

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

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

Marian Shrine

Father Vijay and the Parish Pastoral Team are planning to build a Marian Shrine on the grass area at the side of the car park. This will be a place of prayer and worship for parishioners now and in generations to come. We ask that any parishioners or friends of the parish who have **building skills**, brickwork / stonework etc to help build a shrine could let us know please.

We will start fundraising for the project very soon, watch this space! If you feel you can help in planning, fundraising or building the shrine, please speak to Fr. Vijay or Dave Collins (07359296730). Thank you.

Parish Finance Advisory Group

The Parish Advisory Group have been working actively over the past few months to establish a framework to ensure we have a sustainable plan to grow and develop our parish community and reduce costs where possible and therefore plan to invest in key areas to maintain and grow our parish for future generations.

We will be sharing our plans and consulting with all parishioners over the next few months.

Prior to Christmas we indicated that we would share with you our monthly financial headlines once we had the data for January.

January 2026: Total Income: £5091.27.

Total outgoing: £7453.21.

Heating and lighting are key cost lines in our expenditure. We have reduce fixed costs in the following area: Telephone, Broadband and Wifi, Printing, Administration.

Cost reduction through negotiation and change of suppliers has been effective, however, as a parish we will need to look at how we can develop a more sustainable regular income.

MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, February 16th 2026

- First Reading: James 1 : 1-11
- Gospel: Mark 8: 11-13

Tuesday, February 17th, 2026

- First Reading: James 1: 12-18
- Gospel: Mark 8: 14-21

Ash Wednesday, February 18th, 2026

- First Reading: Joel 2: 12-18
- Gospel: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 19th. 2026

- First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
- Gospel: Luke 9: 22-25

Friday, February 20th 2026

- First Reading: Isaiah 58: 1-9
- Gospel: Matthew 9: 14-15

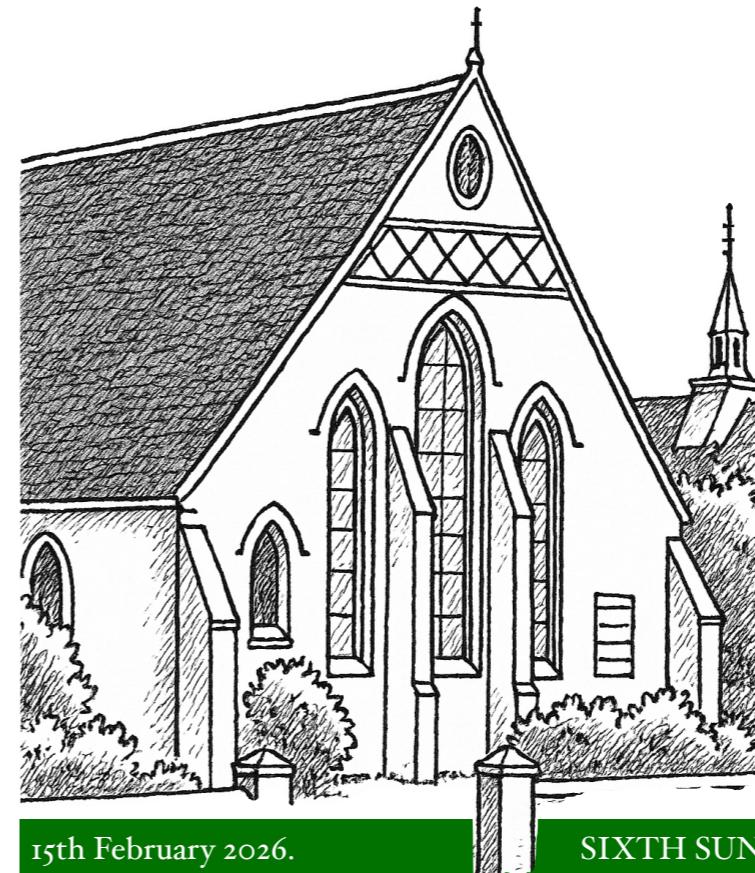
Saturday, February 21st 2026

- First Reading: Isaiah 58: 9-1
- Gospel: Luke 5: 27-32

Praying through Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary's Mantle Consecration is a self-guided retreat during lent that can help us to reflect on our relationship with Jesus, evaluate where we are in our lives and encourages an honest reflection of our hearts. During this season of lent it is an opportunity to listen to what the Lord has to tell us by offering a time for reflection every day.

The retreat involves joining a WhatsApp group through which you will receive a daily reflection to read and meditate on in your own time. You will also receive a link to a video once a week.

If you would like to take part in this Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe, please contact Gemma 07796 455509



15th February 2026.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Vijay's reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to look beyond the surface of the commandments

and into the deeper intentions of the heart. It is easy enough to avoid obvious wrongdoing, but Christ calls us to something far more transformative: to let our thoughts, our words, and our relationships be shaped by God's love. Anger, resentment, and careless speech can quietly erode the peace God desires for us. Reconciliation, honesty, and gentleness, on the other hand, open our lives to grace.

This week, we are encouraged to choose the path that leads to life – not only in the big decisions, but in the small, hidden moments of each day. May we allow the Holy Spirit to soften what is hardened, heal what is wounded, and strengthen what is good within us, so that our lives may reflect the compassion of Christ.

