

Worksop Priory of Our Lady & St Cuthbert



Sunday 22 February 2026

First Sunday of Lent (Cycle A)

Welcome to today's Parish Mass. A loop system is fitted here for those with hearing devices. A collection will be taken at the Offertory, or if you prefer, a contactless machine is available by the South Porch Door. Please respect others by not talking now, simply prepare quietly by reading this booklet or today's hymns. You may like to recite this 4th Century prayer of preparation.

Lord Almighty, send down upon this sacrifice your Holy Spirit. May he declare this bread that we shall eat to be the body of Christ, and this cup that we shall drink to be the blood of Christ. May he strengthen and sanctify us who eat this bread and drink this cup, grant forgiveness of our sins and deliver us from the wiles of the devil. May he fill us with his life. Amen.

Please stand when the bell rings and join in the procession if you are able.

Setting: Greening

Litany of the Saints

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Saint.....**Pray for us (27)**

Lord, be merciful..... **Lord, save your people (7)**

Be merciful to us sinners: **Lord, hear our prayer (2)**

Christ, hear us: **Christ, hear us**

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer: **Lord Jesus, hear our prayer**

Hymn 507

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

The priest introduces the Mass

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy on us.

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

Please be seated

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17. *R.* cf. 3a

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

5:12, 17-19

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 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

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.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

Homily – Fr Spicer



After a time of reflection please stand when the priest stands.

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day 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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The Bidding Prayers with the response after each intention:
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon
them. **May they rest in peace. Amen.**



**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

After a brief silence the Priest concludes the prayers. Please then be seated for the Offertory, during which a collection will be taken for God's work here- thank you. The bread, wine, altar, cross, priest and people are censed. Please stand when the thurifer approaches.

Hymn 65

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours 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 holy Church.**

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.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

By abstaining forty long days from earthly food, he consecrated through his fast the pattern of our Lenten observance and, by overturning all the snares of the ancient serpent, taught us to cast out the leaven of malice, so that, celebrating worthily the Paschal Mystery, we might pass over at last to the eternal paschal feast. And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words of the Consecration:

The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

The prayer concludes with:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please stand

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another the sign of peace

Please kneel

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

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

Please come forward now to one of the three Holy Communion stations. If you are used to receiving Holy Communion, then share with us, otherwise bow your head for a blessing.

The Body (Blood) of Christ. **Amen.**

The choir sings the Anthem;

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake - Farrant

Hymn 67

Please stand when the priest stands

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Go in peace glorifying the Lord with your life

Thanks be to God



**Hail, Queen of heaven, beyond compare,
To whom the angels homage pay;
Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light,
That opened for the world's new Day.**



**Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed,
In whom our ransom was begun,
For all your loving children pray
To Christ, our Saviour and your Son.**

You may like to recite this 4th Century prayer of thanksgiving.

Father, we thank you for your holy name which you have made to dwell in our hearts and for the knowledge, faith and immortality which you heaven made known to us through your servant Jesus. To you be glory for ever.
Amen

**Please join us now for refreshments
at the West End and take this booklet
home with you for the coming week's notices.**



**At 10.50am there will be a 15-minute talk on prayer
followed by an opportunity for questions - please stay
if you can.**



Please pray for



**the peace of the world;
for people living in all those places where there is war or
armed oppression of civilians, that their suffering may end;
for those living in places where there is the threat of conflict, that peace
may prevail**

for all in need;

our GP surgeries, hospice, hospital, and care homes;

the sick, especially;

Angela, Angela, Chris, Christine, Eric, Jan, Jon, Mary, Mick, Paul, Richard,
Richard Francis, Roxy, Tracey, Tuomas, and Violet.

for those who are unable to attend Mass;

Christine, Judith, Linda, Maureen, and Tony.

for those who have died recently.

Celia Hoult, Arthur Wilson,
Graham Rowbottom and Maureen Drabble

and for those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

22 Feb	Mary Manterfield, Christina Forrest Jarvis, Ethel Gray
24 Feb	Albert John Henry Brown, Muriel Thorlby-Coy
25 Feb	Joan Margaret Barr
27 Feb	Andrew Michael Higgins
28 Feb	Joseph Hutchinson, Violet Skillen, Glenys Rhoda Wilson

R.I.P.

rest in peace

Services for the week ahead		
Today	9.30am 11.30am	Parish Mass with Junior Church Mass at Clumber
Monday 23 February Lent Feria	9.30pm	Mass
Tuesday 24 February Lent Feria	6.30pm	Mass
Wednesday 25 February Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Thursday 26 February Lent Feria	6.00pm 6.30pm	Rosary Mass
Friday 27 February Lent Feria	12 noon 6.30pm	Mass Stations of the Cross
Saturday 28 February Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 1 March 2nd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.30am 6.30am	Parish Mass with Junior Church Mass at Clumber Evensong & Benediction



**Live streaming through Worksoop Priory
Facebook Page will take place whenever
possible and technology allows.**

Other Activities		
Tuesday 24 February	2pm-3pm	St Paul's Community Pantry
Wednesday 25 February	5pm-6pm	St Paul's Community Pantry
Thursday 26 February	9.30 – 11.00am	Songs & Stories
Friday 27 February	10.30-11.30pm	Public Hour

GIVING
as an act of worship
BEFORE GOD
2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

Due to bank charges for processing cheques and cash, we kindly ask that, wherever possible, people donate money using online banking, even for small amounts. This doesn't cost us a penny. Please indicate in the reference field who it's from, and what for, then we can Gift Aid your donation wherever possible.

