



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st March 2026 AD

Year A (Cycle II – Psalter Week 2)

Welcome to St Patrick’s Church. In today’s Gospel we hear how Jesus was ‘transfigured’ in glory. On Tabor mountain Jesus is changed in the presence of His apostles and He tells them not to be afraid. We are, sometimes, called to carry the hardships of this life in the knowledge that Jesus is our only help and only guide. He calls us to be prepared to leave behind certain things, to follow Him and to proclaim the Gospel.

First Reading: Genesis 12:71-4a — *The call of Abram, the father of the People of God*  
 Responsorial Psalm: **May Your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in You, O LORD.** (Psalm 33)  
 Second Reading: Timothy 1:8b-10 — *Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more*  
 Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to You, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.**  
 From a bright cloud, the Father’s Voice was heard:  
 “This is My beloved Son, listen to Him”.  
**Glory to You, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.** (cf. Matthew 15:5)  
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1- — *His face shone like the sun*  
 Communion Antiphon: **This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
 listen to Him.** (Matthew 17:5)

NEXT WEEK: Second Collection for AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

| Day   | Time      | Service                                   | Intention   |  |
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| <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>                  | 1st March | <b>10:30am</b><br><b>11:00am</b>          | <b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b><br><b>SUNG MASS</b>  | <b>People of the Parish and Olga Sabattini</b> |
| Tuesday<br><b>Lent Feria</b>                  | 2nd March | <b>10:00am</b><br><b>6:00pm</b>           | <b>Rosary</b><br><b>Station Mass (St Edmund’s, Horndean)</b>  |  |
| Wednesday<br><b>Lent Feria</b>                | 3rd March | <b>10:30am</b><br>2:00pm<br><b>7:00pm</b> | <b>Mass</b><br>Pastoral Meeting<br><b>Lent Course—Wilderness in the Bible</b>                             | <b>Adeline McEvoy RIP (FM)</b>                 |
| Thursday<br><b>Lent Feria</b>                 | 4th March | 9:00am<br>2:45pm<br><b>4:00pm</b>         | Bishop’s Council of Priests Meeting<br>Funeral Service at The Oaks, Crem.<br><b>Stations of the Cross</b> | Ann Mary O’Mahony RIP                          |
| Friday<br><b>Lent Feria [Lenten Fast Day]</b> | 5th March | <b>10:30am</b>                            | <b>Mass</b>   | <b>Joan Ramsbottom RIP</b>                     |
| Saturday<br><b>Lent Feria</b>                 | 6th March | 5:00pm<br>7:00pm                          | Vigil Mass at Ss Thomas’s, Emsworth<br>Pastoral Area Quiz Night (Sacred Heart)                            |  |
| <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>                   | 7th March | <b>10:30am</b><br><b>11:00am</b>          | <b>Reconciliation (Confession)</b><br><b>SUNG MASS</b>  | <b>People of the Parish</b>                    |

**Prayers For The Sick:** Wendy Field, Mary Webb, Patricia Church, John Nowaczewski, Peter van der Merwe, Maureen & Gerard Cronin, Mike Peacock, Liam Brice, Mick O’Mahony, Lizann de Souza, Liz Parkinson, Kevin Conroy, Maria Gaye, Balthazar Martin.

**Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of those recently departed:** Ann Mary O’Mahony

**and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Brian Thomas Parker (Sun) Christine Pycroft, Adam Scammell (Wed) Adeline McEvoy (Thu) Alice Matilda Silverton (Fri) Damian Szarach

Queen Alexandra Hospital Chaplaincy Number : 023 9228 6000

Parish 24 Hour Emergency Number : 07584 661318 (Fr Mark)

Parishioners/Relatives may request Parish Visitors to call by sending an email to: [visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:visiting.hayi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS.  
This is a time to gather and share fellowship with the family of God.

