



## Parish of Holy Rosary

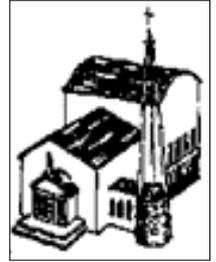
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## 6th Sunday of the Year 15th February 2026



The readings for the 6th Sunday focus on the law and commandments. The first reading tells us to choose life by obeying God's commandments. What a privilege we have in this week's readings to hear from the book of Sirach, composed by an ancient sage who was deeply immersed in the Torah, the law, and the rituals of the Temple. As such, he delivers one of the deepest truths of the spiritual life: God so respects our freedom, that he will allow us to experience life or death, good or evil.

He will give us what we choose and, more to it, we will become what we choose. Each day, every moment, choose the path of love, and you will become the kind of person fit to live in heaven.

The second reading reminds us that God's wisdom is far greater than our own. In the gospel Jesus tells us he has come to fulfil the law, not to abolish it.

† What can I do to understand the true purpose of any of the rules set before me?

† How do I respond when I think a law is unjust?

† Where do I need to seek the deeper meaning of what God is asking of me?

### IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Date	Time	Intentions
Saturday 14th February	6.00pm	Marie Hulligan, Mary Bode
Sunday 15th February <b>6th Sunday</b>	10.30am	John Divine, Jean Canning, Jean Andrews (sick) Nicky Bolan, Joseph Kennedy
Monday 16th February	9.10am 1.00pm	Anthony Dunne, Ronnie Bentley <i>Wedding Service: Sylvia + Colin</i>
Tuesday 17th February	9.10am	Maureen Stanton, Mary Kirwin
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 18th February	9.10am 11.30am 12 noon 7.00pm	Elizabeth Urem <i>Confessions</i> Liz Lauren <i>Service with ashes</i>
Thursday 19th February	9.10am	Special Intention (CC)
Friday 20th February	<b>10.00am</b> 7.00pm	Funeral Mass: Doreen Norris <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 21st February	6.00pm	Terry Turner, Gioacchino David
Sunday 22nd February <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	10.30am	Ann Veronica Williams, Richie Sharrock Catherine Crowley, Paul, Harry Williams

**Confessions**

Wednesday and by appointment with Fr Philip.

**Sunday Missal: Page 594** in the red Sunday Missals, page 96 in the blue missals.

**PRAYING THE PARISH:** WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO LIVE IN EMERALD CLOSE,  
HOMESTEAD AVE + MANOR DRIVE.

**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.

**Theatre Trip:** We have got 20 tickets for Letter to Brezhnev in the Royal Court on **Friday 11th Sept.** On sale next weekend £20.00 - 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 at 7.00pm. We will go for a meal at the Toby Carvery on the race course.

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

**FoodShare:** Soups, packets of seasoning for meals.

**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.

**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.**

The following **funerals** are at Holy Rosary:  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Doreen Norris 10.00am Mass  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Win Colligan 10.00am Mass  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb Walter Jones 10.00am Mass  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb Nicholas Bolan 10.00am Mass  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Alma Wainwright 10.00am Mass.  
Because of the funerals some Mass intention requests for certain dates will have to change.

**Lent 2026:** 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. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. This means that if you are 14-59 years of age you eat less than you usually do and you abstain from meat (unless you are a vegetarian and then you have to abstain from something else!)

**Stations:** Friday 20th Feb at 7.00pm

**School of Prayer:** On 4 Mondays of Lent at 7.00pm there will be a school of prayer. This will take place in church during exposition - so you can join in in person or via the web cam.

**CAFOD:** The Lent Fast day is Friday 27th Feb. Please take an envelope and return it to church.

**Why ashes? Sign of Repentance and Sorrow:** They represent an outward expression of inner sorrow for sins, a commitment to seek God's forgiveness. **Preparation for Easter:** They initiate the 40 days of Lent, a season of fasting, prayer, and reflection leading up to Easter. **Scriptural:** Ashes were used as a sign of penance, grief, or mourning (e.g., in the Book of Daniel or Job). **Source of Ashes:** The ashes are created by burning the palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

**Lent Resources: Hallow App:** Free app with daily prayer prompts, "Saint of the Day" facts, and liturgical reminders. **Busted Halo:** Specifically designed for "seekers" and those coming back to the Church. Their "Lent in 3 Minutes" videos and "Mass Class" series are very accessible. **Pray as you go App:** Deepen Your Interior Life in Lent. **Themed Lenten Retreat:** They release an audio retreat with extended weekly reflections designed to be lived alongside everyday life.

**Half Term:** We wish all those on half term a good week and a happy return to school + colleges. **Starmakers** have a holiday Club on 17th + 19th Feb - £15.00 a day.

The **Deanery Synodal Council (DSC)** is meeting on Thursday evening. Alan Stokes is our rep.

**Choir starting:** Methodist Hall Wednesdays 6.30pm - 7.30pm - from 25th Feb. All invited.

**Holy Rosary Pensioners** resume 25th Feb.

**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.