

The booklet is set out in a way that helps the Leader and the individual participants. Any group using this resource will find a lasting impact on their lives.

A Sense of Grace

by Robin Gill £7.99 ISBN: 0-281-05630-7

Robin Gill leads a very busy life, as you will read in the introduction to this small book. So, it is hardly surprising that he can write so eloquently about grace. This book will prove to be a worthwhile companion along a Lenten pilgrimage and remind us that we are surrounded by God in everything. Split week by week and then into days, this is a simple yet profound journey we shall all enjoy and find the task easier than we imagined when we realise the things that inspire Gill's writing are also shared with us daily. Great value and worth buying now ready for Lent.

Come Back to Me With All Your Heart - Reflections on Lent

by Tony Flannery £5.95 ISBN 1-853-90797-9

This little book is about Lent, but the emphasis is not on penance and fasting. Flannery emphasises the more positive Lenten message; he sees Lent more as an affirmation of life lived with courage and enthusiasm. He does this by retelling well-known stories from the Gospels taken from the readings for the Sundays of Lent and reflecting on them. He probes beneath the surface meanings and gives us a fresh perspective on the Lenten message. There is no demanding theology; his comments are easy to read, but after each commentary we are left with a great deal to think about.

Passing the Test - Meditations and Music for Lent

Talks by David Adam CD £13.99 ISBN - 1-84417-318-6

David Adam's quiet calm voice is one that invites meditation. The music between each spoken piece is well chosen and helps concentration on the words you have just heard. Around the theme of the temptations of Jesus, David Adam makes us look at our own lives and whether we are passing the test that temptations face us with. His teaching is full of biblical encouragement and his prayers put into words the desires of our own hearts. A very special CD to listen to throughout Lent.

Daily Lenten Meditations - Prayerful reflections from John Paul II

Edited by Fr Max Polak £7.99 ISBN 0-852-44278-5

A beautifully presented small 'linen feel' hardback with paper jacket and ribbon marker. This is a book for keeping from year to year, and my guess is that many will dip into this throughout the year despite the pages being specifically chosen by the editor for the days of the week from Ash Wednesday till Easter Sunday. Using the readings chosen by the Catholic Church for the Lenten season for a theme, each day has an excerpt from the writing or preaching of Pope John Paul II. Only the Bible references are given, so the reader can use their own Bible to accompany the reflections. Christians of all denominations will gain from this book.

All snarled up

**With thoughtless and impatient hands, we tangle up the Plans the Lord hath wrought;
And when we cry in pain, He saith, "Be quiet, while I untie the knot."**

Anonymous