



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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Second Sunday of Lent 1st March 2026



Listen to Him

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses. Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter. But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design...from before time began."

With his promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity. He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be father of a host of nations. In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham he raised up Moses, and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons.

In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfils his divine plan from of old. He is not only a new Moses, but is Jesus also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David. Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well-pleased. Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today.

By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham. He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised.

We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death. So

like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

Lenten Programme

Stations of the Cross - will be held after the 10.00am Wednesday Mass and every Friday (except Good Friday) at 7.00pm, during Lent.

Children's Station of the Cross - will be held on Good Friday at 10.30am.

Retreat Day - Saturday 7th March - From 11.00am - 3.00pm. The retreat will be led by Fr Nicholas Crowe, who is the Provincial for the Dominican Order in England. Please invite friends along to join this day. Lunch will be provided.

Reconciliation - Saturday 14th March - From 10.30-12.30pm a visiting priest and Fr. Denis will be available for confessions. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during this time.

Confession - every Saturday from 5.45pm-6.15pm or on request.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Every Saturday evening from 5.15pm-6.15pm and every Wednesday from 10.30am-11.30am.

A Prayer for Lent

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection This Lent, your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions - such as on flood-resistant floating gardens. Collect a CAFOD envelope or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 17th - 24th July 2026 Join Archbishop Moth on this year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Registration is now open at: www.pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk or via the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.

Sunday Reading: Parish Mass Page 155

Lenten Appeal As we continue our journey through Lent, thank you to everyone who has already supported the Lenten Appeal. The priorities of the appeal touch the lives of parishioners every day: families seeking support, young people shaping their future, individuals facing difficult circumstances, and parishes responding with care and compassion. This special Appeal provides a meaningful way for people to contribute to our shared work. I invite you to pray, to reflect, and to give as you are able, so that together we may continue this vital work of faith, hope, and love across our diocese. www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal

Repository We now have a good selection of St. Patrick's Day cards and other new items on the repository table. Easter cards will be on sale from the beginning of March. You can pay with cash or contactless card but If you are paying by card would you please make a note of the amount and the date in the notebook provided next to the card machine, many thanks.

Craft & Chat Our next meeting is this coming Friday 6th March. 9.30 to 11am.

World Day of Prayer This year the World Day of Prayer Service, prepared by the women of Nigeria, will be held at St Mary's Church in Baldock on Friday 6th March at 1.30pm, followed by refreshments. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Are you an adult non-Catholic interested in exploring what the Catholic faith is about? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? If your answer is yes then it may be that the RCIA is for you. The RCIA consists of regular weekly meetings, which start on the 6th May at 7.30pm. If you would like to find out more please speak to Fr. Denis.

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish, especially *Fr. Philip Law, Tony Galvin, Mairead Kirk, Liz McCaul* and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially **Martin Gratte** and **Giovanni Perricone** and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Margarita Malone, Mary Ann Wrighton, Patrick Callinan, Jan Godiewski, Ellen Summers, Maureen Page, Julia Spraggs, Peter Gwozdz, Joanne Keeton, Iwan Ilkiw, Patricia Picking, John Clayton.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 28th	6.30pm	<i>Tum Reade RIP</i>
Sun 1st	8.30am 10.30am	<i>Mark Jordan - RIP People of the Parish</i>
Mon 2nd	10.00am	
Tue 3rd	10.00am	
Wed 4th	10.00am	<i>Malachi Mbeutcha's 6th B'day</i>
Thu 5th	10.00am	<i>Anthony (Tony) Knight - RIP</i>
Fri 6th	No Mass	

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis.

Children's Liturgy: Takes place during the 10.30am Mass except on the First Sunday of the Month (Family Mass) and during school holidays.

The Vigil Mass (6.30pm) and the Sunday Mass (10.30am) can be watched online via the Parish Facebook Page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.**

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Parish Safeguarding Officers have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk within the Parish.

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Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals for further details please speak to Fr. Denis, look at the website or contact the parish office.

Church Hall Bookings the church hall is available to be booked for groups or celebrations. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group for boys & girls aged 6-14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

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