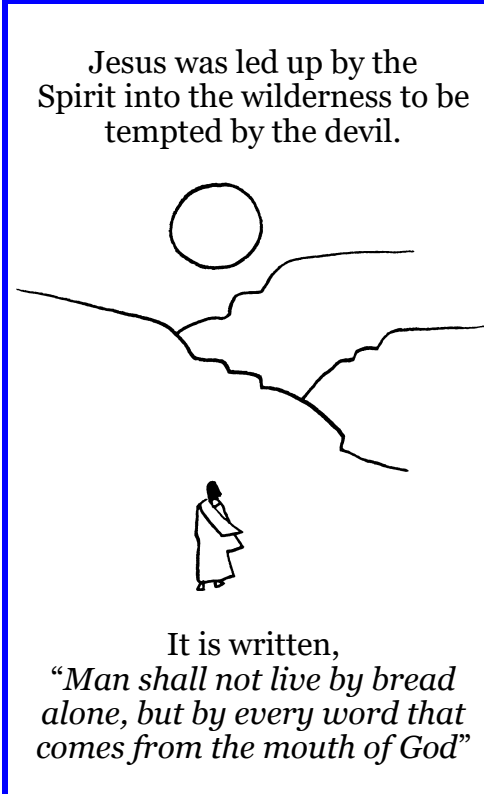


FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)	
Gen. 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7; Ps. 50; Rom. 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11	
Saturday 21st February 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Blessed 11th wedding anniversary Vicky Ellen & Lee Clark	Sunday 22nd February 2026 <i>(The Chair of St Peter the Apostle)</i> 8:30am: Monica Murrell RIP (Ives) 10:30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 23rd Feb. 2026 (Feria) <small>THE TRANSFERRED FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF ST MARY OF THE CRAYS, CRAYFORD 1987 (ST. POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR)</small> 8:00: Adoration and Holy Rosary 9:15am: Bridget Antony and Joseph Antony	Tues. 24th Feb. 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary 9:15am: Asking for good health (Nwoke) SJS whole school attending
Weds. 25th Feb. 2026 (Feria) <small>(ST. ETHELBERG, KING)</small> 8:00: Holy Rosary 9:15am: Wellbeing Elizabeth Santana (Clark) followed by Stations of the Cross 11am: <u>NO HOLY MASS AT SHALOM</u>	Thurs. 26th Feb. 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary 9:15am: Holy Souls Gjoni
CAFOD LENT FAST DAY Fri. 27th February 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary 9:15am: Holy Souls 7:30pm: Stations of the Cross	Sat. 28th Feb. 2026 (Feria) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
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 <small>(ST. DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES)</small> 8:30am: Pauline Cornell RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH	
Mary Bridget Tobin, Maureen Saunders, Jean Regan, Christine Rutherford, Maureen Elizabeth Start, John Radley, Olga Winifrede Threlfall, Mary Callahan, Teresa Mary Keenan "Terri", Margaret Murphy, Ralph Cantwell, Nuz Courtney, Frederick Holmes, Patricia Frost, Catherine Holloway, Sr. Maria Margaret Haughey, Andrew Bradley, Michael Hoey, Dennis Hughes, John McGinty, Sarah Mitchem, Henry Hoskins, Rosella Onwuemeli.	
CHRIST CONQUEROR OF SIN AND TEMPTATION.	
God created the human race free from sin but our first parents yielded to the temptation of the devil. In them each one of us has sinned just as in Christ we are given the power like Him to overcome the temptations of this world.	

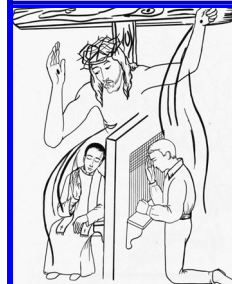


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Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

It is written,
"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God"



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also, **WHENEVER
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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 14TH/15TH FEBRUARY 2026:

Gift Aid: £323.00; Card: £70; Loose Plate: £169.57 ATTENDANCE: 202

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND: Gift Aid: £127; Card: £80; Loose Plate: £116.46

Thank you for your generosity in this time of 'cost of living crisis', *Fr. David.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Greater than anything lost by Adam's disobedience is the new life won by the obedience of Christ who shared in our weakness so that we might live off His strength.

Lent is a time for new life in Christ. By joining Jesus in the desert of our hearts we focus our attention upon the things which really matter in life. The voice of God is calling us home and we should make a conscious decision to serve the Lord and do what is pleasing to Him. This is not so much a season for going off things as an opportunity for returning to the things of God we have neglected. Good habits are hard to keep and easy to lose. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the order of the season.

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: (Spy) 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.

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

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.

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.

100 CLUB WINNERS:

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

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2026

invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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**

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?