



Worksop Priory

of Our Lady & St Cuthbert



Sunday 15 March 2026

Fourth 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, if you are able, when the bell rings and join in the parts printed in bold.

Setting: Greening

Hymn 408

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.

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
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

A reading from the First Book of Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In those days: The LORD said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward

appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.’ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The LORD has not chosen these.’ Then Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.’ And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, ‘Arise, anoint him, for this is he.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 77 – Psalm 23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

5:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

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

Please stand for the Gospel.

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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 John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

Homily – Celia Chan (on placement)

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

(all bow)

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, (stand)
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty; from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.**

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 285

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.

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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 the mystery of the Incarnation, he has led the human race that walked in darkness into the radiance of the faith and has brought those born in slavery to ancient sin through the waters of regeneration to make them your adopted children. Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration, and we, with all the host of Angels, cry out, and without end 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

The choir sings the Agnus Dei – Darke in E

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us/grant us Thy 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

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in 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; Teach me O Lord - Attwood

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.**

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Please stand when the priest stands

Let us pray.

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Bow down for the blessing.

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good.

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 be respectful of the organist and those who wish to listen to the voluntary, by not talking until it is finished.

Organ Voluntary A Trumpet Minuet by Alfred Hollins. This cheerful piece reflects the opening words of the Introit for today's Mass, from which it gets one of its many nicknames: Laetare (Rejoice). The Introit goes on to liken Jerusalem (Mother Church) to a mother nursing her baby, so there is a lot of symbolism here beyond the usual Mothers' Day secular celebrations. The Minuet is a jolly little tune and a break from the seriousness of Lent, without being flippant. Hollins was a blind, brilliant, and a sunny-natured organist: being put-upon by jealous competitors did not lead to spite. He simple out-played them, and went on being happy.



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

**Please be supportive and stay for the Annual Parochial
Church Council Meeting being held now in the Lady Chapel.**



Please pray for



the peace of the world; especially in the Middle East and Ukraine;

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;

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

the sick, especially;

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

for those who are unable to attend Mass;

Christine, Judith, Linda, Maureen, and Tony.

for those who have died recently;

Betsy Arnott

R.I.P.

rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

15 Mar	Rita Lillian Scott, Brian Cooper (priest)
16 Mar	Cecily Ruth Bembridge
17 Mar	Margaret Joyce Jackson
18 Mar	Evelyn Phoebe Chambers, Horace Ronald Palethorpe
19 Mar	Arthur Varley
21 Mar	Colin Arthur Hardwicke

S Cuthbert's Day 2026 - S Cuthbert died on the **20th March** 687AD so we are keeping this Friday as Our Patronal Festival. Our founding Fathers, decided on S Cuthbert as church, parish and town Patron in 1103. **Mass** will be at **12noon** as usual and **6.30pm** with the choir. Fr Paul Cartwright SSC, Vicar of Grimethorpe, as preacher. Hope you will join in our celebration and thanksgiving.



Services for the week ahead		
Today	9.30am 11.30am	Parish Mass with Junior Church Mass at Clumber
Monday 16 March Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 17 March St Patrick	6.30pm	Mass
Wednesday 18 March Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Thursday 19 March St Joseph	6.30pm	Mass
Friday 20 March S Cuthbert's day	12 noon 6.30pm	Mass Parish Mass
Saturday 21 March Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 22 March 5th Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.30am	Parish Mass with Junior Church Baptism Mass at Clumber



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

Other Activities		
Sunday 15 March	10.45am	Annual Parochial Church Meetings
Tuesday 17 March	2pm-3pm	St Paul's Community Pantry
Wednesday 18 March	10.20am-11am 5pm-6pm	Lent Talk - Fasting St Paul's Community Pantry
Thursday 19 March	9.30 – 11.00am	Songs & Stories
Friday 20 March	10.30-11.30pm	Public Hour
Sunday 22 March	12.30pm	Parish Lunch

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

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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.



Community Pantry

All are welcome, no referral necessary

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

£5 buys a mixed bag of produce.

Let's do

PARISH LUNCH

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026
12.30PM

**MEAT & POTATO PIE
WITH MASH & VEG
JAM COCONUT SPONGE
& CUSTARD**

£8.00

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BACK OF CHURCH
OR CALL SUSAN ON 07355 850735**

ALL WELCOME!



Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary

This is being celebrated on BBC's Songs of Praise today,
Sunday, 15th March at 1.15pm.

Bassetlaw Food Bank



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



Chrism Mass – Help Needed!

Monday 30 March at 12noon in church.

Following this service led by Bishop Stephen there will be a light buffet for all in attendance. Please can you let Fr Spicer or Susan know if you are able to help serve the refreshments which will consist of soup, sandwiches and soft drinks.



St George's Day Celebration - On Saturday 25th April from **10am** we would like to join in the day of activities being held in the Priory grounds by opening church to people visiting the festivities. If you are able to run a stall for church, help with refreshments or welcome visitors please let Fr Spicer or Susan know so we can make plans for the day!



Learning sessions continue after Mass on **Sundays** and **Wednesdays**, and **Stations of the Cross** is every **Friday** 6.30- 7.15pm.

Maybe consider celebrating the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

Congratulations!

Friday 6 March Draw Winners



£20	18	Miss L. Davison
£10	47	Mrs V. Higgins
£5	25	Mrs M. Dent
£5	22	Mrs I. Underwood

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