

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 28th February/ Sunday 1st March 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)



The Second Sunday of Lent focuses on the “***Transfiguration of Jesus***”, where he reveals his divine glory to Peter, James, and John on a mountain. This event serves as a pivotal moment, offering a glimpse of the Resurrection to strengthen disciples before the Passion, emphasizing themes of transformation, faith, and the promise of ultimate glory.

SICK PARISHIONERS: We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers: Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, John Kisielowski, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keefe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Hazel Smith, Michael Blancs, Keith Flynn, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Sue Kelly, Toni & Steve Brady and family, Maureen Pannell, Rita Cuthbert, Kitty North and Kerry Norton.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Swinkels, Phyllis Williams, Ins Derriman, Joseph Ellison, Vernon Rolls, John Coveney, Taysharn Baptiste, Adam Krykowski, Bernard Boylan, Genevieve Rolls, Seamus O'Grady, Gregory Gall, Terry Dunne, Gerard Mooney, Stephen Grealish, Czeslaw Duzniak, Austin Ryan, John Linehan, Alexander Szerynski, Ernest Smoothy, Veronica Prosser, Patricia Smith, Lillian Lowe, Richard Rolfe, Alan Doleman, Stanislaw Sosler, Roy Drane, Elsa Luck, Beryl Kelly and Mary Humpoletz. **May they rest in peace.**

CONFESSIONS : There will be no Confessions until Saturday 14th March at 5.00pm. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

PRAYERS: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peggy White who sadly passed away peacefully last week. Peggy had been a member of the Parish for over 65 years and together with her late husband John, were very active members of the Parish. Please remember Peggy's family and friends in your prayers. Her Funeral Mass will take place in the Church on Thursday 26th March at 10.30am.

May she rest in peace.

SVP FAIRTRADE BREAKFAST:

After the 9AM Service on Sunday 8th March there will be a Fairtrade Breakfast in the Jubilee Hall.

Adults £5, children £3, Family Tickets £12.

Tickets will be on sale after Services on Saturday 28th & 29th February or on the door on the day.

Monies raised will go towards helping the SVP in their work.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA EASTER FUNDAY:

This Easter Monday, 6th April, 10am to 2pm, come and join the Knights of Saint Columba for an Easter Egg hunt and family Funday. This will take place at St Teresa's Lexden, with fun for all the family. All children will receive an Easter Egg. £4 entry for children (adults free). For more details please call George on 07476781885.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend (28th Feb and 1st Mar), there will be a second collection for **Lent Fast Day**. Lent Family Fast Day is on Friday 27th February. Your parish's support this Fast Day will help our neighbours grow enough food to eat.

Around the world – despite farmers' best efforts – crops are failing and families are going hungry - but there is hope and there is a solution.

In South Sudan and Bangladesh, devastating floods are destroying farmland but - thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the Catholic community at Fast Days - our local partners have been helping families to develop ingenious solutions like floating gardens that can grow food above floodwaters.

Shorai is a farmer and a father in Zimbabwe, where rain is scarce. With the help of our local experts, he has turned dry ground into fertile land by using drought-resistant crops and helping build a solar-powered water pump. He told us that: "A good neighbour is someone who can help me in periods of need."

In God's eyes, we are one global family, called to be neighbours. Your parish's support this Family Fast Day will mean more of our neighbours can put food on the table.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will take place next Friday at 7.15pm.

GIFT AID: I am preparing the Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year. If you are a tax payer who is not in the Gift Aid scheme, then now is a good time to consider joining to allow our Parish to reclaim the tax that you have already paid on your income. These refunds make a significant contribution to the running costs of the Parish at no additional cost to you. Your donation can be made by using the Gift Aid envelopes or by standing order. If you would like to join or require further information, then please leave your name and telephone number with Clare at the Presbytery or call me directly.

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EASTER LILIES: If you would like to buy a lily in remembrance of a loved one, to decorate the altar this Easter, please put a donation in an envelope and mark it "**EASTER LILY**". Inside the envelope, put the name of the person or persons you would like to remember and all the people on our "Easter Lilies List" will then be remembered at every Mass during the Easter season. Please post it through the Presbytery letterbox as soon as possible. If you are in our Gift aid scheme, then please quote your gift aid number. Thank you.

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Saturday 28th February</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 1st March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.00am Eucharistic Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am Eucharistic Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ints the Spiritual Welfare of all Franciscan Communities & Ints Liam Gleeson (Jacqui Leech)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">David MacDonald RIP (A) (MacDonald)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adam Krzykowski, Yadwiga Krzykowska and Peter Krzykowski RIP (Maggie and Kazia) & Ints Siene, Jude, Marie and Family</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 2nd March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 3rd March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 4th March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.10am Morning Prayers , followed by 9.30am Eucharistic Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ints Kerry Norton (Church Ladies)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 5th March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 6th March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stations of the Cross</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.10am Morning Prayers , followed by 9.30am Eucharistic Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Special Intention to receive NMC pin number (Leena)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7.15pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Saturday 7th March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 8th March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9.00am Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00am Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alan Doleman RIP (A) (The Doleman Family)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ints Dcn. Jamie and Family (The Parish)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noel McCormack RIP (Brigitte and Anne-Marie)</p>