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

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&
St Margaret's
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NEWSLETTER

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CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions - such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



HOLMES CHAPEL

ECUMENICAL

CHRISTIAN AID GROUP

Home-Made Soup Lunches during Lent 2026

What: **Soup Lunch** - homemade soups, bread, biscuits or fresh fruit and tea or coffee - served from **12noon till 1.00 pm**

When Weekly for 4 Fridays during Lent on Feb 27th, Mar 6th, Mar 13th and March 20th 2026

Where **St Luke's Church Hall, Holmes Chapel**
Pay on the door - **£5.00 per person**

For many years now, Holmes Chapel Christian Aid Committee has organised a home-made soup lunch during Lent. We are pleased to be able to run these again this year to raise funds to help those in great need around the world.

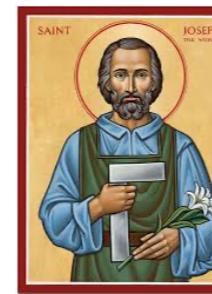
Please note the dates- it will be 4 weeks only during Lent and will be held on Fridays of Feb 27th, March 6th March 13th and March 20th as indicated above.

Everyone is welcome - we look forward to seeing you all for light refreshments, friendship and easy conversation! Drop in when you can!

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

The Devaney Family

Day of special prayer for The unemployed



Saint Joseph, we pray to you for those who are out of work, for those who want to earn their living or support their families.

You who are the patron of workers; grant that unemployment may vanish from our ranks; that all those who are ready to work may put their strength and abilities in serving their fellow men and earn a just salary.

You are the patron of families; do not let those who have children to support and raise lack the necessary means. Have pity on our brothers and sisters held down in unemployment and poverty because of sickness or social disorders. Help our political leaders and captains of industry find new and just solutions.

May each and every one have the joy of contributing, according to his abilities, to the common prosperity by an honourable livelihood.

Grant that we may all share together in the abundant goods God has given us and that we may help underprivileged countries.

St Joseph Pray for us

What's on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
MONDAY	Eucharistic Programme	6.00PM
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	RCIA Programme	7.30PM
THURSDAY	LOCAL ELECTION STATION	6.30AM - 11.30PM
FRIDAY	Parents and Tots group	9.30AM

Day	Times	Mass Intentions
Sat. 14/2	10.30am	Mike Hough RIP
Sat. 14/2	6.30pm	Holy Mass
Sun 15/2	9.00am	Holy Mass at St Margaret's Holmes Chapel
Sun 15/2	11.00am	Nanett Croucher RIP (1st Anniv)
Mon 16/2	12noon	Holy Mass. Linda Hardy RIP
Tues 17/2	9.00am	Robert Thorp RIP
Wed 18/2	1:00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY. At St Margarets Holmes Chapel
Wed 18/2	6.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thurs 19/2	9.00am	Holy Mass in St Mary's Church. Priest Intentions
Thurs 19/2	11.00am	Funeral Service. Alec Smith
Fri 20/2	9.00am	Michael Quirk RIP (Anniv)
Fri 20/2	2:00pm	Wedding of Bridie Shannon & Jack Price
Sat 21/2	10.30am	Mary Quirk RIP
Sat 21/2	6:30pm	Holy Mass
Sun 22/2	9.00am	Noyce & Kenyon Family
Sun 22/2	11:00am	Holy Mass

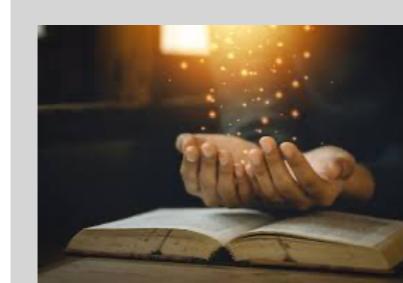
Anniversaries	Anniversaries	Anniversaries
Charles F.Heathcote	Peter Donnellan	Jack Costello
John Loran	Mr.Moore	Josef Poziemski
Mary Barns	Myles Friery	Nanette Croucher
Michael Igoe	Peter Freer	Leonard Batty
Kathleen Yoxall	Alan Davies	Winefride Lennon
Michael Igoe	Peter Labettz	Peter Rogers
Margaret Wilson	Mary Ruane	Veronica Craig
Michael Ruane	Margaret McCarthy	Michael Quirk
David Ellison	James Millington	Eleanor Hind
Mary Costello	Doug Crebbin	Katherine Lawrence
Rev. Patrick Egan	Rev B.Mcdonald	Susan Penny



Stations of the Cross

St Mary's
Each Friday after 9am Holy Mass

St Margaret's
Each Thursday at 2pm



Please pray for...

Who have died recently, specially:
Alec Smith, Angela Lawrence, Michael Regan.

Who are sick at home and in hospital, especially.:
Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens, Andrew Pavlovskyi (Young, Josie.

Sunday Mass

- First Reading:** Sirach 15: 15-20
- Responsorial** Psalm: Ps 119(118) Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord
- Second Reading:** St Paul to Corinthians 2: 6-10
- Gospel:** Matthew 5: 20-22, 21-28, 33-34, 37