



St Katharine, Blackrod ~ Sunday 22nd February 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Welcome to St Katharine's Church today



READINGS AND PRAYERS

THE COLLECT for the 1st Sunday of Lent

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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7

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." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

PSALM 32

RESPONSE: *Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.*

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. 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.

Response.....

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. 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.

Response.....

'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.' 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.

Response.....

SECOND READING Romans 5. 12-19

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 the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 4. 1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted 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.

PRAYER AFTER 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. Amen.

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What's on

SERVICES AT ST KATHARINE'S THIS WEEK

Monday	9.00am	Wiggle Worship Baby & Toddler group
Tuesday	9.30am	Holy Communion
	1.15pm	Funeral: Gordon Stevenson
Wednesday	10.30am	Lent meditation
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross/ Holy Communion
Thursday	2.00pm	Lent Study group
Sunday 1st March: Second Sunday of Lent		
	11.00am	The Parish Eucharist & Sunday School

Today's Hymns Sunday 22nd February

- 121 Forty days and forty nights
- 116 Be thou my guardian and my guide
- 621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 358 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
- 785 Such love, pure as the whitest snow
- 806 There's a wideness in God's mercy

PRAYERS

For those who are sick:

Sheila Edwards, Rachel Lowe, Josie Woods

Pat Morris, Brian Inglis, Steven Hyatt,

Annie Shaw, Lauren Reid, John Green

Damian McCabe, Margaret Martinez, Peter Blount

Pray for all those with Covid to make a full recovery.

For those who have died:

James Dickie

Gordon Stevenson

(Funeral on Tuesday 24th February at 1.15pm)

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Let us know? If anyone is aware of someone sick or in hospital, wishing to be included on the Prayer List, please notify the Vicar, or the Churchwardens.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person, or their family, before asking for their name to be added. Thank you.

Please Pray for Ukraine

Lent Boxes 2026

We aim to support USPG through our giving in Lent. Boxes are now available at the back of church. More information about USPG at: <https://uspg.org.uk/> Please respond as generously as you can to our Lenten appeal. Contact me if you are not able to get to church and I can deliver one to you. Thank you.

Barbara Worsley, Co-ordinator— 07754 945081

SumUp You may have noticed a new free-standing Sumup device which has been given to us by Manchester Diocese. You can use it with your card. Just ask one of the wardens for help if needed. Thank you.

If you wish to make a donation to support St Katharine's, you can use this QR code. Thank you.



SAFEGUARDING

As part of the Manchester Diocese, St Katharine's Church follows the safeguarding guidelines, the national legal and procedural framework for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and the Church of England policy and practice.

Safeguarding Officer: Janet Hollick 07514041611

Admitting Children to receive Holy Communion

Here in our Team Ministry, it is possible for children in Year 3 and upwards to receive the bread and wine at Holy Communion following a short course.

If you would like more details, please have a word with Angela, or one of the Church Wardens.

Closing date is Sunday 22nd February.

Details of the dates and times of the course will be given later. Children will be admitted to receive Holy Communion on Mothering Sunday, which this year is Sunday 15th March. Thank you.

PCC NEWS The next meeting of the PCC will be held on Monday 23rd February at 7pm. Items for "Any Other Business" should be forwarded to the Chair at least 24 hours before the meeting. Thank you.



PRIZE BINGO

Thursday 26th February at Hilltops, Hill Lane

Doors open 7pm. Eyes down 7.30pm

Tickets on sale now £7 each (inc. Pastie & Peas Supper)

All welcome. In aid of church funds

Messy Church

Saturday 28th February 3.45-6pm

Fun, Crafts, Food

All welcome. All free!

Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Fire Action



Raise the alarm



Leave the building by the nearest exit



Report to assembly point

CAR PARK

PREVENTION AGAINST INFECTION

Please remember to use the hand sanitiser at the front door to help with prevention of infection. Thank you.