

# THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL

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**Welcome to S. Paul's today in church or on Zoom.**

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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



**Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor**

**Organist: Mr William Parkinson with S. Paul's Singers**



## SOLEMN CHORAL MASS with IMPOSITION OF ASHES on ASH WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 7.30pm

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector*

### Mass Setting:

**Mass for four voices** (1592-3)

by William Byrd (c.1540 - 4 July 1623)

**Hymns in the NEH (green book)**

Please join in with the Bold Type

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Choir sings the **Introit, Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake.**

(Text by Henry Bull (?-1577) *Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations*, 1568).

Music (1560) set by **Richard Farrant** (c. 1525?-1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past,  
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:  
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart  
before thee now and evermore. Amen.

## THE ASPERGES

Stand

*The celebrant blesses the water.*

Dear Friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism.  
Let us ask God to bless it and keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.

Lord God almighty, Creator of all life, of body and soul,

We ask you to bless ✠ this water:

As we use it in faith forgive our sins

and save us from all illness and the power of evil.

Lord, in your mercy give us living water,

always springing up as a fountain of salvation:

Free us, body and soul, from every danger,

and admit us to your presence in purity of heart.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Salt is blessed.*

Almighty God, we ask you to bless ✠ this salt as once you blessed  
the salt scattered over the water by the prophet Elisha.

Wherever this salt and water are sprinkled,

drive away the power of evil, and protect us always

by the presence of your Holy Spirit.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The salt is poured into the water in silence.*

*The celebrant kneeling at the altar steps sprinkles the altar thrice, then himself, and rises & sprinkles the Servers and People whilst the following is sung from **Psalm 51**.*

## Antiphon

**Thou shalt purge me, O Lord,  
with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Have mercy on me, O God, after thy great goodness.

**Thou shalt purge me, etc.**

And according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.

**Thou shalt purge me, etc.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;**

**world without end. Amen.**

**Thou shalt purge me, etc.**

*After the sprinkling of the water,  
the celebrant standing at the steps of the altar sings,*

Show us your mercy, O Lord.

**And grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, hear my prayer.

**And let my cry come unto you.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Graciously hear us, O Lord,  
holy Father, almighty everlasting God:  
and vouchsafe to send your holy Angel from heaven;  
to guard and cherish, protect, visit,  
and defend all who dwell in this Holy place,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Entrance Antiphon

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:

a broken and contrite heart you will not despise.

*Cf. Psalm 51: (17) 18*

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## The Processional Hymn: 59

*Now is the healing time decreed. (Tune: Conditor Alme)*

## The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## The Introduction to the Mass

*The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.*

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Since early days Christians have observed with great devotion  
the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection.

It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this  
by a season of penitence and fasting.

At first this season of Lent was observed by those

who were preparing for Baptism at Easter

and by those who were to be restored to the Church's fellowship  
from which they had been separated through sin.

In course of time the Church came to recognise that,

by a careful keeping of these days,

all Christians might take to heart the call to repentance

and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel,

and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church,

to the observance of a holy Lent,

by self-examination and repentance;

by prayer, fasting, and self-denial;

and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

## The choir sings The Kyrie Eleison

Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

Stand

*The celebrant introduces a period of silent prayer with the words.*

## The Collect

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ¶ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Sit for the readings*

### **First Reading from the Old Testament**

**A reading from the Prophet Joel (2: 1-2, 12-17)**

<sup>1</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—  
<sup>2</sup> a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.  
<sup>12</sup> Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup> rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. <sup>14</sup> Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God? <sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup> gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. <sup>17</sup> Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, 'Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, "Where is their God?"'

