



## Parish Bulletin

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Sunday Cycle A  
Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine Office Week 2

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## This Week's Divine Services and Other Events

**Monday March 2**  
Weekday of Lent

 Daniel 9:4b-10; Ps 79(78):8. 9. 11, 13. R Sirach 36:1b; Luke 6:36-38.

**9:15AM Mass, Holy Family**

**Tuesday March 3**  
Weekday of Lent

 Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50(49):8-9. 16b-17. 21, 23. R23b; Matthew 23:1-12.

**9:15AM Mass, St Mary's**

**2:00-4:00PM Cuppa Club, Parish Room at Holy Family Church. All welcome.**

**Wednesday March 4**  
Weekday of Lent

 Jeremiah 18:18-20; Ps 31(30):5-6. 14. 15-16. R17b; Matthew 20:17-28.

**9:15AM School Mass, Holy Family Primary School (No Masses in church today).**

**Thursday March 5**  
Weekday of Lent

 Jeremiah 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4, 6. R Psalm 40(39):5a; Luke 16:19-31.

**9:15AM Eucharistic service, Holy Family**

**Friday March 6**  
Weekday of Lent

 Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Ps 105(104):16-17. 18-19. 20-21. R5a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46.

**8:50-9:20AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St Mary's**

**9:30AM Mass, St Mary's**

**6:30PM Scripture study, St Mary's meeting room**

**Saturday March 7**  
Ss Perpetua and Felicity,  
Martyrs (memorial)

 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R8; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

**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 8**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

 Exodus 17:3-7; Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42.

**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**

(Divine Office Week 3)

### 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, Patricia Ann, John Jackson and Dolores.

#### Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of Rita Marley and Angela Hannegan.

May they rest in perfect peace.

#### Anniversary

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

## Deaths and Funerals

We sadly announce the death of **Peter Mortimer Tallantyre**, whose funeral Mass will take place at St Mary's Church, 9:50am on Wednesday, March 11. Cremation follows at Oldham Crematorium (in Hollinwood Cemetery), 11:00am.

We keep Peter's family and friends in our prayers.

## Change to Weekday Mass Arrangements

This coming Wednesday, March 4, Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Primary School, Lime Green Road, OL8 3NG. There will be no service in either church on that day.

## Lenten Deanery Station Masses

Deanery Station Masses are celebrated on Tuesday evenings throughout Lent, as follows.

**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. For anyone having pre-booked transportation, bus pickup times are 6:15pm from St Mary's Church; 6:25pm from Holy Family Church.

## Međugorje Pilgrimage 2026

We are planning a Parish pilgrimage to Međugorje, leaving on Wednesday October 7, 2026; returning on Wednesday October 14. This is a wonderful opportunity to answer Our Lady's call. The cost is £699.00 per person, which includes Flight, transfers, 7 nights bed, breakfast and dinner. Please see Lisa or Mike Leunig, or one of the priests, for more information.

## Diocesan Youth Group Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Are you a young person looking to take part in a pilgrimage this year? Do you want to make new friends, build

community and grow in your faith? Why not join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It's simple to sign up and you can join a new 'group' led by the Diocesan Youth Department. The pilgrimage and travel dates are Wednesday July 29, 2026, to Thursday August 6. The cost is £695, including coach travel and full board accommodation at the Astoria Hotel. Young people can join in 3 age groups: 13-15 (aspiring volunteers), 16-17 and 18+. If you are interested, please email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) for details of how to register.

## 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. The winner receives £100; 2<sup>nd</sup> £50; 3<sup>rd</sup> £10. Tickets £1 each, available at both churches.

**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 234

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

### 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, eléison<sup>1</sup>.*

**All: Kýrie, eléison.**

*Choir: Christe eléison<sup>2</sup>.*

**All: Christe eléison.**

*Choir: Kýrie, eléison.*

**All: Kýrie, eléison.**

*Sung in the original Greek, translating as follows:*

<sup>1</sup> Lord, have mercy.

<sup>2</sup> Christ, have mercy.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

*The call of Abram, the father of the People of God.*

In those days: The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you

all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. R5b

*All sing the response:*



May your mer-ci-ful love be up-on us,



as we hope in you, O LORD.

**1** The word of the LORD is upright, and all his works to be trusted. The LORD loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth.

2 Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine.

3 Our soul is waiting for the LORD. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

*God calls and enlightens us.*

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

*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:* From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.

*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 17:1-9

*'His face shone like the sun.'*

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a

bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

*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

R *Ubi caritas est vera, est vera: Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est.*

- 1 The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him and in our love and care for all now love God in return.
- 2 In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace.
- 3 May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ.
- 4 For those in need make us your mercy, For those oppressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a holy sign of justice and new life.
- 5 May we one day behold your glory and see you face to face, rejoicing with the saints of God to sing eternal praise.

### 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.**

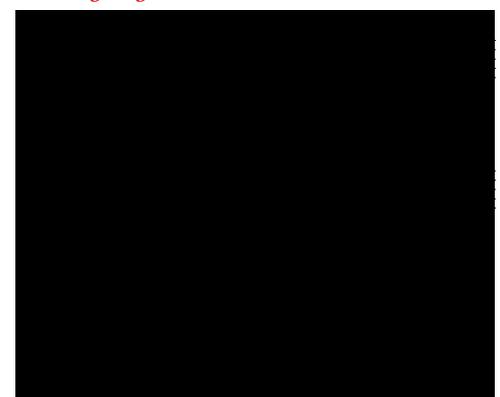
*The congregation kneel for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.*

### 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 656

*The King of love, my shepherd is*

## 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 168

*Be thou my vision*

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## I Came Into the Unknown

*By John of the Cross. Translated from the original Spanish by Willis Barnstone.*

**I** came into the unknown  
and stayed there unknowing  
rising beyond all science.

I did not know the door  
but when I found the way,  
unknowing where I was,  
I learned enormous things,  
but what I felt I cannot say,  
for I remained unknowing,  
rising beyond all science.

It was the perfect realm  
of holiness and peace.  
In deepest solitude  
I found the narrow way:  
a secret giving such release  
that I was stunned and stammering,  
rising beyond all science.

I was so far inside,  
so dazed and far away  
my senses were released

from feelings of my own.  
My mind had found a surer way:  
a knowledge of unknowing,  
rising beyond all science.

And he who does arrive  
collapses as in sleep,  
for all he knew before  
now seems a lowly thing,  
and so his knowledge grows so deep  
that he remains unknowing,  
rising beyond all science.

The higher he ascends  
the darker is the wood;  
it is the shadowy cloud  
that clarified the night,  
and so the one who understood  
remains always unknowing,  
rising beyond all science.

This knowledge by unknowing  
is such a soaring force

that scholars argue long  
but never leave the ground.  
Their knowledge always fails the  
source:

to understand unknowing,  
rising beyond all science.

This knowledge is supreme  
crossing a blazing height;  
though formal reason tries  
it crumbles in the dark,  
but one who would control the night  
by knowledge of unknowing  
will rise beyond all science.

And if you wish to hear:  
the highest science leads  
to an ecstatic feeling  
of the most holy Being;  
and from his mercy comes his deed:  
to let us stay unknowing,  
rising beyond all science.