

Reflections on 1st Sunday of Lent 25C.

Mass: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm: 90; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13.

Here we have the simple beginning of Lent as like the forty years in the desert and the forty days of Jesus representing a return to the beginning journey. Going out into the desert to face our demons is an important image. Don't think that Lent is easy, just giving up things that we can do without. It is discovering or even re-discovering our vocation. The Israelites had to learn what their calling was the hard way. Jesus is represented in Luke as doing just the same. Realising that Jesus had to discover his calling can come as a shock to us. We presume that he always knew what he was doing. Yet we are told that he grew in wisdom. We are meant to take courage from his journey to either begin or renew ours, following in his footsteps. That journey is about building the People of God. Each of us has a part to play, each of us will lay down our lives in some form to bring life to God's People and God's world.