

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

We will soon be looking to help prepare young people to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you are aged 13 or over (Year 8 and above) and looking to learn more about Confirmation and your faith or thinking about your relationship with God and what it means, then please contact Gemma (07796455509) or Mike (07368836053) or email the parish by 31st March 2026

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.

Spring Garden

The gardening group will be meeting up on Thursday 26th March @ 9.30 to tidy-up the gardens for Easter and prepare for the summer. If you feel you would like to join us, you would be very welcome. To keep the gardens well maintained we need more people in the team, you don't have to be a gardener there are lots of non-gardening tasks to do which are so important and vital in keeping the gardens pleasing to the eye. If you could just spare an hour to suit you on a

weekly or monthly basis.. Other ways to help: we have a WISH LIST: we need tools, equipment and materials to keep at the church so the volunteers don't have to bring their own each time. Perhaps you have some garden tools or equipment that are no longer being used. Garden wish list, gardening non-gardening tasks see list at the back of the church.

Garden wish list

Spades, secateurs, edge clippers, trugs, trowel, forks, rakes, brushes.

NON- GARDENING TASKS.

Clearing the greenhouse. Keeping the back garden cleared and tidy.

Sweeping and clearing

paths in front of the church and Presbytery.

Gardening tasks.

Planting, weeding, dead heading and pruning.

MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, March 16th 2026

- First Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-21

- Gospel: John 4: 43-54

Tuesday, March 17th 2026

- First Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-9

- Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

Wednesday, March 18th 2026

- First Reading: Isaiah 49: 8-15

- Gospel: John 5: 17-30

Thursday, March 19th. 2026

- First Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 4-5, 12-14. 16.

- Gospel Matthew 1:16. 18-21. 24

Friday, March 20th 2026

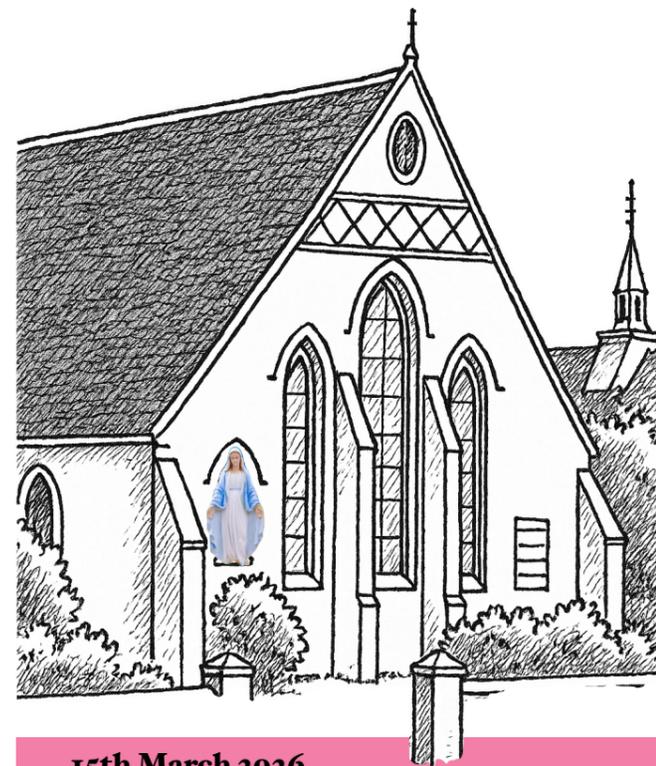
- First Reading: Wisdom 2: 1, 12-22

- Gospel John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 21st

First Reading: Jeremiah 11: 18-20

Gospel: John 7: 40-52



15th March 2026.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Fr. Vijay's reflection

This Sunday the Church invites us to pause in the middle of our Lenten journey and breathe in a moment of joy. *Laetare* means "Rejoice," not because our fasting and discipline are over, but because we can already glimpse the light of Easter breaking through the shadows.

