

Masses and Intentions Second Week of Lent

Saturday 16th March 10:00 Health/blessings Alojzia & Jan Grestiakova
Lent feria

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday 16th March 17:30 Repose of holy souls
Sunday 17th March 10:00 Justin O'Neill
18:30 People of the parish

Monday 18th March 09.15 Philip Brown RIP
Lent feria

Tuesday 19th March 09:15 Mrs Anna O'Rourke RIP
Solemnity: St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 20th March 09.15 Repose of Holy Souls
Lent feria

Thursday 21st March 08:00 Repose of Holy Souls
Lent feria

Friday 22nd March 12.00 Stations of the Cross
Lent feria 12:30 Repose of Holy Souls

Saturday 23rd March 10:00 Repose of Holy Souls
Lent feria

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday 23rd March 17:30 Eileen Connolly RIP

Sunday 24th March 10:00 Health/blessings Alojzia & Jan Grestiakova
18:30 People of the parish

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Second Sunday of Lent, 17 March 2019

“As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.”

Luke 9, 29

Confessions:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15
Exposition & Benediction:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.00
Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday	16.45

THE SEASON OF LENT

The parish Lent Course on The Creed continues on Monday 18 March at 19.30hrs in the Cenacle with an exploration of the God the Father almighty in the Creed.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 12 noon.

CAFOD

A second collection will be taken after all Masses in aid of CAFOD. If you have envelopes with you, put them in there or just make a donation today.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, READING SEEKS NEW CATHOLIC GOVERNORS

St Joseph's College, the only Catholic Independent School in the Reading area is seeking to recruit new Governors, particularly people with skills in any of the following areas: IT, Health, Safeguarding, Finance or HR. For more information, please contact David Hallé, Chair of Governors on chair@sjcr.org.uk or on 07484 318174 or <https://sjcr.org.uk>.

LAST WEEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid £104.65 Loose £457.16
Standing Orders £484.00

EASTER FLOWER FUND

There will be a box at the back of the church throughout Lent to gather contributions for the Easter flower fund. Many thanks in advance for your support.

THANK YOU

'The daughters of Mrs Ruby Mason would like to express their sincere gratitude to Fr Patrick, the choir and all who helped with their mother's funeral Mass, please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.'

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2019

["For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God"](#) (Rm 8:19)

Full message available online through the link.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led".

Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle
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Second Sunday of Lent (Year C - Luke): Abraham is often called the father of faith, and attention is paid to his unquestioning willingness to do as God asks him. However, the story from today's OT reading shows that he also had doubts. This incident takes place at night, which may be symbolic of his desire to know how and where God is at work in his life. His doubts do not put a distance between himself and God; rather they are the impetus for a new stage in the relationship. All of us who are on the journey of faith experience times of doubt and darkness, but often these can be the very times God will show himself to us in unexpected ways. The events of Holy Week will demonstrate this in the fullest of ways.

First Reading (OT): Genesis 15, 5 - 12, 17 - 18: If last week's first reading gave us a summary of the OT story of salvation, this week's brings us to one of its earliest moments. The word *covenant* defines how God wishes to restore the relationship between himself and humanity and we are told today of an ancient and mysterious ceremony which set the seal on God's friendship with Abraham. In the ancient world a covenant was a binding agreement between two parties which committed them to faithfully observe its stipulations. The ceremony to mark a covenant often involved the type of ritual described in this reading. The symbolism of cutting the animals in half was a pointer to the fate of anyone who broke the covenant. At the beginning of today's reading, we see that Abram (as he is still called) is questioning God's earlier promise to him to give him many descendants and a land for them to inherit. It is in response to his doubts that God enters into a covenant with him. This agreement is unusual in that only one party to it is committed to act. God here takes the initiative to be faithful to his promises: Abraham needs only let his plan unfold.

Second Reading (NT): Philippians 3, 17 - 4, 1: In this part of his letter to the early Christians of Philippi, Paul begins his appeal to the community to be true to the Christian way of life. Even though he had a very good relationship with the church in Philippi he does not shirk from reminding them that there are many whose lifestyles are contrary to the gospel. Their priorities are focused on the things of this world when in truth they ought to be guided by other realities. The resurrection of Jesus is the destiny which awaits them and this should be the determining factor in how they live. We see once again Paul's conviction that it is the power of the risen Christ at work in the here and now that transforms the lives of those who are faithful to the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 9, 28 - 36: The story of the Transfiguration is told on the 2nd Sunday of Lent each year. This year we will pay particular attention to the features which are unique to Luke. The story itself is well known. The event served two purposes: it provided a glimpse of the glory that awaited the Lord beyond the passion. And it served to encourage his disciples to endure the pain, to avoid despair and to live as a people of hope. The same message is being communicated to us as we continue our Lenten journey. We live with trials, great and small, and the story helps us.

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 157-159