

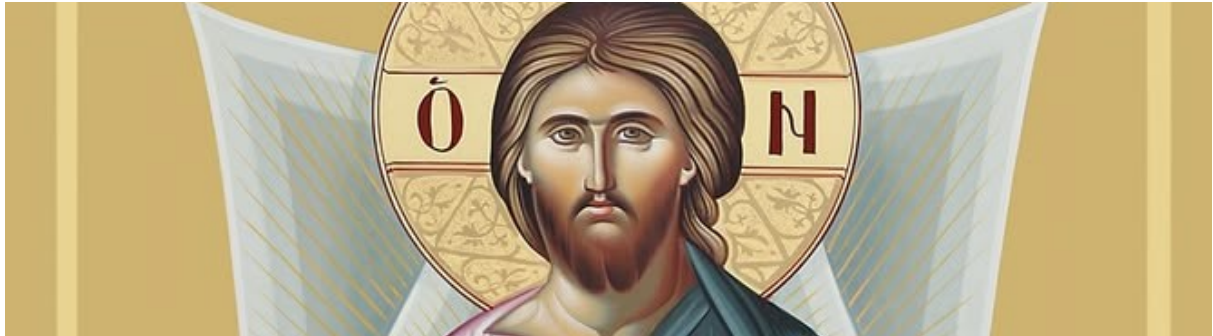
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Thu 6pm
Sat 8:15pm & Sun 9am & 11am

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 2026



“This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.” Matthew 17:5

**LENTEN
 APPEAL
 2026**

Please consider donating to this Sunday's retiring collection for **The Lenten Appeal** across our Diocese to support one shared mission through Education, Youth and Evangelisation, Marriage and Family Life and Social Action. You can also donate using the QR code or visiting www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal. Alternatively, there is a slot marked "Lenten Appeal" at the safe in the porch where you can post envelopes or donations. Thank you for helping our diocesan family to continue this vital work.



Mass Schedule

Sat 28 th February	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 1 st March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9am Pro Populo 11am Jakub & Woytus
Mon 2 nd March	NO MASS
Tue 3 rd March	12:30pm Ogle St parishioners
Wed 4 th March	12:30pm Sr Pauline Forde's ints
Thu 5 th March	12:30pm Wanda's intentions 6pm Una Cunningham RIP
Fri 6 th March	12:30pm Martin Abraham RIP

"Last Saturday at the Rite of Election we welcomed almost 800 people – either preparing for Baptism or Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church ... The example of our catechumens and candidates must surely be an encouragement for us all as they join the Church in her great mission."

The message we carry is the Lord Himself, dwelling within us through our Baptism and our Confirmation. We need not fear the task to which we are called: the Lord is with us at every step. Our encounter with Him in the Eucharist is our strength. Our meeting with Him in our daily prayer is our sustenance and through the promptings of the Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, we shall always be given the words to say and the way in which we must act." Archbishop Richard Moth

Next Sunday we shall have a retiring collection to help **The Little Sisters of the Poor** to continue to care for the elderly poor in the spirit of humble service. Sr Maria from St Anne's House will be with us to tell us more about their mission.

This Lent donations to **CAFOD** can help people in poor countries to get food on their tables. You can give using the envelope that be found in the porch or online at cafod.org.uk. Thank you.

Next Sunday Fr Benedict SJ will be celebrating the 9am and 11am Masses while I am away in formation. Fr Oscar

Non-perishable, in-date food for the **Foodbank** is gratefully welcome.

Join our WhatsApp group for Sunday's hymns



During Lent: **Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday 6:30 to 7:20am in the Crypt
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday and Thursday 11:30am to 12:20pm in the church with Confessions at midday
Wednesday Word: 10:30 to 11:30am on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome to attend
Stations of the Cross: Fridays after Mass

Hidden Glory



Beloved,

At his Transfiguration the glory of Christ shone forth in all its splendour in order to imprint in the hearts of the disciples the need to continue to listen to the Master as he began to speak about his Passion.

The Father had decreed that the Son would not reveal his glory without revealing at the same time why he deserved it.

And when he gave his life out of love for the Father and his children, he showed himself deserving of eternal glory for himself and for all who avail themselves of his grace and can in this way get to merit it also.

During this week's Lenten retreat with Pope Leo, Bishop Erik Varden said:

*"The Church reminds women and men of the glory secretly alive in them."**

Yes, glory is 'secretly alive' in those who die to themselves in order to love and serve God and their neighbour.

I remember a married couple who had experienced together many hardships including joblessness

and a serious car accident with multiple health problems as a result of it.

Grateful to God for their survival and for the blessings they had received, they came to England on mission leaving their eight grown up children behind in Spain.

They argued every day because they felt entirely free to be themselves in front of each other, even if this brought frustration to both of them.

On the day that we celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Mass, the presence of the divine glory was overwhelming.

It was crystal clear that only God could have sustained their union through all those many years and inspired them to continue to love each other in spite of all their imperfections and to help each other along the way of holiness.

On that day, through this Christian married couple, the Church gifted me with an unforgettable reminder of the glory 'secretly alive' in men and women.

Fr Oscar,

*For the full conference, see:
<https://coramfratribus.com/life-illuminated/glory-2/>