

Sunday 15 February 2026

The Sunday next before Lent

First reading

Exodus 24.12–end

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.

Second reading

2 Peter 1.16–end

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 honour 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.

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Gospel

Matthew 6.25–34

Jesus said to his disciples,
'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.'