



## Parish of Holy Rosary

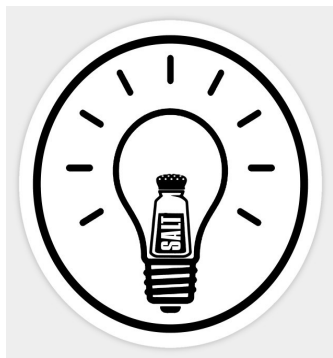
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## 5th Sunday of the Year 8th February 2026

The reading from Isaiah tells us that being devoted to God means taking care of those who need our help the most. God wants us to care for those on the margins. The list of actions which we should take are closely related to the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Worshipping God also means using the gifts we have been giving to work for a just society.

We must do more than just pray for people. We are called to act. When we do this, then the darkness of society will be overcome with light. Malicious speech, hate, and condemnation will be less visible when our acts of love shine. The gospel also uses the image of light. The good things we do glorify God, for the Light of Christ is shining through us. This is how the Kingdom of God grows.

Jesus also tells us that salt loses its flavour, then it is no longer really salt. Similarly, if we are all talk, but we don't understand the message of Christ crucified then we are missing a crucial characteristic of Christians. When people see our good works, then people can encounter Christ through us.

### IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Date	Time	Intentions
Saturday 7th February	6.00pm	Jane + Patrick Stanton, Mary Reddington
Sunday 8th February <b>5th Sunday</b> <b>Victims of trafficking</b>	10.30am <i>12 noon</i>	Owen Kelly Parishioners Intentions, Thomas Reynolds <i>Baptisms</i>
Monday 9th February	9.10am	Maureen Anderson
Tuesday 10th February, St Scholastica	9.10am	Veronica Kehoe, Mary Rowlands
Wednesday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>11.30am</i> 12 noon	<i>Confessions</i> Joanne Taylor, Jan Burda In thanks to Our Lady
Thursday 12th February	9.10am	Winnie Doyle, William Robinson
Friday 13th February	9.10am	Les Milligan, Anthony Birschel
Saturday 14th February	6.00pm	Marie Hulligan, Mary Bode
Sunday 15th February <b>6th Sunday</b>	10.30am	John Divine, Jean Canning Nicky Boland, Joseph Kennedy

**Confessions**

Wednesday and by appointment with Fr Philip.

**Sunday Missal: Page 590** in the red Sunday Missals, page 93 in the blue missals.

PRAYING THE PARISH: WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO LIVE IN COPY LANE.  
DEARBARN DRIVE + DOOLEY DRIVE

**Theatre Trip:** We have got 20 tickets for Letter to Brezhnev in the Royal Court on **Friday 11th September**. On sale at the end of Feb - treat yourself!

**Parish Workers:** To say thank you to the many wonderful people who make our parish what it is there will be a night out on February 16th. We will go for a meal at the Carvery on the race course. If you are a parish worker and coming please sign the list in the sacristy. **Closing date to sign up is Sunday 8th February**. Thank you.

**Hot Lunch:** The next lunch is Friday 20th February. All are welcome. Bring a friend with you.

**FoodShare:** Tinned potatoes, crackers. Thank you.

**Parish Account Details:** Holy Rosary Presbytery (183) Sort Code 40-29-12 Account No. 41543849 Or fill out a Standing Order form (in church).

**1st Communion: Year 4** - sign in at Mass! Coming to Mass is your gift to Jesus as you prepare for Holy Communion. We have some **new Mass books for children** to use (and leave in church).

**The Caritas Group:** If you or anyone you know is in need please contact the parish office - the details will then be shared with the Caritas Group on their WhatsApp and we will try to respond. **Companionship:** home visits, clinical appointments including hospital, doctors, dentist. **Financial:** funding made available on an individual and discretionary basis. **Transport:** to appointments, social engagements, church, shopping.

**Mad Ukes** - Friday 13th Feb at 7.30pm in the Parish Lounge. All tickets now sold. Please bring your own food and drink for the evening. Funds raised will go towards the refurbishment of the bar in the Parish Lounge.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** May 4th - May 9th - Full board for 5 days £699 for shared room and £845 for single room. Forms are ready - places allocated when deposit (£300 is paid). The closing date is **February 16th**.

**People who can sew: Wanted** - can someone help with some sewing jobs in the church? Please pass your name in. A sewing machine would help.

**Bereavement Group Training:** many of the team spent a great day last Monday - we hope to begin a bi-monthly drop in soon.

**PDS Holy Rosary:** meets Tues 10th Feb at 7.00pm.

**Lent 2026:** Ash Wednesday is early this year. Lent begins on Wednesday 18th February. Mass will be at 9.10am and 12 noon with ashes and a service at 7.00pm with ashes. We will have stations of the cross again on alternate Wednesday's (12.30pm) and Fridays (7.00pm). This year Lent + Ramadan are almost the same dates.

The **ASC Summary report** is available in church today. Please take one. 4 priorities were identified: 1. formation with an emphasis on prayer and lay leadership 2. Co-responsibility amongst all. 3. Renewed mission of the church - to find new ways of leading people to know Christ.. 4. Promoting the use of conversations in the Spirit.

**Contactless Donation Stand in Church:** we are pleased to introduce a new contactless donation stand in church - a simple and convenient way to support our Parish. When donating, you will be given the option to Gift Aid. If you are registered, simply enter your Gift Aid envelope number or email when prompted. Click 'Continue to Payment', tap your card or phone to complete your donation. Thank you for your great generosity.

**Parish Council:** The next meeting of the parish council and finance group will be on Tuesday 24th February. If you have any items please see one of the members - you can read the minutes on the porch notice board.

The theme for the **34th World Day of the Sick**, on Feb 11th: "The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain". This focuses on the figure of the Samaritan and highlights this aspect of love of neighbour: love needs concrete gestures of closeness, through which we enter into the suffering of others, those who are ill, especially those who at the same time experience poverty, isolation, and loneliness. The Day, established by St. John Paul II in 1992, is a moment of prayer, spiritual closeness, and reflection for the Church and for society, to recognize the face of Christ in our sick and vulnerable brothers and sisters.

**The Deanery priests** are meeting on Thursday 12th February.

The **Lost property box** in church will be emptied after Sunday Mass this weekend. So please look if you are missing anything.

**Pope Leo's prayer intention for February:** Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.