The readings remind us that God's grace often works in ways we do not expect. Samuel is sent to anoint a king, yet God chooses the youngest and least likely of Jesse's sons. In the Gospel, Jesus heals the man born blind—an encounter that reveals not only physical sight but the deeper vision of faith. Those who believed they saw clearly are challenged, while the one who lived in darkness becomes a witness to the light.

Laetare Sunday whispers to us that God is not finished with us. Even in the middle of the journey, transformation is happening. Light is growing. Hope is stirring. Christ is gently opening our eyes so that we may see ourselves, one another, and our world with renewed clarity and compassion. As we continue toward Easter, may we walk with hearts lifted, trusting that the One who began this good work in us will bring it to fulfilment.

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

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Stations of the Cross

St Mary's

Each Friday after 9am Holy Mass



St Margaret's

Each Thursday at 2pm

NEWSLETTER



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- **First Reading:**
Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
- **Responsorial**
Psalm: Ps. 23
- The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- **Second Reading:**
St. Paul to the Ephesians 5: 8-14
- **Gospel:** St John: 9: 1-41

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CAFOD

Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you for your generous support this Family Fast Day. We have just sent CAFOD a cheque for £1061.70 which includes £150 from the community lunches and £42.44 from teas and coffees at St Marys. £428 of this total was giftaided.

Your kindness is helping families like Shorai's in Zimbabwe and Rejoice's in South Sudan grow food, even in the face of drought and floods. You have shown what it means to love your neighbour this Lent - fasting, praying and giving so families can put food on the table. Find out how your donations are helping to build a better world at cafod.org.uk/thankyou.

PS It's not too late to donate - pick up a CAFOD envelope in church or visit cafod.org.uk/envelope



New Envelopes

New boxes of named offertory envelopes will be available for collection at all masses next week (21/22 March). For Gift-Aid we are required to confirm the address details of each donor, so please complete the card included in the box and place it in your next donation envelope. If you currently give by standing order, please confirm your address details to worthingtonkr@gmail.com.

Easter Flowers

We will be collecting for Easter Flowers over the weekends of the 14th/15 and 21st/22nd of March.



A big thank you to our sponsors who are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this month.
Rod & Anne Adderley



O Lord our God, in the middle of our Lenten journey, lift our hearts toward holy joy. Teach us to rejoice not because life is easy, but because Your promises are sure. Let Your hope steady us as we walk toward Easter.
Amen



What's on in the Parish Centre this week

Day	Activity	Time
MONDAY	PEP	6.00PM
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. 14/3	10.30am	Don Jones RIP
Sat. 14/3	6.30pm	Gordon Woodridge RIP
Sun 15/3	9.00am	
Sun 15/3	11.00am	
Mon 16/3	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues 17/3	9.00am	St Patrick. Feast day. Josephine Lees RIP
Wed 18/3	6.30pm	Evelyn Barnett RIP
Thurs 19/3	9.00am	St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemnity. Pat Taylor RIP
Fri 20/3	9:00am	Lynn Moorhead RIP
Sat 21/3	10.30am	Priest intentions
Sat 21/3	6:30pm	
Sun 22/3	9:00am	Mary Clavin Anniversary
Sun 22/3	11:00am	

Anniversaries

Mary Armstrong
John O'Brien
Andrew Frazer
Mary Estcourt
Daniel Murphy
Bridget Egan
Thomas Bannaghan
Tom Green
Rev. Keth Butterworth

Anniversaries

Tom Kerr
Thomas Gadd
Jean Royce
Mary Fahey
Rev Colin Wilson

Anniversaries

Sister M. de Sales
William Jennings
Michael Haysler
Bernard Cannon
Kathleen Wait
Margaret Eveline Hartley



Please pray for...

Who are sick at home and in hospital, especially:
Joan Lloyd, Sue McNeil, David Stephens, Andrew Pavlovski (Young). Catherine McIntosh

Who have died recently, specially:
Michael Regan. and Miles Hoghton