

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 22nd February 2026, First Sunday of Lent (A) 8.00am Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite 10.30am Mass (Walter Borucki RIP) 6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)	Thursday 26th February, Feria 10.00am Mass
Monday 23rd February, Feria No Mass	Friday 27th February, Feria 10.00am Mass
Tuesday 24th February, Feria 10.00am Mass	Saturday 28th February, Feria 9.20am - Stations of the Cross 10.00am - Mass (Antonio Olivera RIP)
Wednesday 25th February, Feria 6.00pm - Rosary 6.20pm - Stations of the Cross 7.00pm - Mass	Sunday 1st March 2026, Second Sunday of Lent (A) 10.30am Mass (Marlene Kaczykowski RIP) 1.30pm Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite 6.30pm Mass (The people of the parish)

A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOSE: Dear family members and friends: "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God". As we have entered the season of Lent, let these words resound in our ears. Lent is a time to reflect more on God and on his love and mercy. There may be times of trials in our life. But it is the hand of God which always protects us and supports us. Today's Gospel speaks about the three temptations that Jesus had to face in the wilderness. With the power he attained through prayer and fasting he could overcome all those. And Jesus teaches three main things: "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test", "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." Amen

"WE DARE TO ASK" BOOKLET AND LENTEN COURSE - This year's Lenten resource from the Catholic Bishop's of England and Wales is inviting parishioners to prepare their hearts and minds to renew their Baptismal promises during the Easter celebrations. Through Baptism, we are united with Christ and given our mission to image him in our homes and communities. While the world tempts us in all manner of ways yet by God's grace, we can turn back to him with contrite hearts to ask his mercy and forgiveness. We stand to renew our Baptismal promises: to ask for his life, his grace and to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to renew and restore our covenant relationship with Jesus, that we may live in an ever-deepening union with him as his baptised son or daughter.

We have some copies of the booklet available priced £3 each. Please ask Thereza if you would like a copy. The 'We dare to Ask' online course - each week has been split out each of the sessions into its own page - can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-ask/>

REPOSITORY - LENT RESOURCE: 'WALK WITH ME' - including daily reflections and prayers for Lent is now available in the repository shop for £1.50. Please get your copy now. There are also children's Lenten calendars available.

LENT RETREAT AT ST. TERESA'S - "THE WAY OF THE CROSS" - All Parishioners are invited to a Lent Retreat led by their Union of Catholic Mother's (UCM) group on Saturday 14th March 2026 from 10.00am to 2.30pm. It will begin with Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The day will include meditations, talks, times of quiet, The Way of the Cross in the afternoon, and opportunities for individual confessions. All are warmly invited for all or part of the day. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks provided.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE KENT EVENT - Thursday 26 February 2026 'Rooted in Love' - Growing in Faith Together (GIFT). It's an online monthly meet up to hear a scripture reading and discuss ideas relevant to married Catholic couples / couples where one is RC / or an individual RC spouse meeting once a month for 1 hour at 8.30pm - 9.30pm. Contact Carole on: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION TODAY - due to a glitch on the contactless machine last week we will, again, hold a second collection this week for the Clergy Support Fund.

COLLECTIONS - Last week - £585.35 (£185 Gift Aid + £192.35 loose plate and machine + £208 standing order). Thank you. Second collection today - Clergy Support Fund £71.23

LENT TIMETABLE

RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY - Wednesday at 6.00pm prior to Stations of the Cross.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - throughout Lent there will be Stations of the Cross each **Wednesday at 6.20pm** prior to 7pm Mass and **Saturday at 9.20am** prior to the 10am Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - there will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each **Friday** after the morning Mass until 11am.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast down to hell Satan and all other evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

CONFESSIONS

After 10am Mass
Saturday and on request

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for:
Francesca Baker,
Emma Baker,
Tricia Coppin,
Luke Fellowes,
George McQuillan,
Agnes
Perinpanayagam,
Raymond
Trumpfheller,
Kitty O'Mahoney,
Gerard Quinn,
Pulkeria Msoka,
Susannah John,
Emma Broad,
Peter Vokes,
Dorothy Wiseman,
Ken Gwam
Frankie Lanzino,
Maria McCarthy,
Zita Wilkinson,
Marie Columb
Maureen Woods
Beryl Swaffer
Frances
Fr. Jose
Guy Beresford
Maria Lanzino
Mark Pickett
John Butcher