

Parish Bulletin

1st Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026

Sunday Cycle A
Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 1

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This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

Monday February 23  Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19(18):8. 9. 10. 15. R John 6:63c; Matthew 25:31-46.
St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr (memorial)
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Tuesday February 24  Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps 34(33):4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19. R18b; Matthew 6:7-15.
Weekday of Lent
9:15AM Mass, St Mary's
10:00AM Funeral - Mark Pritchard, Holy Family.
2:00-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family Church. All welcome.

Wednesday Feb 25  Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51(50):3-4. 12-13. 18-19. R19b; Luke 11:29-32.
Weekday of Lent
9:15AM Mass, Holy Family

Thursday February 26  Esther 4:17m, 17o-17q, 17x-17z; Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2b-3. 3. 7c-8. R3a; Matthew 7:7-12.
Weekday of Lent
9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family

Friday February 27  Ezekiel 18:21-28; Ps 130(129):1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. R7bc; Matthew 5:20-26.
Weekday of Lent
8:50-9:20AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St Mary's
9:30AM Mass, St Mary's
12:30PM Funeral - Michael Melody, Holy Family.
6:30PM Scripture study, St Mary's meeting room

Saturday February 28  Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Ps 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 7-8. R1b; Matthew 5:43-48.
Weekday of Lent
11:00-11:20AM: Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), St Mary's
11:30AM Stations of the Cross, St Mary's
12:00 noon Mass, St Mary's

Sunday March 1  Genesis 12:1-4a; Ps 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. R5b; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9.
2nd Sunday of Lent
(Divine Office Week 2)
9:00AM St Mary's Church open for private prayer.
9:30AM Sung Mass, St Mary's
10:45AM Holy Family Church open for private prayer.
11:15AM Sung Mass, Holy Family
Light refreshments will be served after both Sunday morning Masses.
6:00PM Mass, St Mary's

Confession

Saturdays (see above); otherwise on request.

Baptisms and Marriages

If you would like to arrange a baptism or a wedding, please speak to a priest or to Sr. Benedicta after Mass.
Please note, we require six months' notice for a wedding.

We Pray For...

Sick

We pray for all who are currently awaiting results, undergoing treatment or battling illnesses. In particular: Paul Vincent Rostern, Gregory Francis Rostern, Padraig Rafferty, Joe & Anne Appleton, Monica Reed, Maria-Thérèse Passenger, Karen Seinen, Geraldine Power, Kath Wilkinson, Betty Brown, Joe Gallagher, Finola Bedford, Catherine Redikin, Catherine Ardill, Christopher McAuley, Austin Moran, Burny Maughny, Pat Snelling, John Moran, Michael Bray, Wendy Felstead, Caroline, Ann Burn, Donni Marie, Sarah O'Brien, Collette Hartwell, Immanuel Iro, Annamaria O.S. Asemota, Susan Watson, Stephanie Farrell, Anna, Morris Maude, Mary Jowes, Phyll Watson, Mrs. Gavin, Patrick O'Brien, Ian Kirkham, David Riley, Patricia Ann and John Jackson.

Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of: Rosina Coleman, Mark Pritchard, Michael Melody, Joan Scott, Loretta Broxton, Mary Ojelabi and Rita Marley.

May they rest in perfect peace.

Anniversary

We pray for the souls of: Charles McAuley, John Jillings, Maureen De-Melchor and Michael Boyd. May they continue to rest in the Lord.

Deaths and Funerals

We recently announced the deaths of:

Mark Pritchard, whose funeral Mass will take place at Holy Family Church, 10:00am on Tuesday, February 24.

Michael Melody, whose funeral Mass will take place at Holy Family Church, 12:30pm on Friday, February 27.

We keep their families and friends in our prayers.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

The CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day is Friday February 27, 2026. Envelopes will be distributed at the Masses at St

Mary's Failsworth and Holy Family this Sunday, February 22, 2026.

Lenten Deanery Station Masses

If you require transportation to any of this year's Lenten Station Masses, please contact Pat Snelling or Rose O'Brien at St Mary's Church, or Judith at Holy Family Church.

All Station Masses are celebrated on Tuesday evenings as follows.

Feb. 24: St Anne's, Ashton.

Mar. 3: Our Lady's, Mooreside.

Mar. 10: Holy Family, Limeside.

