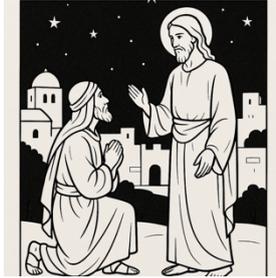


✠ 2nd Sunday in Lent ✠  
1st March 2026

**COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as  
are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**



*How can a man  
be born again!?*

*(Genesis 12.1-4a)*

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Genesis:  
The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 'I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:**

*(Romans 4.1-5, 13-17)*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:  
What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. What does Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.' Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**GOSPEL**

*(John 3.1-17)*

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:  
**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.' Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!' Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.' 'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked. 'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things, and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.' For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

As we place these gifts before you, may they be signs of our new life in Christ; being born again through your Holy Spirit.. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# ✠ ALL SAINTS' CHORLEY ✠



Our hymns:  
377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
401 Light's abode, celestial Salem

### Please remember in your prayers:

<b>From our parish:</b>	Our school of All Saints', Mrs. Partington, the staff, and children.
<b>For the sick:</b>	Paul Catterall, Linda Eubank, Ken Starkey, Christine Gothard, Michael Baxendale, Pam & Michael McLachlan, Linda Carrara, Sandra & Mike Downey, Anita Campbell, Norman & Brenda Riley, Joyce Jolly, Audrey Clark, Richard Winchester and all the residents of Gillibrand Hall and Coniston House.
<b>Recently departed</b>	Baby Oliver, Jean Huxley
<b>Years Mind:</b>	Ernie Brindle, Leslie Cheetham, George Corner, Alfred Draper

### REGULAR SERVICES:

SUNDAY - Family Eucharist, 11.00am Closer, 4.00pm

THURSDAY - Said Eucharist, 10.30am

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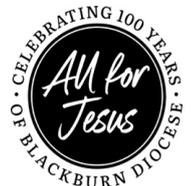
### NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

**IMPORTANT!** – Our Closer Service is **CANCELLED** for next week, 8th March. Fr Jordan & Fr Peter are attending a service at Blackburn Cathedral for the installation of new Honorary Lay Canons, including Andy Purcell, the headteacher of St George's Primary School. (Closer is back on the 15th March as usual.)

**LENT** - Looking for something to take up this Lent? Why not join our informal and friendly group at 1 Rylands Road starting **this Wednesday** 25th February at 7:30 as we follow Bishop Philip's 'Knowing Jesus' Course. No need to commit to every week! Also available on the DIOCESAN Fruitful App.

**CONFIRMATION 2026** – Wednesday 22nd July at 7:30pm. Anyone interested please contact Fr Jordan for more details. Adults too are welcome to be confirmed at the same time.

**BLACKBURN DIOCESE** – celebrates its centenary this year. See their new logo above, (*All for Jesus*) which we can use and promote in 2026. Check their website below for events and services planned for 2026. **FRUITFUL APP** – Blackburn diocese have a handy app you can download which contains numerous events, videos and information about the diocese. Scan the QR code above.



### VACANCY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

In this time of waiting, we place our trust in You.  
Keep us unified as a parish and faithful in prayer.  
Send down your Holy Spirit to guide those responsible  
for choosing our new incumbent.

May the one chosen  
be a wise and gentle shepherd  
of your people, ready to serve us with joy,  
build us in faith and grow our church family.  
We ask this in Jesus's name. **Amen.**

**ALPHA COURSE** - 7:30pm every Thursday at the Vicarage. starting first Thursday of March (5th). Join us for the chance to explore your faith, especially to prepare yourself for confirmation or baptism this lent season. This course will include a meal and time together, watching a video and asking the big questions about faith. Everyone is welcome!

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