

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 1. St Patrick's Dance (Paddy Joe)—Saturday, 21st March 7:30pm—11:30pm.**  
Music by Pat Webster. Tickets on sale for £10. Food on sale & Licensed Bar.  
Featuring a display of Irish Dancing.
- 2. MAY DANCE- Saturday, 16th May 7:30pm—11:30pm**—Live Music by Maz & Co. Tickets £10, Food on sale & Licensed Bar.

For Health & Safety & Safe Guarding reasons, would Parents kindly super-  
vise their children at all times, especially when using the toilets, particularly  
in the Hall.

The Altar—Please note that the altar is sacred and we have to respect  
that. Unauthorised persons are not allowed on to the altar unless  
asked. Any queries about the Mass, please ask the Sacristan on duty.

Mini Chapel/Prayer Room at the back of the Church—The room is meant to  
be kept sacred and not be used as a dumping ground or store room. You are  
kindly advised to relocate your items or equipments. If you are not sure  
where to store certain items, kindly contact the Parish Secretary.

Register as a Parishioner—Kindly pick up a form if you haven't registered for  
your details to go on the new Parish Register. Please hand the completed  
form to the Parish Secretary at the Presbytery.

#### \*\*\*\* MESSAGE FROM BISHOP GERARD BRADLEY \*\*\*\*

“I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you all at St Chad's parish for the festal celebrations last weekend. It was a wonderful occasion for us to come together in different ways and to celebrate the gift of Holy Orders that the Lord has given us to guide, sustain and renew the Church. We all have a part in that and I'm grateful for all that the parish has given me over many years. Thank you for your spiritual bouquet, expressed in the form of a Crucifix, for your celebrating the Liturgy with such care, for your very generous gifts and not least the splendid lunch afterwards. I am aware that very many of you gave up a lot of time and talent to make last Sunday a really memorable occasion and I wish to express my appreciation to all of you without exception - too many to mention. Watch and Pray for the opportunities that the Lord is now offering you, especially in Lent, to grow in unity, develop in loyalty and grow in the joy of the Gospel.”

#### THIS SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

**1st Reading:** Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7;

**Psalm:** 51(50): *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

**2nd Reading:** Romans 5: 12-19;

**Gospel:** Matthew 4: 1-11.

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Parish Secretary: Karen Maria Dadson

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:30am—3:30pm

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## WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (22ND FEBRUARY 2026)

SUNDAY MASSES: VIGIL—6:30PM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM

DAILY MORNING MASSES: 9:30AM (MONDAY TO FRIDAY); 10AM (SATURDAY)

WEEKLY EVENING MASSES: WEDNESDAY MASS FOR THE SICK

& ADORATION: 7:30PM; FRIDAY EVENING MASS: 7:30PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: **TUESDAY:** 10AM—12NOON,

**WEDNESDAY:** AFTER EVENING MASS, **SUNDAY:** 4:30PM— 6:00PM

CONFESSIONS: BEFORE OR AFTER DAILY MASSES; 6PM-6:25PM (SATURDAYS)

ROSARY: EVERYDAY AFTER MORNING MASS (EXCEPT TUESDAY & SATURDAY)

**BIBLE STUDIES: THURSDAY @ 7:30PM (GUILD ROOM)**

#### DEVOTIONAL GROUPS

**MONDAY—CHARISMATICS (7:30 PM); WEDNESDAY—LEGION OF MARY (6:30 PM);**

**TUESDAY—DIVINE MERCY (7:30PM); THURSDAY—Padre Pio Prayer Group & Bible Study Group**

**SATURDAY (FORTNIGHTLY)—SVP (7:30PM ON ZOOM).**

Contact: [presidentA190305@svp.org.uk](mailto:presidentA190305@svp.org.uk) 07305119836.

**PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**



**Sick and Housebound:** Venetia Green, Florence Otokito, Maria Alejandra Bero, Cherlez Philip, Henry Aboagye-Brobbe, Beautilyn Awe, Uley Headlam, Clare Kedves, Ethan Moore, Avril Carver, Eucelle Cato, Trisha Griffen, Janetta Griffen, Fr Peter Ehinmiro CSSp, Brother Joseph Mbah CSSp.