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

### **Second Reading from the New Testament**

**A reading from the Second Letter of S. Paul to the Corinthians (5: 20b - 6: 10)**

<sup>20</sup> We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. <sup>1</sup> As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For the Lord says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup> We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, <sup>7</sup> genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see - we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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

*Stand & turn to face the Gospel*

### **Gospel Acclamation and Reading**

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

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
and give me again the joy of your help. *Cf. Psalm 51:10*

♪ **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 (6: 1-6, 16-21)**  
**Glory to you O, Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, <sup>1</sup> 'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup> And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>16</sup> And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>19</sup> Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Homily**

## ¶ THE LITANY

*Kneel*

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

God the Father, **have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, **have mercy on us.**

From all evil and mischief;  
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness, and love of money;  
from hardness of heart  
and contempt for your word and your laws,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind;  
From the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;  
in the hour of death, and at the day of judgement,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;  
by your birth, childhood, and obedience;  
by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work;  
by your mighty acts of power;  
and by your preaching of the kingdom,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion;  
and by your precious death and burial,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension;  
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins  
of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins;  
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit  
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,  
Holy Mighty,  
Holy Immortal,  
Have mercy upon us. (x3)**

*Silence is kept*

Make our hearts clean, O God;  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Father eternal,  
giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance,  
through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

## ¶ THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Dear friends in Christ, let us ask Our Father to bless these ashes,  
which we will use as the mark of our repentance.

*Silent prayer*

Lord, ✠ bless these ashes  
by which we show that we are dust.  
Pardon our sins and keep us faithful to the discipline of Lent,  
for you do not want sinners to die  
but to live with the risen Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The ashes are sprinkled with holy water in silence.  
Chrism is added to the ashes. The ashes are censed.*

As a sign of the spirit of penitence  
with which we shall keep this season of preparation for Easter,  
I invite you to receive on your head in ash,  
the sign of the cross, the symbol of our salvation.

*The celebrant and people receive the imposition of ashes,  
the celebrant first receiving the imposition.*



*At the imposition the celebrant says to each person:*

Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

*During the ashing the choir sings **Psalm: 51 Miserere mei, Deus,**  
as set by **Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652).***

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam  
et secundum multitudinem  
miserationum tuarum dele iniquitatem meam.  
Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea et a peccato meo munda me.  
Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco  
et peccatum meum contra me est semper.

Tibi soli peccavi et malum coram te feci,  
ut iustificeris in sermonibus tuis et vincas cum iudicaris.  
Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.  
Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.  
Asperges me hyssopo et mundabor; lavabis me et super nivem dealbabor.

Auditui meo dabis gaudium et laetitia et exsultabit ossa humiliata.  
Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis et omnes iniquitates meas dele.  
Cor mundum crea in me, Deus, et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.  
Ne proicias me a facie tua, et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.

Redde mihi laetitia salutaris tui et spiritu principali confirma me.  
Docebo iniquos vias tuas: et impii ad te convertentur.  
Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meae,  
et exsultabit lingua mea iustitiam tuam.  
Domine, labia mea aperies, et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium dedissem utique; holocaustis non delectaberis.  
Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus:  
cor contritum et humiliatum, Deus, non despicies.  
Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion, ut aedificentur muri Ierusalem.  
Tunc acceptabis sacrificium iustitiae, oblationes, et holocausta:  
tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.

<sup>1</sup> HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness :  
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight :  
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup> But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts:  
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

<sup>7</sup> Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean :  
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness :  
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

<sup>9</sup> Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.

<sup>10</sup> Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

<sup>13</sup> Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked :  
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

<sup>14</sup> Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health :  
and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

<sup>15</sup> Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

<sup>16</sup> For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee :  
but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit :  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

<sup>18</sup> O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

<sup>19</sup> Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-  
offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

*At the conclusion of the ashing, the celebrant washes his hands using lemon and water.*

*The celebrant prays:*

The Lord enrich you with his grace,  
and nourish you with his blessing;  
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;  
the Lord accept your prayers,  
and absolve you from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## ¶ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Altar is prepared*

**The Offertory Hymn: 70**

*Lord Jesus, think on me (Tune: Southwell)*

*Remain standing*

**Orate Fratres**

Pray my sisters and brothers, 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 Church.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

As we solemnly offer the annual sacrifice for the beginning of Lent,  
we entreat you, O Lord, that, through works of penance and charity,  
we may turn away from harmful pleasures  
and, cleansed from our sins, may become worthy  
to celebrate devoutly the Passion of your Son.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

*Celebrant sings the Preface in which God is praised for his mighty acts,  
& the choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus:*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis.

