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**Second Sunday in Lent Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**Special Second Collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day this weekend at both Masses**

**No weekday Mass on Thursday and Friday this week**

<b>Page 155</b>	<b>Genesis 12: 1-4</b>	<b>2 Timothy 1: 8-10</b>	<b>Gospel Matthew 12: 1-0</b>
<p>The readings this weekend show us how God calls people to trust Him. In each reading we see someone stepping forward with faith. Abram leaves his home; Paul tells Timothy to keep going even when life is hard; the disciples follow Jesus up the mountain. These readings help us see that Lent is a time to listen and follow. God may lead us in ways we do not expect. We are not meant to stay in one place. Just like Abram and the disciples, we are called to move forward with hope. We must strengthen our relationship with God which often requires sacrifice and commitment especially in this time of Lent.</p> <p>In first reading from Genesis the story moves away from creation, sin and humanity's brokenness. Now God calls Aram to begin something new, to leave his homeland and go to a new land that God will show him. God promises to bless Abram and make him the father of a great nation. He obeys trusting Him even when the future is unclear. Second reading is St Paul's letter to Timothy which encourages him to join in suffering for the gospel reminding him that God has saved and called them to a holy life, not because of their own deeds, but because of God's grace and purpose which has now been revealed through Christ's appearance and His victory over death. Matthew's Gospel shows us a moment of wonder on the mountain. Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John, revealing His glory. Moses and Elijah represent the old Testament. The focus turns to Jesus as the new prophet and teacher. The disciples are afraid, but Jesus tells them not to fear as they are being taken somewhere new with their faith stronger. Jesus leads the disciples back down, reminding them that faith is lived out in daily life. Lent is a time to prepare our hearts for Easter remembering that no matter what we face, God is always leading us forward to a new life. Lent is a time to grow in faith, to listen more closely to Jesus and to trust in God's plan. May we continue this journey with open hearts holding onto hope knowing He is with us and we are never alone..</p>			
<b>Mass times</b>		<b>Feast Days</b>	
<b>6pm: Confessions</b> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<p><b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> St Romanus and St Lupicinus</b> Two brothers who founded two monasteries, Condat and Leuconne, in the forests of the Jura Mountains between France and Switzerland. Their sister started a nunnery nearby where no men were allowed to enter. The two brothers acted as joint abbots who imposed very austere conditions for the monks who as well as their religious practices spent much of their time in very hard labour. They never touched meat, only used milk and eggs when they were ill. They wore wooden shoes and skins of animals sewn together that was not much protection in winter. Romanus died on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 460 and his brother Lupicinus 20 years later.</p>		
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>	
<b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	<p><b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> St Chad</b> Born about 634 in Northumbria, the youngest of 4 brothers who all became priests, two of them bishops. Taught by Bishop Aidan at Lindisfarne. Monk in Ireland. Appointed Abbot of Lastingham by his brother Bishop Cedd. Appointed Bishop of York by King Oswy in the absence of St Wilfred. Returned to Lastingham when St Wilfred returned. Then Archbishop Theodore of Canterbury made him Bishop of Mercia. Made his centre Lichfield and converted many in the Midlands of England away from paganism including King Wulfere and his Queen. First Bishop of Lichfield. The Catholic Cathedral in Birmingham, the seat of the Archbishop of Birmingham, is named St Chad's.</p>		
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<p><b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> St Katharine Drexel</b> Born in 1858 in America, youngest of two sisters. Her mother died and her father remarried and had another daughter. A loving prayerful family who helped the poor. Three girls promoted the rights of Native Indian Americans and Black Afro Americans opposed by Ku Klux Klan. Set up schools and missions. Katherine founded Order of nuns, <i>Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament</i>, to work with the two ethnic groups. She started a Training College in New Orleans to train teachers in teaching the Afro-American pupils. This became the Xavier University, the first Catholic University in the South for Indian and Black students. She established Convent in Columbus, Ohio, Chicago, Boston and New York. Katherine died on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1955 aged 96.</p>		
<b>SVP Social</b> <b>1 pm to 3 pm</b>	<p><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> St Casimir of Poland</b> Born in 1458 at Wawel Castle, Kraków, Poland second son of King Casimir IV of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania. Prince Casimir was brought up by his loving mother and a priest. Prayerful youth who helped the poor. Involved in a war and had to lead an army aged only 13. Made peace much to the annoyance of his father. Vowed never to take up arms again. Became a young man of exceptional intellect, education, humility and friendliness. Pleaded with his father to act more justly. Gave his wealth to the poor. Refused marriage. Austere and holy life. Eventually gave way to his father and took over the Lithuania Chancellery. Extremely able in problem solving and resolving conflicts with gentleness. Died 4<sup>th</sup> March 1484 aged 25</p>		
<b>6,30 pm Mass</b>			

