

21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Liturgy preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

The Entrance chant in the missal includes the words 'I will grant him length of days', and you might ask who the Lord is addressing. It can be any of us, really, but in fact the first Sunday of Lent is traditionally the day when people who have embarked on a programme of preparation for Baptism are enrolled and are encouraged to look forward to what is in prospect for the baptised, namely, eternal life, or as the chant says, length of days.

### First Reading

(Gen 9:8-15). God's covenant with Noah when at last the waters dried up is symbolised by the appearance in the sky of a rainbow, a perennial aspect of nature indicating the permanent relationship established between God and humankind.

### Second Reading

(1 Pet 3:18-22). The reference to Noah and the waters of the flood leads to a description of the power of Baptism and its source in the resurrection of Christ.

### Gospel Reading

(Mk 1:12-15). Mark's account of Jesus' sojourn in the desert does not give the details of his temptation by Satan that are found in Matthew's and Luke's gospels.

### Thank you

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### YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

**RIP:** Mary Kathleen Spence (Maryhill Rd), John Campbell (Oban).

