

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**YEAR A**

**01 MARCH 2026**

Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special 'calling', to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

**PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS**

**PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER**

1. Lord Jesus Christ, help us never to abandon your ways. As you have loved and shown us your mercy, may we sincerely express our love for God by loving our neighbour and being merciful to them. Jesus, King of Divine Mercy, we trust in you.

**2. READINGS**

**First: Genesis 12: 1-4** - God calls Abraham to leave his country and family and go the land that God will show him

**Psalm 33 - May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in You, O Lord** / The word of the Lord is faithful / The Lord looks on those who revere him / Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

**Second: II Timothy 1:8-10** - rely on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy.

**Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9** - Jesus is transfigured, his face shines like the sun ... God says "This is my Son the Beloved, he enjoys my favour, listen to him".

**3. STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday during Lent at 9:30am before the 10:00am Mass at St Herbert's Church.

**4. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING:** Please come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning this Sunday 1st March 2026, after the 9.30 a.m Mass. There will be Teas Coffee and fruit drinks and a selection of Home Made Cakes. and a chance to have a chat with fellow parishioners. We are looking forward to seeing you all there. Everyone is Welcome.

**5. LENTEN DEANERY STATION MASSES**

(No Parish Mass at Corpus Christi Church on these Tuesdays)

3rd March, Our Lady's, Moorside;

10th March, Holy Family, Limeside;

17th March, St. Patrick's, Oldham;

24th March, St. Aidan and Oswald's, Royton

All these Masses will be at 7pm.

**6. ST HERBERT'S GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID ENVELOPES - 12 APRIL 2026:**

New envelopes are available to collect from the back of church. Please email the Parish Office if you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme - [divinemercuryoldham@gmail.com](mailto:divinemercuryoldham@gmail.com) . Thank you.

**7. CORPUS CHRISTI GIFT AID:** Thank you for the excellent response to our appeal, we now have 12 new members signed up to Gift Aid. The new boxes of envelopes are now available as you enter Church. Names are printed on each box. They do not commence until April 11/12th. When you donate to CAFOD don't forget to add your name & address on the envelope so they earn an extra 25% on your offering.

**8. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** resumes this Sunday, send your children into the house before Mass as usual please.

**9. DATES FOR THE NEXT DEANERY CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME MEETINGS:** We start with one Parents Meeting for ALL parents of ALL candidates (regardless of school attended) ... that date is **Wednesday 11th March at St. Edward's Church starting 6.30pm**. After that the non-Newman candidates will meet on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm-7.30pm at St Edward's; the Newman candidates will meet the following day (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March) from 3.30pm till 5pm at Newman College. Fr Callumn.

**10. LAUDATO SI' CENTRE PARISH AWARDS 2026:** The inaugural Laudato Si' Centre Parish Awards will take place this year - the Year of St Francis. Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical, the awards are open to parish communities who take part in practical action that supports environmental stewardship and/or social justice, showing faith-filled care for God's creation. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a presentation at Wardley Hall where they will receive a certificate in recognition of their work, presented by Bishop John. Please email [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) for a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is Friday 27 March.

**11. LOURDES - DIOCESAN YOUTH GROUP:** Are you a young person looking to take part in a pilgrimage this year? Do you want to make new friends, build community and grow in your faith? Why not join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It's simple to sign up and you can join a new "group" led by the Diocesan Youth Department. The pilgrimage and travel dates are 29<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August. The cost is £695 and this includes coach travel and full board hotel accommodation (Astoria Hotel). Young people can join in 3 age groups 13-15 (aspiring volunteers), 16-17 and 18+. If you are interested, please email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) for details of how to register.

**12. ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)**

'After 9 30am and 11.00am mass on Sunday 1st March there will be a short appeal for new members to join the Divine Mercy Parish SVP conference. The SVP group currently runs the parish food pantries and has also helped a number of local residents in their time of need. However, with more members we could expand our community and parish activities. A member of the parish SVP group will be available after both masses to hand out information to anyone who may be interested. Thank you.'

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 168 ; Offertory: 175 , 122; Communion: 656 ; Recessional: 361 .

