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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(February 22, 2026)

Entrance Antiphon: **When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.**

Response to the Psalm: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Gospel Acclamation: Reader: Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
**All: Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
One does not live on bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

Communion Antiphon: **One does not live on bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES
6.00pm (Sat) 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday – Thursday after 9am Mass
(No Confessions on Friday)
Saturday after 9am Mass and from 5pm – 5.30pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

22nd SATURDAY(SUN) 06.00pm Mass – Mia Souza (Intention)
08.00am Mass – Nevaeh Fernandes (Intention)
09.30am Mass – Mathew Smith (Anniversary)
11.00am Mass – Tony Carell (Anniversary)

23rd MONDAY NO MASS - **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** (Silent Adoration – 9am-11am)

24th TUESDAY 09.00am Mass – Ana-Rita Fernandes (RIP)

25th WEDNESDAY 09.00am Mass – Chelsea Pereira (Thanksgiving) & Holy Souls in Purgatory

26th THURSDAY 09.00am Mass – People of the Parish

27th FRIDAY 09.00am Mass – People of the Parish

28th Saturday 09.00am Mass - Trafinny Braganza (Intention)

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (MARCH 01, 2026)

01st SATURDAY(SUN) 06.00pm Mass – People of the Parish
08.00am Mass – Norma Donnelly (Anniversary)
09.30am Mass – Liora Da Cunha (Intention)
11.00am Mass – Thelma Hemphill (Intention)

Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who are sick especially: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Emmanuella Ruck, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Nellie Blake, Tommy Fox

CHURCH EXTENSION NEWS:

COLLECTION: There will be retiring collection after every Sunday Mass for the Extension of the Church. The last week Collection + Fundraising came to £ 558.10. Thank you for your generosity.

CAKE, TEA & COFFE: Some volunteers have decided to prepare delicious food or snacks and sell them after every Sunday Mass. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Natasha Vas on 07720982226.

OFFERTORY GIFT AID: The very best way for parishioners to help us is to set up a standing order, as it provides a regular and largely predictable income, with minimal processing costs. St Mary's have two Offertory accounts; one for your regular offertory giving and one for the Church Development Fund. If you are a UK taxpayer your offertory contribution can be Gift Aided, whereby the parish can claim, from the UK Government, an extra 25% on every donation you make at no cost to you. This is an extremely important part of the church's finances and to achieve this all that is required is for a Gift Aid declaration form to be completed and signed alongside the standing order instructions.

For all Non-UK taxpayers, all that would need to be completed is the standing order instructions. Forms can be collected from the Parish office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross every Wednesday at 6.30pm and on Friday after 9am Mass during Lent.

THE KNIT & NATTER GROUP have been busy knitting Lenten Crosses for lent.

This year we are asking for a small donation to charity raising money for our church extension.

The items are available after Mass during Lent. Many thanks to all the knitters for your wonderful efforts.

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Jasmine Sanders and Connor Quittelier who are being baptised here in St Mary's this weekend.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: As our congregation continues to grow, we are experiencing an increased need for volunteers. Please provide your name, telephone number and email address, and specify which role you are interested in to either Fr Dominic or Deacon Elias or come to the meeting on Friday 27th February at 7pm in the Church.

CONFIRMATION: There will be Parents Meeting on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm here in St Mary's Church for all those who have registered. All parents are required to attend. We regret that we are unable to accept any new applications this year.

QUIZ NIGHT organised by Friends of St Catherine's School, Davenwood SN2 7LL. Friday 27th Feb doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start. Over 18s, max 6 per team, £8pp includes food. Drinks available. Book now via FOSC events or via QR code on notice at back of church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: If you have changed your address since registering as a parishioner, you are now able to amend your entry yourself through the Parish website. On the home page, scroll down to 'Parishioner Registration' and follow the link. Please select 'Change of Address' (there is no need to re-register).

OFFERTORY COLLECTION last Sunday came to £1305.40. Many thanks for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS: The first Mass intention will be printed in the Newsletter. The other Mass Intentions shall be prayed for and the names will be read on the requested day but will be offered somewhere else. Please put your Mass intention in the envelope and add your phone number and drop in the box provided at the back of the Church two weeks in advance. Do not use the card machine for Mass intentions.

VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for Volunteers to help out with preparing the Altar for Mass & Adoration, Stewards at Sunday Masses in the Church and in car park, re-filling candle stand with candles, clearing the Altar after Mass and few other jobs. Please see Fr Dominic or Deacon Elias or come for the meeting on 27th February at 7pm.

CAR BLESSING: All car blessing will take place after Mass on Sundays.

***OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The Parish statue of our Lady of Fatima is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions. For booking contact: **Natasha Vas** on Mobile 07720982226 after 4.30pm until 8pm.*

Dear Parishioner,

St. Mary's Catholic Church has started a new WhatsApp Broadcast service to share parish updates, Mass information, newsletters, prayer requests, and upcoming events.

If you would like to receive these messages, please register using the link below and save the parish number in your phone contacts.

👉 <https://forms.gle/6UtWufD7GpA2qX3S6>

📞 Parish WhatsApp Number:

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT -YA

First reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The creation and sin of our first parents.

The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 51(50):3-4. 5-6b. 12-13. 14, 17. R cf. 3a

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your merciful love;
according to your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me completely from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

My transgressions, truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence;
take not your holy spirit from me.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Restore in me the joy of your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second reading

Romans 5:12-19

‘Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.’

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man; much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4b

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.
One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

At that time: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

And the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."' ' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."' '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."' ' Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.