

NOTICES:-

THANK YOU – Thank you to all those who supported the bacon and sausages butties last week we raised £140.

MEETING OF THE SIDESPEOPLE – There is a meeting of the sidespeople after the mass today. This is just discuss some changes moving forward.

LENT LUNCHESES – As you will see from our lent programme we are introducing Lent lunches on a Thursday lunchtime. There are still a couple of spaces left for people to volunteer to make soup for these lunches. If you are able and willing to make and donate soup please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

HOLY HOUR – Unfortunately there is no Holy Hour this week due to a clash of the diary.

The Chrism Mass - This year the Chrism Mass is at St Peter and Pauls, Rishton, at 6pm on Palm Sunday (29th March). This service is a wonderful opportunity for clergy to reconsecrate themselves to the ministry God has called them to, and to share with their Bishop and the People of God in the blessing of holy oils for the sacramental life of the church over the next year. If you would like to come please speak with Fr Ryan before 20th March.

DONATIONS

Your offerings for the work and ministry of this parish are gratefully received. Please leave any donations on the plate near the door. If you are able to gift aid your donation using the designated envelopes in church that is appreciated. Alternatively, you can donate using this QR Code.



Next Sunday 1st March 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

10.00am The Parish Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Parish Church of Christ Church, Carnforth

1st Sunday of Lent



22nd February 2026

This Week

MON		
TUES	12.00am	Mass
WED	9.15am	Low Mass
	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross
THURS	12.00pm.	Lent Lunch
	6.30pm	Exposition
	7.00pm	Mass
	7.30pm	Lent Course
FRI	9.15am	Mass
SAT	9.15am	Mass

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

OF THE SICK:

IMMEDIATE CONCERN: Catherine Badley, Carol Buckley, Edna Whitechurch, Margaret, Marco Berton, Sheila Barlow, Fr Mike Fish, Edith Higginson, Jack Elder.

LONGER TERM NEED: Fr Norman Howard, Helen, Adam Gothard, Ann Bond, David Lewthwaite, Carolyn Higginson, Jesper, Pauline Rowbottom, Margaret Dunn, King Charles III, Philip Rouse.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: John Kitching

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Ferguson (22nd), Peter Overton, Helena Wilson, Clara Dearlove (23rd), Ruth Mawson (25th), Dennis Rigg (27th), Glyn Griffith, Mabel Lindsay (28th),

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READINGS FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collect

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 *The*

creation and sin of our first parents.

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And 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 midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely 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 themselves loincloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your merciful love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash me completely from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

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My transgressions, truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. ℟

Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence; take not your holy spirit from me. ℟

Restore in me the joy of your salvation; sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. ℟

Second reading

Romans 5:12-19

'Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.'

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4b

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

And 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, "Man shall 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 set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said 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, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall 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 glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."' Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Prayer over the Offerings

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.