

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Gen. 12: 1-4a; Ps. 32; 2 Tim. 1: 8-10; Matthew 17: 1-9	
Saturday 28th February 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Joseph Antony RIP	Sunday 1st March 2026 (ST. DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES) 8:30am: Pauline Cornell RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 2nd March 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Les Allen RIP (J. Saunders)	Tues. 3rd March 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fred Miller RIP (V. Hull)
Weds. 4th March 2026 (Feria) (ST. CASIMIR) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Bernard Heaphy RIP n/s Stations/Way of the Cross 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sr. Francis Clare McPartlin RIP	Thurs. 5th March 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls, <i>followed by</i> Novena of Miraculous Medal
First Friday WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Fri. 6th March 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Elsie Arthur and Trevor Clark RIP 6:45pm: Stations/Way of the Cross 8pm: World Day of Prayer Service in St Mary of the Crays	First Saturday Sat. 7th March 2026 (Feria) (STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS) A DAY WITH MARY 10.00 am Start and Holy Mass, Confessions throughout the Day 12:15pm Lunch Break c.5:00pm End of Day Further details in Supplement
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Exod. 17: 3-7; Ps. 94; Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 5-42	
Saturday 7th March 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Luigina Guala RIP	Sunday 8th March 2026 8:30am: Maureen Gatrell RIP FM 10:30am: People of the Parish
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Ellen Estherby, Ruth Looker, Edwin Brown, John Rayner, L. Bourke, Danny Boshell, Brendan Hession, Dennis Opara, Sidney Davies, Patricia Hine, Margaret Macklin, Dennis Neligan, Jill Sweby, Michael Clinton, Fred Miller, Teresa Boyle, Michael Gaffney, Luigi Cascarini, W. McHugh, Louise Herreng, Ethel Davis, Harry Sparrowhawk. Thomas Caraccio, Helen Bye, George Ward, Michael Toal.	
JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED IN GLORY.	
On the high mountain Jesus is transfigured in the presence of His apostles. His message to them 'Do not be afraid' reminds us that when God calls us we must bear the hardships of this life in the knowledge that Christ is everything. For Him we are prepared to leave behind all things in order to proclaim His Gospel.	

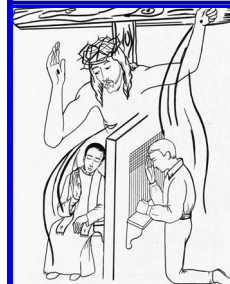


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Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone.



There in their presence He was transfigured; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with Him.



**SACRAMENT OF
PENANCE -
CONFESSION -**
**SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM**
**also, WHENEVER
THE CHURCH
IS OPEN, and
ON REQUEST**

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 21ST/22ND FEBRUARY 2026:

Gift Aid: £189.10; Card: £48; Loose Plate: £134.00 ATTENDANCE: 193

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for THE BUILDING FUND.

Gift-aiders please use one of the envelopes from the back of your box/bundle.

Next weekend: for **EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN UGANDA.**

EVC Uganda are committed to offering a better life to Uganda's poor and orphaned children.

14th/15th March: EASTER CHURCH FLOWERS.

21st/22nd March: for POOR PARISHES.

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The Transfiguration is a good example of the strength and assurance we can derive from prayer while facing the difficulties of life. The purpose of Christ's ascent was to seek divine guidance in quiet prayer. If we are to get away from living the half-life, under cover of darkness, and discover what God's plan is for us, we need periods of peace and tranquillity so that God's voice is not crowded out. It always happens that the more we come to know God the better we come to know ourselves. Prayer is about being in the presence of God, listening to Him and experiencing His strength in our movement through life.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays after 9.15am Holy Mass and **Fridays** at 7.30pm.

Why not visit the social club afterwards on Friday evening, where soft drinks and hot drinks compliment the alcoholic offering. Something for everyone.

Novena to Our Lady Immaculate—The Miraculous Medal:
Thursdays after 9.15am Holy Mass during Lent

SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION LENTEN REFLECTIONS

The Spirituality Commission will be sending daily reflections during Lent featuring Scripture, thoughts and prayers. You can sign up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning: visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/lent>

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St. Thomas More, Bostall Park: Sunday 22nd March at 12 noon

Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen: Friday 27th March at 7pm

St. John Fisher, Bexley: Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm

Our Lady of the Angels, Erith: Wednesday 1st April at 7pm

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

The World Day of Prayer at 8pm here at St. Mary of the Crays.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BEGIN AT 7PM ON THIS EVENING.

100 CLUB: Come and join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund. Your continued support is always appreciated. Thank you.

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of

PATRICIA GOODWIN, who died on the 16th February 2026.

FUNERAL: details to follow.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. MAY HER SOUL, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The next **BINGO SESSION** will be on **SUNDAY 1ST MARCH** at **12:15PM.**

Play all 6 rounds for just £7. The snowball stands at £64 this month.

FISH AND CHIP SUPPER on FRIDAY 13TH MARCH at 8PM.

Tickets for the meal cost £11 and are available from the bar manager until 8th March. Join us after the Stations of the Cross and enjoy a traditional meal with friends (no ticket required if you only want to drink).

The club is open 7.30pm to 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights and 12noon to 4pm on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, the next 2 retreats are 27th Feb-1st Mar 2026 in Swindon and 15th-17th May 2026 in Maidstone, why not find out more at wwme.org.uk

MUSICAL PILGRIMAGE ON THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO JUNE 8TH-14TH 2026

Setting off from Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en-route. **Contact Eddie for more details: gileag@gmail.com; www.eddiegilmore.org**

OUR REPOSITORY SHOP

Come and visit our Repository. We have Mass Cards, Prayer Books and many other items. The shop can be open throughout the week before and after Private Prayer and Holy Mass.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Marie Rogerston, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden and Sean Tansey.

PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?