going to our ACN Iraq appeal.

HOLY WEEK MUSIC PRACTICE: This Wednesday, 6:30pm in the presbytery. Come and help us to celebrate well the mysteries of Holy Week. All welcome.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: 21st March at Our Lady and St Edward's, open to all who volunteer in the parish. The parish will be able to fund some places – speak to Fr Andrew. More details from Mike Simpson or Brenda Scales, or see poster.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE YOUTH: Young people (school year 10 and over) are invited to take part in the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage, 23rd July-1st August. If you are interested in going on the pilgrimage, please speak to Fr Andrew.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Lourdes bingo. An amazing £508.27 was raised to help send young people from our parish on the Lourdes pilgrimage.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Meeting **next Sunday** (8th) after the evening Mass. The booklet is *Living Fruitfully: Self-control* by Fr John Hogan. Copies available from Fr Andrew.

YEAR OF THE WORD: Metanoia's 'The God who speaks' series continues this Thursday, 7:30pm at St Wilfrid's. Poster with full details in the narthex.

POLAND PILGRIMAGE: with St Maria Goretti's parish. 13th-19th September 2020. £550 excluding flights. If interested, contact Fr Pawel Szatlewski on 07970754208.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 429; Collection: £1027.01; LEPR: £964.97. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 1 st	9:30am	Children's liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	First Communion Preparation (2)	Parish Hall
	11am	First Communion: parents' session	Chapel
	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	3:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	4:30pm	Confirmation Preparation (2)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	Holy Land Pilgrimage Meeting	Chapel
Monday-Friday	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6:15pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	6:45pm	Baptism Preparation (3)	Chapel
	7:30pm	Journey in Faith	Presbytery
	7:45pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	Marriage Preparation (7)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	Lectio Divina	Chapel
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	6:30pm	Holy Week Music Practice	Presbytery
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	First Friday Holy Hour	Church
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	School
Sunday 8 th	9:30am	Children's liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	3pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
	3:30pm	Sung Vespers and Benediction	Church
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	CTS Book Club	Chapel

Diary Dates

Thursday 19th March: Solemnity of St Joseph. Mass at 9:15am

Wednesday 25th March: Solemnity of the Annunciation. Mass at 9:15am

Saturday 28th March: Messy Church, 1:30pm

Sunday 29th March: Rededication of England to Our Lady