



## Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church

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### First Sunday of Lent

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**21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

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Dear Friends,

The holy season of Lent moves back and forth. It is often described as a journey or pilgrimage. And while it is true and very moving to visit places of pilgrimage, it can also be achieved in our own setting. The secret is not how far you travel but, the disposition of mind we bring this time and the use we make of that time.

The three outward marks are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These can be achieved without drawing any attention to ourselves by outward displays of any kind. The object is not to attract attention but to be in the mood to pray for peace of mind, forgiveness and if we can restore any relationship we may have damaged or upset. Outward displays of fasting are not encouraged as it leads to attention seeking. And finally give something which will challenge you to a good cause. It is the intention that counts but it should challenge our purse as well. The whole operation can be summed up as spring cleaning and making a fresh start.

Blessed ashes (a sign of our mortality) will be distributed at the end of all masses on Wednesday and next weekend also.

### World Day of Prayer March 6<sup>th</sup>

Let's make a big effort to honour the women of Nigeria who speak to us through the liturgy. We are blessed with the presence of many families with Nigerian roots.

### Holy Week 2026

As we enter the holiest season in our liturgical year, we're seeking volunteers to help with welcoming, coordinating, reading and eucharistic ministry at Mass during Holy Week. If you would like to be involved with this, then please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church porch. Thank you.

God Bless you all

Fr, John

### **Please pray for all those who have died recently:**

John Lynch, Kathleen Sampson, Bert Shubrook

*May they rest in peace.*

### **Please pray for all those who are sick at this time:**

Marie Bellizzi, Neil Brackley, Millie Bridger, Josie Cash, Anthony Cheah, Teresa Connell, Pat Conroy, Ray Cookson, Cathy Cowan, Ray Corry, Eddie Cummins, Sue Cummins, Mary Curd, Mary Davies, Mary Dixon, Maggie Duncan, Desmond Fleming, John Fleming, Leo Gibson, Maureen Harker, Ian Harrison, Michele Haygreen, Mary Higton, Alan Jenkins, Ian Joseph, Mary Kearney, Shelley Kimmel, Shirley Livera, Elizabeth MacDermott, Anne MacKenzie, Georgia Mackinlay, Luz Martin, Didier McGaw, Patricia McMahan, Joyce Monserrat, Jasmine Moorehead, Louise Moorehead, Maura Morris, Saura Perez Olmos, Adrei Penkov, Valeria Penkova, Aurora Ramirez, Zofia Reynolds, Moira Sced, Sherry Small, Ralph and Pauline Smith, Godelieve Vandersloten, Jean Watkins, Deborah Wright

*and all those named on the noticeboard in Our Lady's Shrine.*

### Mass Intentions

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Roy Wakefield RIP
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	8.30am	Brian and Wendy Billing RIP
	10.30am	Modesto Cardiente RIP (Glenn Gurrero), Len Williams Jnr RIP (Anne Hodges), Angela Mantanaro RIP (Edward & Margaret Sant)
	5.30pm	Kevin Rayner RIP and Anne and Claire Rayner RIP (John Rayner) T.K. Jose RIP
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	7.30pm	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Zenaid's Intention
	1.00pm	Funeral for Wendy Billing RIP
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Private Intention
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Holy Souls
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Helen O'Hara RIP
	12.00noon	Funeral for Helen O'Hara RIP
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Daphne Twite RIP (20 <sup>th</sup> anniv) (Judith Paciorek, Jan & Christian)
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	8.30am	Helen Campbell RIP (anniv.) (Family)
	10.30am	Maya Grace Tantanini RIP (Grace Allen)
	5.30pm	Anna Kutty Thannickal RIP (Aania & Anora)

#### Retiring Collections

28<sup>th</sup> February/1<sup>st</sup> March

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

7/8<sup>th</sup> March

PCF Third World & Charities

#### Collections for Weekend 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Offertory Collection (cash)	£338.65
Offertory Collection (card readers) (weekly average)	£258.00
Parish Charities Fund (TW&C) (monthly average by card)	£564.00
Gift Aid Collection	£32.00
Standing Orders (Weekly Average)	£1192.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2384.65</b>
<i>PCP Third World</i>	<i>£182.51</i>

#### Stations of the Cross

As we prepare for the holy season of lent we are looking for volunteers to lead the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm on Fridays. If you're willing to help with this then please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church porch. Thank you

#### Salesian College, Farnborough Tour and Talks in March

For prospective parents. This is an opportunity to have a guided tour of the College by one of our Senior Leadership Team and explore a variety of activities across different departments. We also invite you to join us in the refectory for refreshments and a conversation with our Admissions Team, who will be happy to answer any questions. To book your place, please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FNXT>

#### Grandparents' Formation Day

*10-4pm Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April*

*at St. John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham*

Join us for what promises to be a wonderful and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. Mix with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David Wells visit his website:

davidwellslive.com. To register, go to the Events page of the diocesan website: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events). If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Advisor: [simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

#### Lent Small Groups

This year our Lent small groups will use a resource called "We Dare to Ask" featuring five sessions helping us prepare for Easter focusing on the promises made at Baptism. The groups start on Wednesday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> and end on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Groups meet for one hour at 1.15pm on Wednesdays in the parish room at OLQH, 7.30pm on Wednesdays via Zoom, 7.30pm on Fridays at Lindsay Williams' house. Sign-up sheets in the porch. Zoom/Friday details: [lindsay.williams.uk@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.williams.uk@gmail.com) or [jan.paciorek@ntlworld.com](mailto:jan.paciorek@ntlworld.com).