✠ **Benedíctus** qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

*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.*

*The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:*

**AMEN.**

## ¶ THE COMMUNION RITE

*Remain standing*

**The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

*The celebrant adds,*

*Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.*

*In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress  
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

**For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Peace.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you 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 grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom  
where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those immediately around us.  
a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.*

**Agnus Dei** is sung by the choir.

*during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten,  
placing a small piece in the chalice.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*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

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed 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.**

## Communion Antiphon

Blessed are they who meditate day and night  
on the law of the Lord: they will yield fruit in due season. *Psalms 1: 2-3*

*Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.*

The Body / Blood of Christ.

*The communicant replies Amen. and then receives.*

### \* At home, make an Act of Spiritual Communion \*

*As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still  
and rest in the love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.*

O Sacred Feast! Wherein Christ is received,  
his Passion is remembered, our souls are filled with grace  
and the pledge of eternal glory is received.

*O Sacrum Convivium, 13th century (attributed to S. Thomas Aquinas)*

### Choir sings the Communion Motet, **Emendemus in melius**

*set by William Byrd. Responsory on Ash Wednesday, published 1575*

*in the 'Cantiones sacrae', a publication issued jointly by Byrd and his teacher Thomas Tallis.*

Emendemus in melius, quae ignoranter peccavimus:  
ne subito praeoccupati die mortis,  
quaeramus spatium paenitentiae et invenire non possimus.  
Attende, Domine, et miserere,  
quia peccavimus tibi.  
Adiuvans nos, Deus salutaris noster,  
et propter honorem nominis tui, libera nos.

*Let us make amends for the sins we have committed in ignorance,  
lest we should suddenly, at the day of death,  
seek a place of repentance and not be able to find one.  
Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy,  
for we have sinned against you.  
Help us, O God, our salvation,  
and for the honour of your name, free us.*

*After receiving Holy Communion pray quietly in thanksgiving.*

### THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

### THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

## The Communion Hymn: 84

*It is a thing most wonderful (Tune: Herongate)*

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

*Stand*

### Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us  
both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life:  
give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive  
these his inestimable gifts,  
and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**God of our pilgrimage,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Responsory

This is love, not that we loved God,  
**but that he loved us and sent his Son.**  
He is the sacrifice for our sins,  
**that we might live through him.**  
If God loves us so much  
**we ought to love one another.**  
If we love one another  
**God lives in us.**

### Dismissal Gospel

A ✠ reading from the Holy ✠ Gospel according to ✠ Luke (15: 4-7)  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to them: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he

calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## The Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit,  
give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,  
speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal



## The Recessional Hymn: 67

*Forty days and forty nights (Tune: Aus Der Tiefe)*

∞ PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET AWAY WITH YOU ∞

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## THE KALENDAR

**19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 : LENT begins**

**MASS & Other Service Times in church**

**THURS, 19<sup>th</sup>,** Thursday after Ash Wednesday, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**  
**FRI, 20<sup>th</sup>,** Friday after Ash Wednesday, EP 6pm  
**SAT, 21<sup>st</sup>,** Saturday after Ash Wednesday, *S. Peter Damian,*  
**Mass 10.00am, EP 6pm**

**DAILY OFFICE:** MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer

**22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - QUADRAGESIMA**

MORNING PRAYER at 9am

**PARISH MASS SUNG at 10.30am**

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector*

EVENING PRAYER at 5pm

## DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

Observe the **Spiritual Disciplines** of:  
self-examination & repentance, prayer, fasting, & self-denial,  
reading & meditating on holy scripture, acts of mercy & justice.

\*Pray the **Daily Office** privately or publicly in church.

\*Attend **Mass** every Sunday & during the weekdays.

\*Pray the **Angelus, Rosary** and the **Jesus prayer**.

\*Make your **Confession** during Lent to prepare for Easter.

\*Attend the **Stations of the Cross**, Fridays, 6.30pm EP at 6pm,  
beginning on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March