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> St Piran** Born about 420 in Ireland. Became a monk and founded a monastery in County Offaly. His austere beliefs upset some monks. They tied him to a mill-stone and rolled him over a cliff into stormy water. Water calmed and he landed in Cornwall at Perranzabuloe, near present day Perranporth. Known in Ireland as Ciarán of Saighir but in Cornwall as Piran. Lived as a hermit. First disciples a badger, a fox and a bear. His sanctity and austerity won him veneration. Joined by many Christian converts. Rediscovered tin smelting which had been started in Roman times. St Piran's flag, a white cross on a black background, represents tin smelting rising to the top from the black tin bearing ore. Founded Abbey of Lanpiran as abbot. He died in 480 and was buried at Perranzabuloe. St Piran's Cross is in the Perranporth sand dunes there. Patron saint of tin miners.

**NO MASS**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> St Colette of Corbie** Born 1381 in France. Carpenter's daughter. Orphaned aged 17. Tried being a lay religious in 2 Orders. Then a Franciscan hermit aged 21 for 4 years. Had visions of St Francis of Assisi to make the *Poor Clares* observe stricter rules of austerity. Antipope Benedict XIII gave her powers to reform the *Poor Clares*. Sister Colette met a lot of opposition to her new rules of austerity. Eventually she started new convents with rule of absolute poverty and went barefoot. Rules of fasting and abstinence were made for the reformed *Poor Clares*. Founded 18 convents in her lifetime with her nuns that were known as *Colettine Sisters*. Died 6<sup>th</sup> March 1447 aged 66.

**NO MASS**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March St Perpetua and St Felicity** Perpetua was of noble birth and had a young baby. Felicity was a pregnant slave girl. With others they were arrested in Carthage, North Africa for wanting to be Christians in 203. Both were baptised as Christians in prison. Felicity gave birth to her baby. Roman Emperor Severus had not persecuted Christians in Rome and saved many from pagan groups. However, pagan mobs in Carthage hated Christians and Jews. The two babies were taken from them and they were tried and condemned to be thrown to the wild beasts in the Coliseum in Carthage. Both eventually died by the sword as martyrs with their companions.

**6pm Confessions  
6.30pm Vigil Mass**

**9.30 am Mass Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March Third Sunday of Lent**

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**Your prayers are needed for the following people**

Ann Drumgoole Hazel Sale Mary Light Trevor Delves Pat Sweeney

**NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**NO MASS THIS WEEK ON THURSDAY**

**Special Second Collection this weekend for CAFOD Family Fast Day which was last Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

CAFOD is the Catholic charity in England and Wales which is part of the international charity of *Caritas*, the charity in the Church which is bigger than the Red Cross in its outreach to the poor and vulnerable throughout the world. As the parish can now only collect gift aid on contributions to the parish and diocese, charities such as CAFOD can only collect gift aid themselves if individuals paying tax give them their details. Consequently CAFOD envelopes must be used at Masses this weekend with your details if you wish gift aid to be claimed with your donation. Please be generous so that CAFOD can give help and support to areas of the world suffering floods and cyclones and other parts that have experienced extreme hunger caused by the impact of war, conflict and droughts.

**Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 1pm to 3 pm**

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes or 2 hours, whatever suits you.

**Mass times for the period of Lent**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday: Mass at 9.30 am

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Reconciliation Service at 5.30 pm followed by Mass at 6.30 pm

Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Maundy Thursday Mass at 7.30 pm

Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 2.30 pm Good Friday Service at 3 pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Vigil Mass at 8 pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Sunday Mass at 9.30pm

**Please keep in your prayers Pat Sweeney who had a stroke on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Pat is progressing well at the moment and hopefully should leave hospital soon when a care package of support can be arranged. Please remember her and her family in your prayers so she can recover as soon as possible.

**CAFOD Big Lent Walk on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March on Southampton Common**

There is a parish CAFOD team in the City Centre parish of St Edmund and St Joseph who will be walking so if you are interested in taking part you can join them. The kilometres covered should be sponsored to raise funds for CAFOD who give assistance to people in need all over the world. All prayers, footsteps and donations will be most gratefully received for CAFOD. Marina Joyce for more information at: [mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mjoyce@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

To sign up or donate see: <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/citycentresouthampton>

**Parish collection for last weekend 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

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Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£40	£10	£170.75	£242.54	£51.98	£515.27				<b>£515.27</b>