



**ST FAITH'S**  
GREAT CROSBY

**The First Sunday of Lent**  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

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### Hymns

129 Lord Jesus, think on me (second tune)  
138 We sing the praise of him who died  
56 Forty days and forty nights  
224 Lead us, heavenly Father

### Notices

**The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week** in memory of a wonderful and brave Mum. Eileen Waugh lost her husband when her children, Judy and Nigel, were only small. Without home or income, circumstances were very difficult, but she believed and loved and trusted, and saw both children succeed and marry happily. A widow for 49 years, all the family treasure her memory and example for ever. **R.I.P.**

**Compline:** In addition to our other extra services and activities in the benefice during Lent, there will also be a regular weekly service of Compline (Night Prayer) at St Faith's at 6pm on Sundays.

**Book of Remembrance:** If you wish to have a loved one commemorated in the Book of Remembrance, please ask for a form. The book, in the Chapel of the Cross, is turned every week of the year. You are invited to make a donation in loving memory.

**100 Club:** Membership is still open for our 100 Club! For membership details, please ask David Jones, or email him at [david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk](mailto:david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk).

**Thank You:** Thanks to everybody who supported our raffle in aid of church funds, last month - £52 was raised. Also, thanks to the clientele of Kind Hearts Café for raising £64 towards costs of repairing the hall window.

**Cards for Sale:** Don't forget – if you buy a card from the back of church, all money raised goes towards church funds. Minimum donation £1, but if you wish to donate more, please do so! Sales have generated over £80 towards church funds.

**Donations and Giving:** We rely on generous individual giving for much of our income at St Faith's. If you are a UK taxpayer, donations can be Gift Aided to provide additional

benefit to the church. If you worship here regularly then please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme by using this link - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/great-crosby-st-faith-liverpool/> . There is a contactless donation point at the back of church for phone or card use.

**St Faith's Charity Fundraising:** If you have any further suggestions as to which charities you would like to nominate to benefit from some fundraising, local and national, please pass them to Denise Darcy today. There are paper and pens on the tables at the back of church. Thank you.

**Litter Pick:** Please note that the litter pick will now take place **today** at **12:30pm**. Please bring your coats and gardening gloves for a litter pick after the church service. Litter grabbing devices and hoops will be provided. Just bring bags of energy!

### **Benefice Lent Courses**

We are running two courses in the benefice during Lent:

**'Hear my prayer':** a **five-week course** on **Monday afternoons** at **2.30pm**, held at **St Mary's** - this will explore different approaches to prayer, and finish with an opportunity to write some prayers of our own for use at Easter. Week 1 - Introduction to Prayer; Week 2 - Collects; Week 3 - The Psalms; Week 4 - Intercessions; Week 5 - Composing Prayers for Easter.

**'Draw Near':** a **five-week course** on **Monday evenings** at **6.30pm**, held at **St Faith's** - this will explore how we can cultivate habits and practices that will draw us nearer to God. Week 1 - Sharing in Prayer; Week 2 - Sharing the Scriptures; Week 3 - Sharing Communion; Week 4 - Sharing in Service; Week 5 - Sharing the Good News.

During Lent, we will also be offering a weekly meditative service of **Stations of the Cross** on **Wednesday evenings** at **6.30pm**, at **St Faith's**; this will be preceded by a weekly service of **Holy Communion** using the liturgy from the **Book of Common Prayer** at **5.30pm**, also at **St Faith's**.

Please see our new 'Upcoming Services and Events' section below for further information about dates and times - and please keep checking this new section as future worship and community occasions are announced (including our planned activities for Holy Week).

### **Upcoming Services and Events in the Benefice/Dates for your diary:**

Sundays: 22nd February, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March, 6pm, St Faith's – Compline.

Mondays: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March, 2.30pm at St Mary's - Lent Course 'Hear my prayer'.

Mondays: 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March, 6.30pm at St Faith's - Lent Course 'Draw Near'.

Wednesdays: 25<sup>th</sup> February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March, 5.30pm at St Faith's - Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

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### *This Week's Services*

<b>This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The First Sunday of Lent</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>This Sunday, 6:00pm Compline</b>	Dr. Judith Aveling
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 9:00am Morning Prayer</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's</b>	Rev. Janet Bissex
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 5:30pm BCP Holy Communion</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 6:30pm Stations of the Cross</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 12 noon Eucharist</b>	Fr. Louis Johnson
<b>Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The Second Sunday of Lent</b>	Peter Cowley <i>Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17</i>

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## *Please keep in your prayers*

**The Diocese:** St Hilda Hunts Cross, St Nicholas and St Mary Halewood, St Mary Halewood, St Nicholas Halewood, St Anne Aigburth, St Barnabas Penny Lane, St Michael Garston, St Matthew and St James Mossley Hill, St Peter Much Woolton, Bishop Martin Woolton.

**Parish:** Galloway Road, Molyneux Road, Milton Road, Stuart Road.

**The World:** For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods, famines and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources. For all victims of cruelty, injustice and exploitation.

**The Church:** The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Ruth, Ven Pete Spiers, our Archdeacon, Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

**Those who are sick:** Joan McKortel, Alistair Byron, Angie Price, Susie Greenwood, Jill Deeprise, Holly Keira Barnes, Ken Welsby, Martin Goodwin, Evie Dunne.

**The recently departed:** Rita Hezel, Stephanie Worrall, Moira Peet, Philip Barber.

**Those who are to be remembered at this time:** William Alan Gale, Alan Richardson (Priest), Rene Turner, Jospeh Foy, Rena Brown, Pauline Clay, Elsie Woods, Kay Armstrong, Edie Vincent, George Russell Armstrong, Thomas Bernard Rouen, Dorothy Wilson, John James Pilkington, Maud Marianne Pilkington, Ella Kirkham, Connie Rankin.

## *The Collect*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## *First Reading, Genesis 2.15-17*

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but

of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

## **Psalm 32**

Response (congregation):-

**Forgive me, Lord, the guilt of my sin.**

Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
and whose sin is covered.

Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile.

**Forgive me, Lord, the guilt of my sin.**

For I held my tongue;  
my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.  
Your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.

**Forgive me, Lord, the guilt of my sin.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and my iniquity I did not hide.  
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,'  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**Forgive me, Lord, the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.  
You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with songs of deliverance.

**Forgive me, Lord, the guilt of my sin.**

'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.  
'Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding;  
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.'

**Forgive me, Lord, the guilt of my sin.**

Great tribulations remain for the wicked,  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**Forgive me, Lord, the guilt of my sin.**

*Second Reading, Romans 5.12-19*

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia.**

*Gospel, Matthew 4.1-11*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

## *Post Communion*

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.