



**CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE
Preston-next-Faversham**

Sunday 8 February 2026 – Second Sunday before Lent.
PARISH EUCHARIST – 10am.
Celebrant -The Reverend Chris Maclean



*For Communion we have Gluten free wafers available. Should you require one please ask one of the Sidespeople (those who greeted you on arrival) before the start of the service.
At Communion, on the guidance of the Diocese, we have to ask that you do not intinct your wafer in the wine.*

ENTRANCE HYMN – 676 –

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

GREETING AND RITE OF PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said; the first commandment is this: “Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself” There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

GENESIS 1.1-2.3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God

saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from PSALM 112

R/: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright

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| <p>1. He is the light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. R/:</p> | <p>2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. R/:</p> |
| <p>3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
Open-handed he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. R/:</p> | |

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8.18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 6.25-34

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life. (1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68)

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten not
made,**

**of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

He came down from Heaven.

Those present may bow at these words

By the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and
was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;**

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son.

With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All sit or kneel for

THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The celebrant introduces the Intercessions in suitable words

Prayers are offered for the Church, the world, and the local community.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY & NEIGHBOURS in (the Parish Cycle of Prayer covers one, or more,
road/street etc. per week, in rotation.)

FOR THE SICK: We pray for those who have asked for our prayers.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED. Prayer is offered for those who have died recently and on the
anniversaries that fall in the coming week for others.

The prayers conclude with ... Merciful Father **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All stand for:

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN – **532** – ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING, omit * verses

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer which
earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the
vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good
and the good of all his Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you **and also with you** OR The Lord is here **His spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about amongst us; he opened wide for us his arms on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he ☩ who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel or sit for

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying;

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. ☩

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. ☩

At the Consecration, the priest shows first the Host and then the Chalice to the people.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary, mother of our Lord, St Catherine and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Jesus has taught us to call God our Father, so we have the courage to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come.

**Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,**

**and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

*The **Agnus Dei** is sung as the bread is broken.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*All are welcome to come forward for a blessing at the altar rail (indicating this with bowed head) and
Communicant members of other Churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion,
as seems right to them.*

HYMN DURING COMMUNION – 706 –

LET US, WITH A GLADSOME MIND

ANTHEM:

“KING OF GLORY, KING OF PEACE”

J.S.Bach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on
earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son
and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate
of glory. May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to
others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set
before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTATION AND NOTICES.

CLOSING HYMN – 765 –

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY, THE KING OF CREATION

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you **and also with you** OR The Lord is here **His spirit is with us.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge
and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the
Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Eucharist is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of ✠ Christ. Amen.

OUR WELCOME TO YOU

*If you are a visitor to St. Catherine’s today do join us after the Parish Eucharist for refreshments in the Lady
Chapel*

SERVICES: *Our normal monthly pattern of worship is:*

1st Sunday 10am	Parish Eucharist (sung) with Sunday School
2nd Sunday 10am	Parish Eucharist (sung) with Sunday School
6.30pm	Compline/Evening Prayer (said)
3rd Sunday 10am	Service of the Word/Morning Prayer with Sunday School
4th Sunday 10am	Parish Eucharist (sung) with Sunday School
5th Sunday	Please see weekly notices/Calendar
Mid-week service	
Tuesday 10am	Eucharist (Said) 1st and 3rd Tuesday: Morning Prayer, on other Tuesdays.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGHET EVENING PRAYER/COMPLINE AT 6.30 THIS EVENING

NOTICES – PLEASE SEE SEPARATE INSERT

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Monday , FEB 9 – Ordinary Time begins	Gilbertine Order, 1189.
Tuesday , FEB 10 – Said Eucharist 10am. Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865.	Thursday , FEB 12 – Ordinary Weekday (OW)
Wednesday , Feb 11 – Gilbert, founder of the	Friday Feb 13 – Martyrs of Japan, 1597.
	Saturday , FEB 14 – OW.

Sunday 15 February 2024 – Sunday next before Lent – Parish Eucharist 10am.
Readings Exodus 12. 12-end 2 Peter 1. 16-end Matthew 17. 1-9

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SAFEGUARDING. Please see the notices at the top of the main Notice Board covering this important subject. To report a concern or seek any advice, please contact Fiona Hamer (01795 536703) or Hilary Tulett (01795 538013).

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NOTICE, FUTURE EVENTS AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR LENT AND EASTER.

As at 8 February 2026.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET EVENING PRAYER/COMPLINE AT 6.30 THIS EVENING

NOTICES

Lent Appeal for the Foodbank – please see the enclosed flyer and listen to the Notices during the service when David will speak on this initiative.

Palm Crosses – May we ask those of you who have Palm Crosses from previous years could we please ask you to return these to church, as soon as is possible, so that they can be reduced to ash for use on ASH WEDNESDAY.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR LENT AND EASTER

18 February 7.30pm – ASH WEDNESDAY – Eucharist with imposition of ashes

8 March 3.30pm – TAIZE SERVICE

31 March 10.30am (after Morning Prayer) – Stations of the Cross.

1 April 7.30 pm. – TAIZE SERVICE

2 April 7.30pm – MAUNDY THURSDAY – Eucharist

3 April 3pm. – GOOD FRIDAY – Veneration at the foot of the Cross with Eucharist (Reserve Sacrament)

4 April 7.30pm – SERVICE OF LIGHT.

5 April 10am. – EASTER DAY – Festival Eucharist.

OTHER EVENTS DURING LENT AND EASTER

CONTEMPLATING EASTER – Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. here at St. Catherine's on 26 February and 5, 12, 19 and 26 March.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 6 March 4 - 5pm. At The Baptist Church. Institute Road/St. Mary's Road.

3 April 10.30am. – GOOD FRIDAY – Walk of Witness from The Baptist Church to the Cross in the Market Place.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

END OF LIFE ALWAYS MATTERS – It is planned that monthly group meetings will take place at The Umbrella Centre on the fourth Wednesday of each month starting in March.

18 April – Market Stall for END OF LIFE ALWAYS MATTERS

CONCERT BY THE ECLECTICS – on Sunday 17 May at 4pm.

24th May - PENTECOST PRAISE AT ST MARY OF CHARITY.

TULIP TREE FETE: - This will be on 7 June – please diarise this date and, in the meantime, hang on to any unwanted Christmas presents that could be sold at the fete.