

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 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.

SVP Meeting

SVP meeting after 11.00 Mass Sunday 1st March

MCC Youth Night

We're really looking forward to our upcoming Youth Night on Sunday 8th March 6-8pm at MCC. We hope you and your church youth group can join us! We're thrilled to have Josh Green with us, along with Chosen, a faith-based dance group, as well as praise & worship lead by the Ignite Youth Band. Of course, our popular games room and tuckshop will be open and ready for everyone to enjoy 😊 Everyone is welcome!

Community Lunch

The next community lunch is after the midday mass on Monday March 23rd. If you would like to come to the lunch, please sign the list at the back of church. Due to the popularity of the lunches, we are having to limit the places on the list to 30. If the 30 places have been taken, then there will be a waiting list in case of any cancellations. Priority will also be given in April to those on the waiting list who did not get a place in March. Many thanks for your cooperation Anne and Sarah

MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, March 2nd 2026

- First Reading: Daniel 9:4-10
- Gospel: Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 3rd 2026

- First Reading Isaiah 1:10,16-20
- Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 4th 2026

- First Reading: Jeremiah 18:18-20
- Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 5th. 2026

- First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10
- Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 6th 2026

- First Reading: Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28
- Gospel Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday, March 7th 2026

- First Reading: Mica 7:14-15, 18-20
- Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Stations of the Cross

St Mary's

Each Friday after 9am Holy Mass

St Margaret's

Each Thursday at 2pm



1st March 2026.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Fr. Vijay's reflection

Lent invites us to slow down and listen, and this Sunday's readings draw us gently into that posture. Abram is asked to leave what is familiar and trust God's promise, stepping into a future he cannot yet see. On the mountain of the Transfiguration, the disciples glimpse the glory of Christ shining through his humanity—a moment of light given to strengthen them for the journey ahead. Lent is often imagined as a season of effort but today reminds us it is also a season of vision: God reveals enough light for the next step, enough grace for the present moment. As Paul encourages Timothy, we rely not on our own strength but on the gift of God who calls us to life. May this week help us notice the quiet ways God is transfiguring our hearts—through kindness received, burdens shared, and the courage to take one small step of faith.

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Eucharistic Adoration 11.15 - 12.15pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 11.15am - 12.15pm

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CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

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

Basket available at the back of church for collection.



Craft Stall

Sunday 8th March in the Parish Centre after 11.00am Holy Mass. Proceeds to Parish Funds (cash only please)

Please come and support our craft team and Parish while enjoying brew and natter.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Meeting in parish Centre 12.00pm Sunday 8th March after Holy Mass for all the pilgrims booked on the pilgrimage in May 2026. Tea and cake provided.

Cleaner Required

A cleaner needed for St Mary's Presbytery.

Approximately 2/3 hour per week. Minimum wage applies.

Please email the presbytery if you are interested.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If your child is aged 13 or over (year 8 and above) and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year please contact Gemma 07796455509 or Mike 07368836053 as soon as possible.

Women's World Day of Prayer



A Prayer for Women's World Day of Prayer

Gracious and loving God we come before you today as a global community of faith united in prayer for women across the world. We thank you for the strength, resilience and wisdom you have bestowed upon women in our families, communities and nations. We pray for justice and equality that all women may live with dignity, free from fear and empowered to achieve their full potential.
Amen

What's on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
SUNDAY	SVP Meeting	12.00PM
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	RCIA Programme	7.30PM
THURSDAY	Happy Little Signers Group	9.30AM
FRIDAY	Parents and Tots group	9.30AM

Day	Times	Mass Intentions
Sat. 28/2	10.30am	Miles Hoghton RIP
Sat. 28/2	6.30pm	Holy Mass
Sun 1/3	9.00am	Holy Mass
Sun 1/3	11.00am	Alec Smith RIP
Mon 2/3	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues 3/3	9.00am	Clarry France
Wed 4/3	6.30pm	Michael Regan RIP
Thurs 5/3	9.00am	Holy Mass in School Emmanuel Iyoha (healing)
Fri 6/3	9:00am	Josephine Lees RIP Women's World Day of Prayer
Sat 7/3	10.30am	Mike Sproston Anniv
Sat 7/3	6:30pm	Holy Mass
Sun 8/3	9:00am	Ruth Stoneley Anniv
Sun 8/3	11:00am	Holy Mass

Sunday Mass Readings

- **First Reading:** Genesis 12:1-4
- **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 32;2
- May your merciful love be upon us. As we hope in you O Lord.
- **Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:8-10
- **Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

Anniversaries

James Ruane

Michael Jennings

Maurice Henry Jones

Harry Beaver

Fr. Paul Turner

Cathrine Clarke

Carole Murphy

Sheila Higginson

Christine Flynn

Amy Murphy

Anniversaries

Julie Columbine

Annette Morris

Margaret Jean Barlow

John Crowley

Thomas Lee

Mary McAlee

Anne Lunt

Peggy Fikrle

Nora Devaney

Thomas Jennings

Anniversaries

Jean Quinn

Ken Littlemore

Joan Hartley

Ruth Margaret Stoneley

France's Milliken

Rev Henry E G Rope

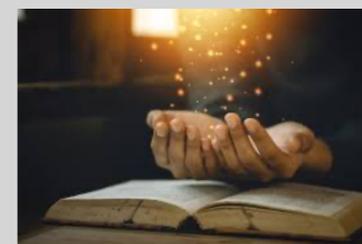
Rev Bernard Lyons

Thank You

We would like to thank Fr Vijay, the Rosary group and all the parishioners for every prayer, every kind word and all the encouragement you've shared with us during my sister's illness. Josie said she could feel the love. This outpouring of love and support from this community provided immense strength, comfort and hope. May Jesus bless you. Kath and Phil Shaw

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

The Devaney Family



Please pray for...

Who have died recently, specially:

Michael Regan. Josephine Lees, Angela Lawrence. And Miles Hoghton

Who are sick at home and in hospital, especially:

Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens, Andrew Pavlovski (Young).