

# ST PETER AT GOWTS CHURCH

18TH FEBRUARY 2018

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30AM SUNG EUCHARIST

## Readings

First reading; Genesis Ch.9 v8-17

Second Reading; 1Peter Ch.3 v18-end

Gospel; John Ch.1 v 1-14

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty  
days in the wilderness, and was tempt-  
ed as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in  
obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Priest in charge:

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Mrs Mary Rose, Mrs Margaret Simpson

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## Please pray for;

**the sick;** Fred Bowskill, Pam Goodman,  
Elizabeth Graham, Joy Gray, Martin Jeffer-  
son, Mandy North, Claire O'Neil, Stuart  
Rose, Michael Vaughan , Tim Wheeldon.

## Years Mind;

18 Ted Olivant, Sid Dixon

19 Avice Ramsay

22 Nellie Louch

- The people of China as they celebrate their New Year.
- Children in Care
- Student volunteer week
- Guides and scouts, and all in the move-  
ment. (Thinking Day 18th)
- The families and friends of the young  
people killed in the latest American  
school massacre.
- The safety of the elderly and sick in the  
coming cold weather.
- The continuing Brexit talks and that our  
leaders will work together for the good  
of our country

## Upcoming events

20th	Tuesday	10am	Women's social group	church hall
21st	Wednesday	10am	Keep fit	church hall
23rd	Friday	10.30am	Women's World Day of Prayer rehearsal	church
25th	Sunday	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	church

## March

2nd	Friday	2pm	Women's World Day of Prayer service	church
15th	Thursday	7pm	Rehearsal for Stainer's Crucifixion	church
22nd	Thursday	7pm	Rehearsal for Stainer's Crucifixion	church

### An American friend's view.

I'm so very sad watching the coverage of the school shooting in Florida. I'm even sadder reading this is the 19th school shooting this year. It's February 14th.

It's hard not to think of Columbine, the very first school shooting I remember watching on the news in the newsroom of the paper I worked for. It felt like an anomaly. I comforted myself with thoughts that this "hardly ever happens".

But now it's almost common. And if it's not a school it's a movie theater or a mall or a concert.

It's not fair to our kids. And if it's not that they're hyper-alert, they're desensitized to it, so then they're like "Oh, another shooting" and the magnitude of it escapes them. I know there are bombings and other violent incidents overseas, but I don't hear of shootings like this very often anywhere except here. Something is broken.

Our country is spiraling. We have to do better. How do we do better? Not just for us, but for our kids?

There must be a way.

**Courtney Fassler Walsh**

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- 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 and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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### Quote of the week

'Grandad, you are like a five year old in an old man's body!'

I leave you to guess who the Grandad is!