Mar. 17: St Patrick's, Oldham.

Mar 24: Ss Aidan & Oswald, Royton.

Masses begin at 7:00pm. Bus pickup times are 6:15pm from St Mary's

Church; 6:25pm from Holy Family Church.

Grand National Sweepstake

The race will be run on Saturday April 11, 2026. The draw for runners will take place on Sunday April 5, 2026 after 11:15 Mass. Winner receives £100; 2nd £50; 3rd £10. Tickets £1 each, available at both churches.

Lancashire Night and Raffle

The Failsworth Catenians Lancashire Night and Raffle on Friday February 13 raised a total of £340. The proceeds will be shared between the Group's pilgrimage fund and Parish funds. Many thanks to all who supported this event.

Bonus Ball St Mary's Bonus Ball: Previous draw: January 31. Winning no. 11 – Alexa Delsoldato. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 minus £9.10 admin/info board costs = £135.90. Next draw: Saturday, February 28. Prize: £150. To church fund: £145 est. Price £5 per number. Pay by Friday, February 27. **Charity Bonus Ball**: Previous draw: January 31. Charity: Cancer Research UK. Winning no. 11 – Harry Cashinella. Prize: £150. To charity: £130 (3 numbers unsold = £15). Next draw: Saturday, February 28. Charity: Cancer Research UK. Prize: £150. To charity: £145 est. Price: £5 per number. Pay by Friday, February 27. **Late payments will not be accepted.**

ORDER OF MASS

HYMN 207

Come back to me

PENITENTIAL ACT

General Confession

All say together:

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and
sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do,**

(Striking breast:)

**through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore, I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our
God.**

Kýrie Eléison

Choir: Kýrie, eléison¹.

All: Kýrie, eléison.

Choir: Christe eléison².

All: Christe eléison.

Choir: Kýrie, eléison.

All: Kýrie, eléison.

Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:

¹ *Lord, have mercy.*

² *Christ, have mercy.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The creation and sin of our first parents.

The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' But the serpent

said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

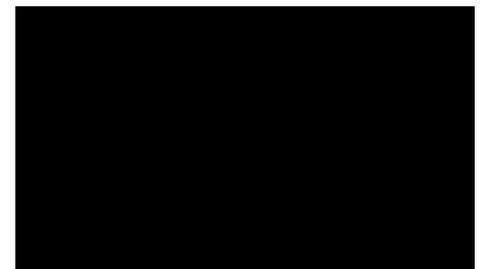
Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17. R. cf. 3a

All sing the response:



1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your merciful love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash me completely from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

2 My transgressions, truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

3 Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence; take not your holy spirit from me.

4 Restore in me the joy of your salvation; sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

'Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.'

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung)

Cantor: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Cantor: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."' Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE CREED

All say together:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(All kneel or bow at the underlined words that follow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

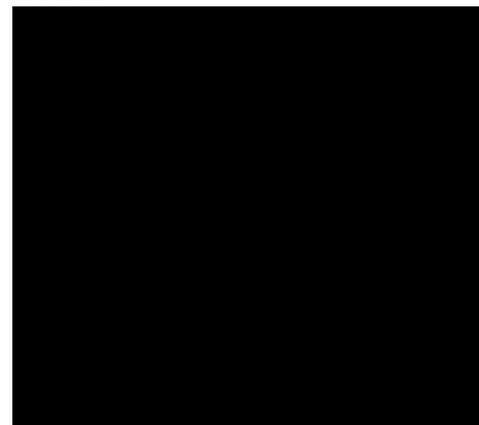
who with the Father and the Son is adored and is glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN



Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

Holy

All sing together:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation kneel for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Mystery of Faith

The priest sings or says:

The mystery of faith

All sing together:

Conclusion

The priest alone sings or says:

Through him, and with him, and in him,

O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All respond:

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

All stand: the Priest says:

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All sing:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The priest alone continues, saying:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days,

that, by the help of your mercy,

we may be always free from sin

and safe from all distress,

as we await the blessed hope

and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We conclude the prayer together, by singing:

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Lamb of God

All sing together:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

The priest says aloud:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

And together with the people he adds:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

HYMN 168

Be thou my vision

Song of Praise and Thanksgiving

Sing three times:

O Sacrament most holy,

O Sacrament divine,

all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

HYMN 582

Praise to the Holiest in the height

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