



## Second Sunday of Lent (A)

### 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Parishioners	<i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Mary Baccino	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 noon	Bridget Murray	<i>Monday Week 2 of Lent</i>
	5.30 p.m.	LISCF	<i>FCJ Centre, Cranborne Road</i>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Souls	<i>Tuesday Week 2 of Lent</i>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Mary McLoughlin	<i>Wednesday Week 2 of Lent</i>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Jack Gray	<i>Thursday Week 2 of Lent</i>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	First Friday Prayer Group	<i>Friday Week 2 of Lent</i>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	First Saturday Prayer Group	<i>Saturday Week 2 of Lent</i>
	6.00 p.m.	Parishioners	<i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Special Intention (AH)	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
	2.30 p.m.	Nigerian Chaplaincy Mass	

#### **CAFOD Lenten Fast Day**

There will be a second collection will this weekend for CAFOD, following Friday's Lenten fast day.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

There will be Stations of the Cross this afternoon at 3 p.m. and also on Thursday morning at 11.20 a.m.

#### **Other Devotions**

There will be an hour's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Friday's morning Mass, during which there will be Sacred Heart devotions. There will also be Divine Mercy and Immaculate Heart devotions on Saturday from 11 a.m.

#### **Funeral**

The Requiem Mass for John Hyland will be on Monday 9 March at 12 noon. May he rest in peace.

#### **Centring Prayer Day - Saturday 21 March**

Led by Fr Richard Sloan, this day focuses of teaching and practice of this beautiful way of silent, simple, meditation prayer in the presence of God, lov-

ingly active within you.

Saturday 21 March, 10am – 4pm in St Teresa's Church, Norris Green, L11 3BW including simple lunch.

No charge: places must be booked by contacting: [st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk)

#### **We Dare to Ask– Lenten Resources (CBCEW)**

Designed for use by individuals or small groups, *We Dare to Ask* is comprised of five sessions which reflect on the Baptismal promises we make or renew at Easter. To download resources, please go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-ask/>

#### **Nigerian Chaplaincy Mass**

The monthly Mass for the Nigerian community will take place next Sunday at 2.30 p.m. There will be Exposition beforehand from 1.30 p.m.

*In a Lenten statement, the Archbishop clarifies the Church's principled objection to the Terminally Ill (Adults) End of Life Bill, and urges Catholics to pray for parliamentarians debating the Private Members' Bill in the House of Lords.*

Lent is a time when we ponder human fragility, suffering and death. We do so in a spirit of hope, looking towards the triumph of Easter and the promise of eternal life. Through fasting, we unite in the suffering of others. Through almsgiving, we support those in need. We also respond by turning our minds to prayer.

This year, I especially ask your prayers for those who are suffering near the end of their lives and for those who care for them.

We are facing the threat of a profound change in our culture which would happen if assisted suicide were to be legalised. I urge you to pray for parliamentarians who continue to consider this matter.

This bill is wrong in principle as assisted suicide is the direct taking of life. In practice, the bill is a threat to truly compassionate care at the end of life. In its current form, it would require Christian hospices and care homes to co-operate with the act of assisted suicide. The conscience clauses are also woefully inadequate. Moreover, as many voices have articulated in the debate, and as has been seen in other countries, assisted suicide will put the lives of the vulnerable at risk.

This Lent, we can support Parliamentarians through our prayers. In doing so, we remember the courage and service shown by our English Saint, St Thomas More. Let us ask for his intercession, and that of Our Lady.

In the Easter season, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour on Sunday, 19 April at 4.30 p.m. This is an opportunity for the Catholics of our two nations to unite and pray for the promotion of a culture of life. We encourage parishes throughout England and Wales to hold Holy Hours around that time.

### **Lenten Retreat for Young Adults**

The Archdiocese will organise the Lenten Retreat Day for Young Adults (aged 18 to 35) on Saturday 7 March at Carmelite Monastery, Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 3NU. The Retreat Day is free of charge, beginning at 10:00 and concluding at 16:00. Fr Peter McGrail will be with us and talk about baptismal priesthood. Please bring your packed lunch. If you're interested, please sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/B8jbFyeYzV?origin=IprLink>. For further information please contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)



#### **Prayers are requested for:**

**Lately Dead:** John Hyland.



**Anniversaries:** Reginald McIver, Elizabeth Wynne, John Scott, Martin Doyle, Anna Clynch, Betty Smith, Doreen Austin, Nicola Austin, Eileen Hipkin, Jack Gray and Michael Gibney.

**The Sick:** Andrea Benson, Freda Cookson, Allen Morton, Paula Westbrook and Loretta Woods.

#### **Offertory Collection 22/02/26**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>£237.00</b>
<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>£240.51</b>
<b>Standing Orders</b>	<b>£297.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total</b>	<b>£774.51</b>

**Many thanks for your generosity**

**Parish Priest: Canon Aidan Prescott VG**

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