



## Parish of Holy Rosary

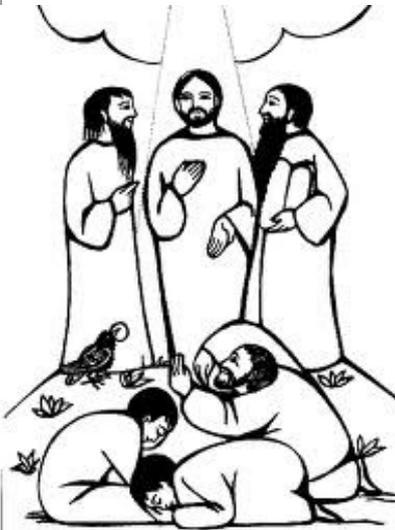
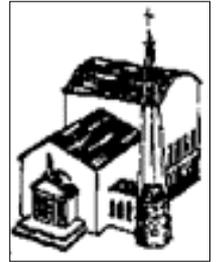
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## 2nd Sunday of Lent 1st March 2026

In the first reading, Abram is called by God to leave his home and kin and go to an unknown land. In an act of great trust, he obeys. He does not know what lies ahead, but he walks in faith. We must also walk in faith, especially during our Lenten journey. His faith is a result of his encounter with God.

In the transfiguration, Peter, James and John also encounter God. They experience the divine presence in the transformed Jesus Christ. The change in his face, which "shone like the sun" and his clothes which became "white as light" are a reference back to Moses appearance after receiving the Ten Commandments. The transfiguration also foreshadows the resurrection of Jesus.

In his appearance to Mary of Magdala at the tomb, he also had bright white clothes. And clearly something was significantly different about his appearance, for Mary did not recognize him.

† Do I recognize Jesus when I encounter him? Am I open to being transformed?

† Can I think of a significant event where I encountered the divine presence?

### IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

Date	Time	Prayers
Saturday 28th February	6.00pm	Chris + all who die alone, Special Intention (DP)
Sunday 1st March <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	10.30am 12 noon	Joseph Stockton, Marion Cheetham <i>Baptisms</i>
Monday 2nd March	9.10am 7.00pm	Ian Gore, Colin Grant <i>School of Prayer</i>
Tuesday 3rd March	9.10am	Norman Cassidy
Wednesday 4th March	11.30am 12 noon	<i>Confessions</i> Peter McGauley
Thursday 5th March	9.10am	Joseph Cochrane
Friday 6th March	9.10am 7.00pm	Margaret Dutton <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 7th March	6.00pm	Thomas Peter Adams
Sunday 8th March <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	10.30am	Doreen White Parishioners Intentions

**Confessions**

Wednesday 11.30am + by appointment with Fr Philip.

**Sunday Missal: Page 117** in the red Sunday Missals, page 127 in the blue missals.

PRAYING THE PARISH: WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO LIVE IN ORCHARD HEY,  
PRIMARY AVE + PROSPECT WAY

**Parish Council + finance group** met on 24th Feb. With the newsletter is the approved annual accounts. Full minutes of the meeting available soon. It is again the time of year to ask for anyone paying tax who gives to the church and doesn't use envelopes or standing orders to do so and complete a gift aid form so we can claim back the tax.

**Theatre Trip:** We have got 13 tickets for Letter to Brezhnev in the Royal Court on **Friday 11th Sept**. On sale now £20.00 - treat yourself!

**Hot Lunch:** Next lunch is Friday 6th March. All are welcome. Bring a friend with you. Thank you to all those who have helped clean the Lounge.

**FoodShare:** Soup, packets of seasoning/sauces for meals. Please do not place out of date items in the food bank. Thank you.

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

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

**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. **Companion-ship:** 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. There is a meeting on Thursday at 11.00am of the Caritas group.

**Appeal:** Have you got any women's or men's winter clothes, coats and shoes. Help requested by a homeless charity in the city. Please bring them to church. Closing date for donations March 8th.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** All booked - but you can still join in if you want - deadline extended, forms in the church.

**'Living my Baptism Drive':** Next weekend a sheet with ideas will be given with the newsletter.

An evening with Nicholas Paz, of **Catholic Nonviolence Institute**, hosted by Pax Christi. Monday 16th March – 6.30pm start. Quaker Meeting House, School Lane L1 3BT

**Lent 2026: Stations:** 7.00pm on Friday 6th March.

**School of Prayer:** Mondays 7.00pm - 8.00pm:

2nd March: Praying the scriptures

9th March: Praying daily life

16th March: Praying the Mass

This will take place in church during exposition - so you can join in in person or via the web cam. Fr Grant is doing a zoom school of prayer on a Thursday evening at 7.00pm. To get the link email: [olsg@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:olsg@rcaol.org.uk)

**CAFOD:** There is a retiring collection for CAFOD this weekend - the proceeds of the Family Fast Day last Friday (27th).

**Questions about Baptism:** Does anyone have any questions around Baptism - let Fr Philip know - it will help writing the sermons for Lent.

**Centring Prayer Day** Teaching and practice of this way of silent prayer in the presence of God, loving, active within you led by Fr Richard Sloan: Saturday 21st March, 10am— 4pm in St Teresa's Church, L11 3BW, including a simple lunch. No charge: places must be booked [st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk)

**Fr John** will be celebrating 60 years as a priest on Friday 5th June. The Archbishop will be celebrating the Mass. Fr John has asked could the celebration be held at Holy Rosary. We need to get a group together to plan - the Mass and the after party. There will be a meeting for anyone who wants to help on Monday **9th March at 11.00am** in the Parish lounge. Please let Jo Donovan or Fr Phil know if you can come (or if you want to help but can't come.)

**Fr Sean O'Connor** is celebrating Mass on 4th March. Fr Philip is on Diocesan work in A + B Diocese.

**Holy Rosary Ladies** meet in the Parish Lounge Tuesday 3rd March at 7:30pm. This will be a bring and buy for group funds. New members welcome.

**Parish Development Strategy:** The Deanery groups met in our Lounge last week and continued their process of discerning the best way forward for the local church in our Deanery. Everyone will have a part to play in the proposals generated after Easter.

**Funerals:** We have had 5 funeral in 5 weekday. So we hold in prayer all those bereaved families. Thank you to all those who have prayerfully supported the families and to our dedicated bereavement team who help so much at the time of a funeral.

**Pope Leo's intentions for March:** Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.