

Mass times and intentions: 28th February – 08th March 2026

Saturday	28	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 18.00 – Intentions of Sr. Immaculata and Sr. Patricia
Sunday	01	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	02	No Mass
Tuesday	03	Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent 10.00 – Karen Shan RIP
Wednesday	04	Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent 10.00 – Chrisil – Thanksgiving and a good job
Thursday	05	Thursday of the Second Week of Lent 10.00 – Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow – good health
Friday	06	Friday of the Second Week of Lent 10.00 – Angelina Diy - Thanksgiving
Saturday	07	Saturday of the Second Week of Lent 10.00 – Maria and Joakim – Thanksgiving
		THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
		18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	08	11.30 – Joseph and Albertina D’Cruz

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary** – Wednesday & Thursday, after the Holy Mass
- **Stations of the Cross** – Tuesday, Friday & Saturday, after the Holy Mass

Mass Intentions / Offerings: Special envelopes are available at the back of Church. If you would like Mass offered on a particular date or anniversary, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better. Thank you for your co-operation.

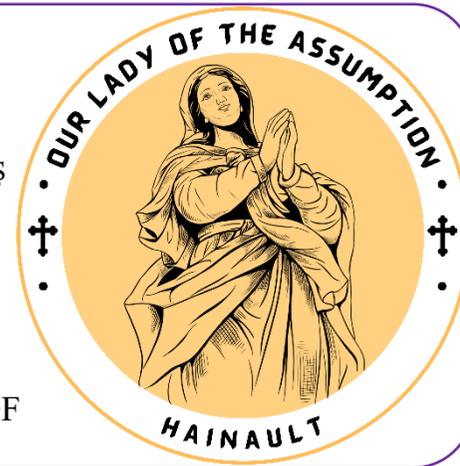
Mass Attendance last weekend: 252

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 584.25

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 01st March 2026

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass
738 – Thou whose almighty Word (v. 1, 3, 4)

Responsorial Psalm:

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

- 301** – Immortal, invisible, God only wise (v. 1, 2, 4)
- 90** – Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation
- 147** – Do not be afraid
- 233** – Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last Sunday we saw Jesus in the desert, hungry and tempted. Today, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we see him on a mountain, full of light. It is as if the Church gently tells us: the journey is not only struggle and sacrifice; there is also light, there is also comfort. God never leaves us without hope.

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. He does not take everyone - only a few. He brings them closer. And there, while he is praying, his face shines and his clothes become bright as light. For a moment, the disciples see who he truly is. Not only the tired teacher walking dusty roads. Not only the man who will suffer. But the beloved Son of the Father.

The Transfiguration is not a show. It is a gift. It is a moment of light before the darkness of the cross. Jesus knows that his disciples will struggle when they see him suffer. So, he gives them this moment of glory, so that when the night comes, they can remember: we have seen his glory.

In our lives, there are also moments like this. Short but strong moments when we feel God's presence more clearly. Maybe during deep prayer. Maybe at the birth of a child. Maybe when forgiveness is given after years of tension. Maybe in the silence of an empty church. These are moments when the heart says, "God is here."

Peter, overwhelmed by beauty, says, "Lord, it is good that we are here. Let us build three tents." This is also our reaction. When we experience something beautiful, we want to stay there. We do not want to go back to normal life. But Jesus does not let them stay on the mountain. The light is not given to escape the world. It is given to strengthen us for the journey.

Life is not lived on the mountain. It is lived in the valley - where there is sickness, conflict, misunderstanding, tiredness. But if we have climbed the mountain with the Lord, if we have tasted his light, then we can go back down differently. With more trust.

In the first reading, God tells Abraham, "Go from your country." It is a call to move, to trust. And in the Gospel, the Father says, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Lent is exactly this: leaving our comfort and learning to listen to Jesus. To listen to him sometimes means forgiving when we do not want to. Staying silent when we could hurt someone. Being patient when we are tired. Praying even when we feel nothing. To listen means trusting that his way - even if it passes through the cross - leads to life.

Think of a mother who, in the middle of daily worries, finds a few minutes in the evening to pray. Think of a father who, even when overwhelmed, comes to church and says, "Lord, I need you." Think of a young person who chooses to tell the truth, even when it costs something. These are mountain moments. These are moments of light.

The Gospel says that when the voice from heaven spoke, the disciples fell to the ground in fear. But Jesus came, touched them, and said, "Rise, do not be afraid." What a tender gesture. He does not scold them. He does not rush them. He touches them.

We also need this touch - in our fears, our doubts, our tiredness. Jesus does not say, "Handle it yourself." He says, "Rise. Do not be afraid."

When the disciples lift their eyes, they see no one but Jesus alone. Maybe this is the simplest and deepest message of this Sunday: in the end, Jesus remains. When emotions pass, when the bright moments fade, when life becomes ordinary again - he remains.

Lent is not only about sacrifice. It is about climbing the mountain with Jesus, receiving light, and then walking back into daily life with him. And in all things, hearing the voice of the Father: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

If during these forty days we do just one thing - listen more to Jesus - then slowly, gently, our own lives will begin to shine.

Amen.

• **Sunday Rosary Before Holy Mass**

Every Sunday, at **11:00 am**, before Holy Mass, the Legion of Mary will lead the Holy Rosary, praying together with all those present.

Everyone is warmly invited to join this beautiful time of prayer as we entrust our families, our parish, and our intentions to Our Blessed Mother.

All are most welcome to be part of this prayer group.

• **With Loving Memories and Prayer (revised vigil and funeral dates)**

With heavy hearts, we share the news that our dear parishioner Silveen Bakose Pritchard passed away on 8th February 2026, at the age of 91. She was a much-loved member of our community for 45 years.

Her Vigil will be on Monday, 09th March at 7:00pm and the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on **Tuesday, 10th March** at 11:30am with burial at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Leyton. A reception will follow at 2:00pm.

May the Lord welcome her into His eternal embrace, and may Mary, our Mother, comfort all who mourn. Amen.

• **2nd Collection this Weekend**

There will be a second collection after this weekend's Masses for CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Thank you!

• **A Brief Time Away**

I would like to inform you that from **10–20 March** I will be away on holiday. During this time, another priest will kindly take care of the parish and celebrate Holy Mass. As we all know, each of us needs moments of rest from our usual responsibilities. Taking a short break allows us to return refreshed, with renewed energy and joy to serve the Lord and our community. I kindly ask you to keep me in your prayers during these days, and please be assured of my prayers for you as well. Let us continue to support one another in prayer, as one parish family.

Thank you for your understanding and your constant support.

• **Easter Raffle – Join the Joy of Giving!**

Tickets for this year's Easter Raffle will be available starting **7th March**.

We are delighted to prepare a beautiful **Easter Hamper** along with a selection of delicious **Easter Eggs** as prizes. To make this raffle even more special, we warmly welcome and deeply appreciate any donations. A collection box will be placed at the back of the Church for your contributions. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards the **Church Fund**, supporting the life and mission of our parish community. The raffle draw will take place during our **Coffee Morning on 29th March** - we look forward to sharing this joyful moment together!