## NOTICES:

 **Lenten Lunches** are shared meals of a soup and a roll in various places around Hayling Island on a Friday. The Lunches raise money for *Christian Aid* and for *Cafod*. The venues this year are as follows: **6th March at 12:00pm - St Patrick's Church Hall** / 13th March at 12:00pm- St Mary's Church / 20th March at 12.00pm - St Andrew's Church (held in St Mary's Church hall) / 27th March – tba / Saturday 28th March 12.00pm - Hayling Christian Centre (Elim Church)

 **Lent Bible Studies** will be starting on **Wednesday 25th February at 7:00pm** in Church. Fr Mark will guide us through a series of Scripture passages where the Bible depicts stories of "being in the wilderness" culminating with the very foundation of Lent, Jesus spending forty days and forty nights alone in the wilderness with Satan tempting Him. Everyone is welcome. If you have your own Bible, please bring it with you. If you are looking for a new Bible; the Lectionary now uses the *English Standard Version* (Catholic Edition), while Scriptural and Theology Faculties use the *New Revised Standard Version* (Catholic Edition).

 **Station Masses for Lent:** These will happen on **each Tuesday** evening in **Lent** and will be the only Masses available on those days. Each week we will have a **Holy Hour** starting at **6:00pm** with opportunities for Reconciliation (Confession), with **Mass** starting at **7:00pm**.  
**3rd March**—St Edmunds, Horndean / **10th March**—St Colman's, Cosham / **17th March**—St Patrick's, Hayling Island (*Feast Day*) / **24th March**—St Michael and All Angels', Leigh Park. Deacon Nick O'Neil will be the preacher.

 **Hayling Holiday Lunches:** The collection of food for takes place on the second Sunday of each month. It can get rather confusing when the second Sunday falls very early in each month, therefore... The next collection dates are:  
**Sunday 8th March** / Sunday 12th April / Sunday 10th May

 **Repository** - New stock, including St Patrick's Day and Easter cards, and knitted Easter chicks are on sale (suitable for Cadbury's creme eggs (or similar). First Communion and Confirmation cards are available and if you would like something that you cannot see, please ask to look in the catalogue and it can be ordered. There are still some crosses in pockets on sale for £1, they are easy to put in with a card and always appreciated by the recipient.

 We are looking for six volunteer Fire Wardens to help with organising proceedings in the event of a fire. You will need to be fairly fit and healthy and certainly very mobile. Only three will need to be on duty at any one time but, in order to fulfil the role, regular attendance would be required. Enquiries to Fr Mark.

 **We have three Alpha courses running from the first week in March, starting:**  
Monday 2nd March - 7:00-9:00pm, at **St Coleman's Church, Cosham**  
Tuesday 3rd March - 7:00-8:30pm Online  
Thursday 5th March - 7:00-9:00pm, at a parishioner's home in Hayling Island.  
Further information email [alpha@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk](mailto:alpha@jesusprinceofpeace.org.uk) or scan the QR code:



 **The Catholic Women's League** has its next meeting on Tuesday 3rd March at 2:00pm in the Hall. Any ladies who are new to the Parish, would be most welcome to come along and meet us all. Also any not so new ladies would also be very welcome.  
**Future date for your diary** - the following week, on **Wednesday 11th March** also in the Hall, there will Bingo. Please pass the word around. If Bingo is not for you, you may find your neighbour is an avid fan. All proceeds to CWL charities.

 **The Justice and Peace Group** of Jesus Christ Prince of Peace Pastoral Area is this Saturday at 4:00pm in St Coleman's hall. Fr Andrew will give some background as to why 'Justice and Peace' is such a strong theme within the Church, . Secondly, there will be a talk by someone who has been involved as a church volunteer in end of life care at the Rowan's Hospice and QA Hospital. They will share their experience. After both talks there will be time for sharing , discussion with tea and cake!. There is a Vigil mass at St Coleman's at 6:00pm.

 On the 3rd Sunday of Lent there will be an appeal for the charity *Aid to the Church in Need*. This charity specifically helps our fellow Catholics in those parts of the world where Christians are suffering. In particular helping in those many parts of the world where Catholics are being persecuted or attacked for their faith.

 The Third Field has been sold, to pay for the maintenance and upgrading of the Church Grave Yard in accordance with the wishes of the Parish of St Patrick, Hayling Island and with the permission of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth.

**Church Hall** Should you wish to book the Church Hall please telephone Denzil on 07791 776148

For News on all Churches in the Pastoral Area of Jesus, Prince of Peace: <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/havant-pastoral-area/>