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 456; Offertory: 366; Communion: 256, 252; Recessional: 286.

**13. 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS – A JOURNEY OF PRAYER FOR LENT:** Are available at the back of both Churches for £1.50. (St. Herbert's – please put your money in the Booklets' Wall box.) Thank you.

**14. PILGRIMAGE TO ST HERBERT'S ISLE KESWICK SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

Our annual pilgrimage to St Herbert's Isle Keswick will take place on Saturday 21st March 2026. After our journey by coach to Keswick we celebrate Mass together overlooking St Herbert's Isle then there is free time in the town before the coach returns to St Herbert's Church. Price: Adults £18 Children £10. Please put your names, details of adult/child places required with your telephone number on the lists at the back of both churches as soon as possible. We have one 50 seater coach. Payment to be made by Sunday 1st March. Cheques should be made payable to Divine Mercy Parish.

**15. SCHOOL NEWS**

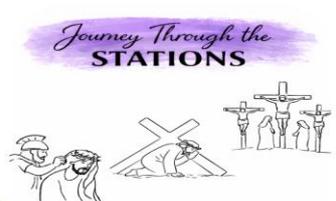
**CORPUS CHRISTI:** This week, the staff and children returned to school, refreshed and eager to start the busy half term ahead! The children are excited about the many learning opportunities ahead this term. As we have already begun Lent, our Lenten bags went out this week, and children bring these home to complete their own prayer station and celebration of the Word at home with their families. Children

have been sharing this with their family and have written beautiful prayers in our shared prayer book in each class. Duckling, Starling, Swallow, Kingfisher, Dove and Woodpecker classes have been busy preparing for our first Lenten mass in church. We look forward to sharing this Mass with our parish family on Thursday, and beginning our Lenten journey with you all.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Where did the week go? We returned to school after a week's holiday. We started the week by having a special assembly to mark the beginning of Lent. The school was visited by our Executive Leader, Mr Gary Bevan from the Emmaus trust. He was very impressed with the school! This week year 6 began The Project Chameleon which is a 10 week programme that is delivered by ex police men. The programme delivers different aspects of law and crime, to help them make informed choices going forward.

**NEWMAN COLLEGE:**

**NEWMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
COMMUNITY PRAYER MORNING**



*Journey Through the STATIONS*

We'd love you to join us for our very first 'Journey Through the Stations' Prayer Morning ❤️

Come along, take a little time to pause and reflect, and journey through the Stations of the Cross together as a family. Whether you've done this before or it's your first time, you're welcome to come along and be part of it.

🕒 When: 6th, 13th & 20th March  
🕒 Time: 8.45am – 9.10am  
📍 Where: Newman Chapel

**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

- MONDAY:** Both churches closed.
  - TUESDAY:** **Our Lady's, Moorside:** Deanery Station Mass at 7.00pm. No Parish Mass at Corpus Christi.
  - WEDNESDAY:** **St Herbert's:** Divine Mercy Chaplet at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
  - THURSDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
  - FRIDAY:** **St Herbert's:** Stations of the cross at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
  - SATURDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm
  - SUNDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am  
**St Herbert's:** Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am
- CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER MASS ON REQUEST**

**MASS REQUESTS**

**Missa pro populon**

**R.I.P:** Miranda Cabrelli, Annie Drury.

**Anniversary:** Kevin McDonough

**PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:

Noreen Butterworth, Margaret Lawless, Sheila Cavey, Stuart Williams, Peter Stone, Luke Burke, Mary Gowran, Angela Delph, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, Peter Wooldridge, Pauline Powell, Phillip Lees, Andrew Lees, Mary O'Connor, Louise Knotman, Heather Matson, Christopher Ward, Mary Prince, Ann Muldoon, Boe Heppel, Harry Kynaston, Shirley Kynaston, Jean Watkinson..

**ARE YOU...**

- New to the Parish?
- Know someone who is sick or in hospital?
- Can you help the parish or us you?
- Like a visit from the priest?

Please speak to Fr Lawrence after mass or at any convenient time.



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