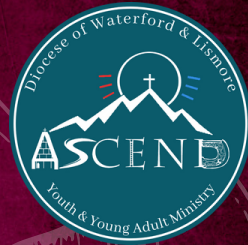




To the Heights



Year B 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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LOOKING FOR A LENTEN ALMSGIVING IDEA?

"Our vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things."

mary's
meals

It costs just €22 to provide a child with meals in a place of education for a whole school year.

a simple solution
to world hunger

Check out more on the work of this amazing charity at <https://www.marysmeals.ie/>

HEAR: Sunday Gospel

Mark 1:12-15



If you don't have a Bible handy, click the image here to access the Mass readings for this Sunday!

Fr Mike Schmitz

WATCH:

HOW TO FACE
TEMPTATION

PRAY:



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WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

Take some time this week to reflect on how you deal with temptations that come your way. Look especially at what you fill your head and heart with each day: through the conversations you have, what you listen to and watch, where you allow your thoughts to drift. What needs to change? Make a concrete resolution, even just to combat one thing!

TUNE!



I need Thee every hour
Jars of Clay



RESOURCES:

GROW: DYNAMIC CATHOLIC: BEST LENT EVER!



Meeting people where they are . . . Leading them to where God calls them to be! The US-based team at Dynamic Catholic want to inspire Catholics and their parishes to become the best-version-of-themselves. Why not sign up the "The Best Lent Ever" experience by [clicking here](#) to receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God. "It's not what you give up this Lent, it's who you become."

EVENTS

CONNECT 4 for young people aged between 18 and 35 years in the Devere Hall in UCC on Sunday February 18th, 2024. The day will include Mass, lunch, adoration, an opportunity for confession, and the guest speaker will be Msgr James Shea. €10 which includes food etc. 10am - 4pm. Register through [Eventbrite](#)



GAMECHANGERS!

22nd February

THE CHAIR OF ST PETER

Click the image to discover more about this feast

The Catholic Church offers us so many examples of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them here, **Game Changers!**

More Gamechanger resources available on our website.



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[ascendwaterfordlismore.ym](https://www.instagram.com/ascendwaterfordlismore.ym)



[Ascend Youth Ministry](https://www.youtube.com/AscendYouthMinistry)

PUZZLE

FIND THE WORDS FROM THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW



angels
believe
close at hand
days
desert
devil
forty
Galilee
good news
Jesus
John
kingdom of God
repent
Spirit
tempted
time has come

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T	I	M	E	H	A	S	C	O	M	E	U	J	E	O
D	O	G	F	O	M	O	D	G	N	I	K	A	H	D

Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.

RESPOND!

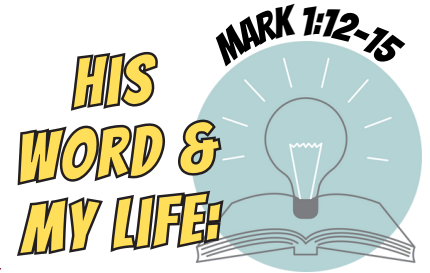


Reflect on the scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!

**"REPENT
AND BELIEVE
THE GOOD NEWS"**



[Click here for some relaxing instrumental music](#)
SPONTANEOUS WORSHIP | TWO HOURS OF WORSHIP PIANO



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When we are tempted, we need to be able to keep the bigger picture in mind: is this part of God's plan for my happiness? What greater good am I fighting for? There is no temptation we cannot overcome through His grace and strength - and the reward is out of this world!

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YEAR B: MARK 1:12-15
YEAR C: LUKE 4:1-13

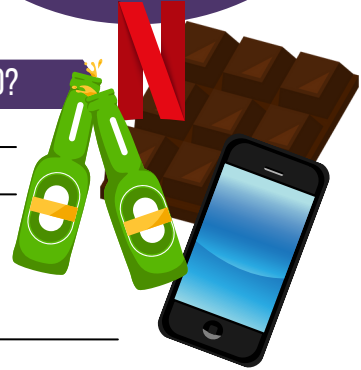
... whatever is true,
whatever is noble,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable—
if anything is excellent or
praiseworthy—think
about such things.
Philippians 4:8

CHECK OUT WHAT
CATECHISM OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SAYS ABOUT JESUS
BEING TEMPTED
CCC 538-540

HOW TO FACE TEMPTATION



ARE YOU GOOD AT RESISTING TEMPTATION? WHAT TEMPTATIONS DO YOU FIND HARD TO SAY NO TO?



DO YOU THINK PEOPLE CAN LEARN TO RESIST TEMPTATIONS? EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER



WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ "HOW TO FACE TEMPTATION" AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



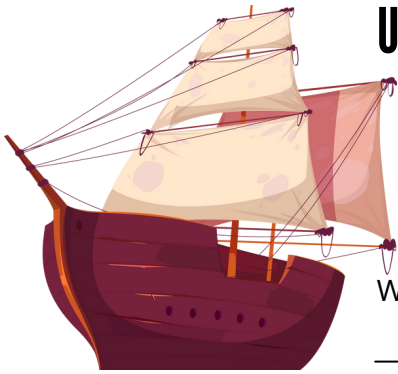
Fr Mike uses two stories from Greek mythology to explain three approaches to resisting temptation: Ulysses and his men, Jason and the Argonauts, and how they responded to the Sirens, mythical half bird / half-woman monsters who lured men to their deaths by their seemingly beautiful sounding music and illusory beauty.

In a similar way, evil can pass itself off as something good.



- Gossip can pass itself off as _____.
- Lust can pass itself off as _____.
- Greed can pass itself off as _____
or _____

Ulysses and his men



How did Ulysses' men resist the temptation of the sirens' call / lure?

How did Ulysses himself try to resist their song?

Who could see the sirens for what they really were, i.e. shrieking monsters?

Why was the way Ulysses chose not a good way to resist temptation?

Why was the way his men chose to resist temptation more effective?

**Ulysses saw
the i _____
but his men saw
the t _____**

Give an example of how we could use the approach of walking away when it comes to (a) gossip (b) lust or (c) greed.

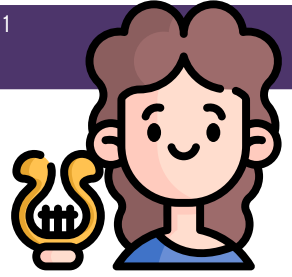


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Jason and the Argonauts

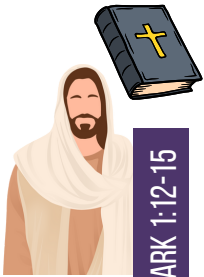
How did Jason and the Argonauts resist the sirens, with the help of Orpheus?



As Christians sometimes we are called to put r _____ on ourselves, sometimes we are called to get up and w _____ away. But we are all called to fill our lives with the t _____, the g _____ and the b _____.

READ PHILIPPIANS 4:8

List some practical ways to fill your mind and heart with things like this:



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CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON CHOOSING THE GOOD



- Jars of Clay: I need Thee every hour
- Brian Doerksen: Today I Choose
- Matt Maher: Lord I Need You
- Maverick City: Communion
- Brian Doerksen: Refiner's Fire
- Housefires: Build my Life
- Robinson/Thomson: Your Will be Done
- Matt Redman: When all is said and done



14:49 MINS



Fr Patrick Cahill: How Temptation Works



Lent in Three Minutes: Busted Halo

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whatever is pure,
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