Our Virgin Money bank details for standing orders or donations are:

Worksop Priory PCC

Sort Code: **05-09-89** Account Number: **38125853**

For convenience there is also a card machine in the Priory which can be used for donations or regular payments.

You can also donate quickly and easily by scanning our QR code, this includes an option to register your donation for gift aid, it takes a matter of seconds!



Those of you that wish to continue to put cash in the collection plate each week, please note that gift aid envelopes are only required for amounts over £30.

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment, or before Mass on Thursday Evening or Friday Lunchtime.

Please contact Fr Spicer for either prayer or practical need. If requested, we will come and visit if we can, and especially in

extremis. If you go into hospital or a care home please give the staff our contact numbers so that we can visit.



100 Club Update

Thank you to all who already support the 100 Club...we still have ten numbers available! We're so very close to getting all 100 numbers subscribed to!!

Please do consider whether you are able to commit to a number and help this valuable long running fundraising initiative. It costs just £1 per number per week, with a chance to win £20, £10 or £5. It's an easy way to raise funds for church whilst being in with a chance of winning a bit of cash to treat yourself with!

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer, whichever you prefer. Please just get in touch with Susan (admin@worksoppriory.co.uk or 07355 850735) who can answer any questions you may have.

PARISH LUNCH

The next parish lunch will be on **Sunday 22 March** at **12.30pm** please look out for posters and a signup list in church!



Bassetlaw Food Bank

There is a collection box, near the South Porch door.



St Paul's Community Pantry

All are welcome,
no referral
necessary



Opening Hours:
Tuesdays 2pm -3pm
Wednesdays 5-6pm



£5 buys a mixed bag of produce, fresh and frozen and ambient products depending on availability.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026



Friday 6 March 2026

marks the

World Day of Prayer

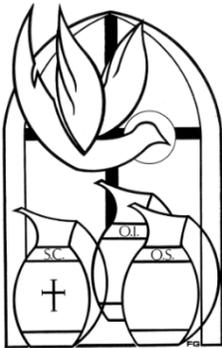
Everyone is warmly invited to attend the local Worksop service to be held at **2pm**

St Joseph's R.C. Church,
Prospect, Worksop.

I Will Give You Rest: Come

Program written by the
World Day of Prayer Committee of Nigeria for 2026
Matthew 11:28-30

Bishop Stephen's next visit



Chrism Mass

Monday 30 March at 12noon in church.

Please join us as we welcome Bishop Stephen to our parish.

What it is: A special Mass where the Bishop blesses the Oil of Catechumens (for baptism), the Oil of the Sick (for anointing), and consecrates the Holy Chrism (for baptism, confirmation, and ordination).

Why it's important: It symbolizes the unity of the diocesan priesthood with their bishop and the entire Church, with priests renewing their promises of service.

WORKSOP PRIORY ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Please note we have had to change the date for the APCM and it will now be held at **10.30am on Sunday 15th March.**

Please do make every effort to attend this important meeting if you can.





2026

Please continue to think how you are going to keep this season in a way which deepens your discipleship.

- Collecting boxes are available for the money you save by abstaining from something and your times of fasting. Everyone who is fit and able is encouraged to forgo a meal on Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Fridays.
- Can you stay for a half hour learning session after Mass on a Sunday or Wednesday?
- Is attending one of the weekday Masses and or Stations of the Cross 6.30- 7.15pm on a Friday a possibility?
- Is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation something you should consider or do again?

*Lent is to be a joyful time deepening our faith
with our brothers and sisters.*

*Please prayerfully think how you are going to
keep it.*

Safeguarding at Worksof Priory

We are committed to creating a safe and caring environment for everyone in our parish. Safeguarding is a shared responsibility, and we work closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, who uphold national Church of England safeguarding policies

<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/>

Reporting a Concern

If you ever see or hear anything that worries you about the safety of a child, young person, or vulnerable adult, please contact:

- Parish Safeguarding Officer: Susan Bekisz
07355 850735 • admin@worksoppriory.co.uk
- Priest-in-Charge: Fr Spicer
07748 653640 • vicar@worksoppriory.co.uk

If someone is in immediate danger, call 999.

For non-urgent concerns, please allow up to 72 hours for a response due to working hours.

If you prefer, you can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 01636 817200, safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org, or via their online Report a Concern form.

Safeguarding Training

If you'd like to learn more about safeguarding or take part in training, please speak to Susan.



Parish Leafleting



Many thanks to everyone who helped deliver leaflets in February, it would be wonderful to get the same level of support on **Saturday 7 March** when we leaflet again from **10.00am**. Please let Susan or Fr Spicer know if you are able to help so we can ensure enough leaflets are printed to deliver!

Congratulations!

Friday 13 February Draw Winners



£20	22	Mrs I. Underwood
£10	69	Mr G. Hyslop
£5	85	Mr S. Walton
£5	71	Mrs H. Duffy

Subscription Information: To make this enterprise simpler to manage we please ask that subscriptions be paid by bank transfer if possible and referenced '100 CLUB'. Cash or cheque payments (payable to 'Worksop Priory PCC') should be in an envelope clearly marked '**100 CLUB**' with your **NAME** and **NUMBER**. Each number is £1 per week. Envelopes can be placed in the collection plate or passed to a member of the clergy, Keith Wake or Susan Bekisz.

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