**Recently Deceased:** Veronica Aloba, Christopher Nkwo, Victoria Agyemang, Apokurama Awuni, Nsobire Javis Awuni, Pius Aboh, Biodun Buhari, William Samuel, Pat White, Fr Patrick Gaffney CSSp, Adesina Adeleke, Francisca Mautta Nzyimi, Fr Amos Daboer, Charlotte Green, Alice Berkoh, Tom D'Arcy, Noel Collins, Thomas Michael, Rosario Santos, Mavis Woodbine.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CAN STILL USE THE DONATION BOXES AND MACHINES FOR BISHOP GERARD BRADLEY'S DONATIONS, TO DEFRAID COSTS.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (22/02/26) YEAR A

 <p><b><u>Vigil Mass on Saturday</u></b></p>	6:30PM	RIP: Akwasi Obeng Amoo
	8:30AM	Special Intentions: Yvonne Ndifor
	10:30AM	RIP: V. Owusu, A. Berkoh, A. Achampong & A. Amoo
	6:00PM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
<b>MONDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY</b> <b><u>ST POLYCARP</u></b>	9:30AM	RIP: Evelyn Egwu
<b>TUESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY</b> <b><u>BENEDICTION &amp; ADORATION</u></b>	9:30AM 10:15AM	Thanksgiving to God for St Benedict <i>Adoration ends at 12:00noon</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY</b> <b><u>ST ETHELBERG</u></b> <b><u>STATION OF THE CROSS</u></b> <b><u>EVENING MASS</u></b>	9:30AM 7:00PM 7:30PM	HOLY SOULS  RIP: Leo Lim (Billy)
<b>THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY</b>	9:30AM	RIP: Onyealisi & Lawson Families
<b>FRIDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY</b> <b><u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u></b>  <b><u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u></b> <b><u>EVENING MASS</u></b>	9:30AM 10:15AM 7:00PM 7:30PM	RIP: Michael Tran by the Luu Family <b><i>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</i></b>  <b><i>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</i></b> RIP: Emmanuel Camilleri
<b>SATURDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY</b> <b><u>VIGIL MASS</u></b>	10:00AM 6:30PM	RIP: Irudhayasamy, Nanammal & Albert Thanksgiving: Felicia Oben & Family

Donations received so far for Bishop's Gerard celebrations **£2572.94**. Thanks

### WEEK OF 8TH FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS

1st collection	Gift Aid	Online/Dona	TOTAL	Tithe	MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
£539.33	£666.41	£447.18	£1,652.92	£20	

### WEEK OF 15TH FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS

1st Collection	Gift Aid	Online/Dona	TOTAL	Tithe	MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
£555.79	£145.10	£633.1	£1,333.99	£60	

**Financial Outgoings this week: £1,116.91 & Last Week: £1,826.50**

### STANDING ORDERS AND ONLINE DONATIONS

Please would you seriously consider the option of setting up Standing Orders for your weekly donations to the parish. If you need help in setting this up, consult the Parish Office or your bank. Thanks so much for your understanding.



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**CROYDON DEANERY NOTICE**— Kindly note that at the last Croydon Deanery meeting, Parishes were asked to have a reduced summer mass schedule for the weekend masses, which will **'take effect each year on the third weekend in July, and continue to include the first weekend in September.** Therefore, for clarity, the last normal weekend before the *Reduced Summer Mass Schedule* starts, will be the second weekend in July, and the last weekend of the *Reduced Summer Mass Schedule* will be the first weekend in September. This will mean there will be no Sunday 6:00pm Mass during that period. **Please note this year's dates:**

On Sunday, 19th July 2026 there will no 6:00pm Mass until Sunday, 13th September 2026 when the 6:00pm Mass resumes.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**—For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, the next 2 retreats are 27th Feb-1st Mar 2026 in Swindon and 15th-17th May 2026 in Maidstone, why not find out more at [wwme.org.uk](http://wwme.org.uk)

### Pilgrimages—2026

**SCOTLAND**—Coach trip to Scotland to visit Scotland's national shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes which was opened in 1922. Leaving St. Chad's Church on **Monday, 13 July early morning and returning on Friday, 17 July 2026**. Cost: twin room sharing per person is **£460** and a single room is **£570**. This includes bed and breakfast (Full English), return coach fare and excursions including the day visiting the *National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Carfin with a full day spiritual programme including Mass*. Spaces are limited so first come first served basis.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage:** Join Fr Ambrose for a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from **Saturday 8th – Friday 14th August, 2026**. The all-inclusive price is **£850/person**. Contact: [enquiries@jcjourneys.com](mailto:enquiries@jcjourneys.com); [www.jcjourneys.com](http://www.jcjourneys.com); Tel: 01886 812862 or Karen Lobo: 07801817231.

### SACRAMENT BOX

**RCIA** - (Adult Catechism) meet Mondays at 7:30pm in the Guild Room.

**RCIC** – (Catechism for the young— 8 to 17yrs) on Saturdays after 10am Mass

**Infant Baptism** – usually on the 4th Sunday of every month except August & December where no Baptisms are held.

**First Holy Communion** – Applications begin in Sept/Oct and Catechism starts in January.

**Confirmation** —Applications begin in September and catechism starts in November

**Marriage** – Book an appointment to meet Father. Process takes a minimum of 6 months. Contact the Parish Secretary for further details.