

Community Focus

Holy Rosary

Holy Rosary takes place on the following days and times.
 Monday on zoom at 10.30am
 Wednesday before 6.30pm Holy Mass
 Tuesday / Friday after 9am Holy Mass
 Saturday 10am before Holy Mass

Marys Meals

In the last twelve months our parish donated over £1,100 to Marys Meals. Thank you to everyone who contributed and especially those who attend the monthly community lunches.

Community Lunch - February 16th 2026

Our next Community lunch will be on Monday 16th February in the Parish Centre. Sheets at the back of Church.. Please sign-up if you wish to attend.

Many thanks. Anne Sturman.

All donations support Mary's Meals

Happy Little Signers

Award winning, relaxed and friendly baby and toddler classes by Happy Little Signers are held in our Parish Centre every Thursday morning during term time. Suitable for children from birth to 3 years and their parents or carers. Happy Little Signers combines British Sign Language-based baby signing with songs, sensory play and interactive activities to support early communication, language development and confidence. Classes are fun, inclusive and designed to help little ones express themselves before speech, while also creating a warm, supportive space for families to connect.



Each session includes structured signing and singing time, followed by social and free play – the perfect midweek activity to enjoy together.

Booking is essential. For more information and to book, visit:

www.happylittlesigners.co.uk

A big thank you to Aidan

On behalf of the Parish community, I would like to send a very big thank you to Aidan Devaney for the lovely turkey and pigs in blankets that he supplied for our Parish Christmas lunch, plus the 20 delicious cheeses he gave us! We are so lucky to have his great shop in our town. Rev. Fr Vijay

MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, February 2nd 2026

- First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4
- Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026

- First Reading: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30. 16: 5-13
- Gospel: MArk 5: 1-20

Wednesday, February 4th, 2026

- First Reading: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3.
- Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43

Thursday, February 5th, 2026

- First Reading: 1 Kings 2: 1-4, 10-12
- Gospel: MArk 6: 7-13

Friday, February 6th 2026

- First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 47: 2-11
- Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

Saturday, February 7th 2026

- First Reading: 1 Kings 3: 4-13
- Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34

A big thank you to our sponsors for making our newsletter possible for the month of February

The Devaney Family



February 1st 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Vijay's reflection

Today Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with words that turn the world upside down. The Beatitudes are not a list of achievements, but a portrait of the kind of heart God blesses – the humble, the gentle, the merciful, the seekers of peace. These blessings reveal a God who draws close to those who struggle and lifts up those the world overlooks.

In a culture that prizes strength, success, and self reliance, Jesus invites us to discover a deeper happiness rooted in trust, compassion, and simplicity of heart. The Beatitudes are both comfort and challenge: comfort for those who feel small or weary, and challenge for those called to live God's mercy more boldly.

As we enter this new week, may we allow Christ's words to shape our attitudes, soften our responses, and widen our compassion. Blessed are we when we walk the path of the Kingdom with humility and hope.

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

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Mothers Prayers

We have a group who meet every fortnight on a Friday morning in the Parish Centre 9.45 - 10.45 approx to pray specifically for our families.

All are welcome, Mothers and Grandmothers in particular.

For more information please contact: Anne Sturman or Carole Brown

Newsletter Sponsorship

Thank you to all those who have pledged to sponsor our newsletter. We still have the following two months free for Sponsorship:

August / September

GOOD NEWS FROM CAFOD

Restrictive seed laws overturned: Kenyan farmers' rights restored

After years of campaigning, a group of farmers supported by civil society organisations, including CAFOD's partner BIBA Kenya, has successfully challenged Kenya's seed laws that criminalised farmers for saving their own seeds. This sets a positive precedent to challenge similar laws in other countries.

The ruling means that, without fear of prosecution, farmers in Kenya are now free to:

- save their own seeds
- share seeds within their communities
- exchange and sell farmer varieties
- strengthen farmer-managed seed systems.

CAFOD's own Fix the Food System campaign (which we have supported as a parish) has been working to put an end to regressive seeds laws that restrict - or even criminalise - smallholder farmers' access to their own variety of seeds. During 2026 CAFOD will continue to stand with their partners as they challenge these seeds laws.

Day of special prayer for Racial Justice



God of our past, present and future,
you created each one of us in your image and
likeness,

help us to recognise you in each person.

As we pray for an end to suffering caused by
racism

lead us this day to walk with one another,
pray with one another and work together,
so that we create a future based on justice and
healing,

where all can fulfil the hope you have for all
peoples.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

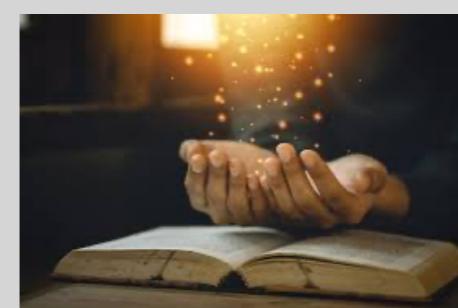
Amen.

What's on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
MONDAY	Eucharistic Programme	6.00PM
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	RCIA Programme	7.30PM
THURSDAY	Happy little signers	9.30AM
FRIDAY	Parents and Tots group	9.30AM

Day	Times	Mass Intentions	Sunday Mass
Sat. 31/1	10.30am	Thanks giving Mass for the safe return of Fr .Vijay and Parishioners	• First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
Sat. 31/1	6.30pm	Priest intentions	• Responsorial Psalm: 164. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
Sun 1/2	9.00am	Julie - For Healing & Recovery	• Second: Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Sun 1/2	11.00am	Anniversary Terry Rosiak RIP	• Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a
Mon 2/2		Service of the Word & Communion	
Tues 3/2	11.00am	Don Jones (Anniversary.RIP)	
Wed 4/2	6.30pm	Frank Holbrook RIP	
Thurs 5/2	9.00am	St. Agatha, V.M. School Mass. Noel Hume RIP	
Fri 6/2	9:00am	SS Paul Miki & Companions Clarry France RIP	
Sat 7/2	10.30am	Mike Hough RIP	
Sat 7/2	6:30pm	Parishioners intentions	
Sun 8/2	9:00am	John Desmond Hartley RIP	
Sun 8/2	11:00am		

Anniversaries	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
Brian Kelly	Noreen Lanahan	Fr. James Molloy
Ethel Mann	Thomas Roland Kettle	Patrick O'Gorman
Margaret Ryder	Violet Riley	John Nolan
Elizabeth O'Brien	Maureen Hopkin	Agnes Griffiths
Lilian Whittaker	Florence Roberts	Basil Greenwood
John McHugh	Gabriel O'Reilly	
Daniel Nugent	Peter Costello	
Bridie Devaney	Martin Ruddy	
Jane Whittingham	Canon John McHugh	
Mgr Provost Henry Kelly	Rev James Harding	



Please pray for...

Who have died recently, specially: Mike Hough, Margaret Strong. Deacon Terry Simms, Alec Smith.

Who are sick at home and in hospital, especially: Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens.