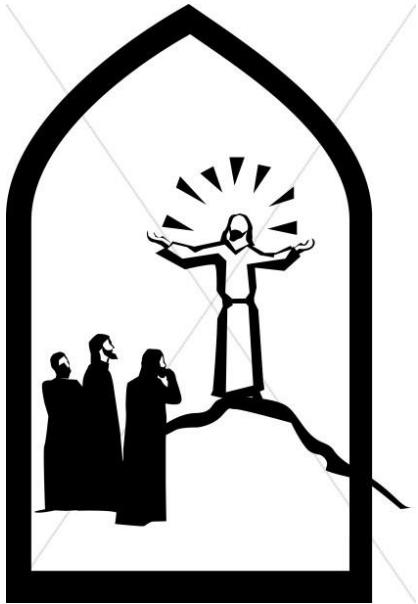


# Sunday Next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

15th February 2026



## Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## First Reading (Exodus 24.12-18)

A reading from the Book of Exodus.  
The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses

entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

## Psalm (Psalm 99)



**Response: The Lord our God is holy.**

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble.  
He is throned on the cherubim; let the earth quake.  
The Lord is great in Zion.  
He is supreme over all the peoples. **R**

Let them praise his name, so terrible and great,  
he is holy, full of power. Exalt the Lord our God;  
bow down before his holy mountain  
for the Lord our God is holy. **R**

## Second Reading (II Peter 1.16-21)

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

## The Gospel (Matthew 17.1-9)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the

cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

## Post Communion

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change  
and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## For your prayers

**In our Prayers:** Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Terry Folan, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Eamon Irvine, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Maggie Stevenson, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jacqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor, Albert Kwasi Kkwateng, Lenny Shaw, baby Maison, Stephen Green, Riva Hodges, Sue Bloom, Sarah Chambers, Dwight d'Aguilar Gooden

**Among the departed:** Gordon Gridley, Rose Nolan, Guillem Vicens Yousfi, Jason Kelly

**Anniversaries of Death:** Mary Robins, Annie West Thornton, Beatrice Turner, Barbara Evans, Janani Luwum (Bp, Martyr), Annie Mensah, John Donovan, Arthur Cooper

**In our parish:** We pray for Seward Street and Pear Tree Street

**In the wider world:** We pray for the victims of the shootings in Canada, and for their families and the wider community.

## Notices

### This Week in Church

Wednesday Ash Wednesday

Open Church: 10am-1pm  
12.30pm Mass  
7pm Sung Mass  
with Imposition of Ashes

Next Sunday First Sunday of Lent  
10.30am Parish Mass

### Ash Wednesday Sung Mass with Imposition 7pm

Please make every effort to attend on Ash Wednesday so that we can make a good start to Lent together. This year, for all of us to find a way to keep Lent well, there will be the following:

### Mondays at 6pm Stations of the Cross

The ancient and beautiful devotion, following Christ's path to the Cross with readings and reflection.

### Wednesdays at 11am Lent Group

"Lent Wise: Spiritual Essentials for Real Life"  
A user-friendly guide to season of Lent by Paula Gooder.

### Wednesdays at 6pm Compline

A short, meditative service with space for silence and guided reflection on Lenten themes.

### Quite Morning at St Saviour's Priory

Saturday 28th February 10am-2pm  
Come and think through the meaning of Lent together. Led by Fr David with Mass in the Priory Chapel. Please sign up on the sheet. Refreshments provide, but bring a packed lunch.

### St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the **Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory** which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

### Can you help?

Please speak to Sherry in you'd like to help set up for the service and with the refreshments or clear away on Sundays. We're looking for volunteers to help share out these jobs.

### King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House  
(between President House and Rahere House)

Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm  
Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm  
A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone welcome!