



**We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:**

Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin, Josie Doyle, Delia Ariff, Gwen Monk, a sick friend

**Lately Dead:** Gerard Cambridge, Joan Cranshaw, Alan Iddon

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Talbot, Roger Kershaw, Ian Walsh

**Mass Intentions:** Clare and David Carr (Diamond wedding remembrance), Ian Walsh (A), Joseph Talbot (A)

**Offertory:** We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.

**Donations:** We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

**Cheques:** Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you

**Retiring collection:** There will be a retiring collection for Lepra this weekend. There will be an appeal at all Masses explaining more about Lepra. If you would like more information please follow the link: [www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk).

**Walk with me booklets:** These are available at the back of church to help us as we journey through lent.

**We are asked to pray for these intentions:** Let us hold in prayer the people of the parish of St. Patrick, Collyhurst, Canon Paul Daly, their parish priest, Fr. Anthony Nnajiofor, Fr. Jose Netto and Deacon Stephen Scott, together with Fr. Cletus Magugu, the chaplain to the Zimbabwean community. We pray for their three parish primary schools, for the Chaplaincy to Deaf People, for those who live or work in Caritas House, and for the Presentation Sisters, the Sisters of Evron and the Brother Missionaries of Charity.

We would like to wish the staff and children of our schools a relaxing and rewarding half-term. Please note as it is half-term there will be no children's liturgy this weekend or next.

There are two real choices in this world, and they are set before us today. We are free to choose to do good or to do evil. As Sirach tells us, "He has placed before you fire and water, stretch out your hand for whichever you wish". Our loving Father knows us, "he is mighty in power and sees everything"; so, the choice is ours, we can follow Him and live in love, or we can turn away from Him and live in sin.

Lent is a time when we can turn away from sin and return to His loving presence. In scripture you can find inspiration which will lead you in the right path. One passage always comes to mind when I reflect on the path that leads to a Christian life, "This is what the Lord asks of you, to act justly, to love tenderly, to walk humbly with your God". If you follow these three principles, then the way will be open to you to reconciliation with the Father and He will welcome you back with great joy.

Saint Paul speaks to us of the "secret and hidden wisdom of God. This is not a human wisdom, for many have proclaimed wisdom but changing times have proved the futility of their thoughts, it is a wisdom given to us from the beginning of the world and it will lead us to God's glory. It is something that the eye has not seen nor heard or even imagined it is the glory that God has prepared for those who love him, and it is revealed to us through belief in the Spirit who dwells in us.

We are coming to the end of Matthew's passage on the Beatitudes. We may have come to realise that at the centre of Christ's teaching is the human Heart. It is in our hearts that the urge to do good or evil springs into life.

Today's extract goes into great detail concerning the Law that the Israelites have constructed through Moses and the prophets. The principle behind the laws is sound but it is the application of the many rules that leads us to man's interpretations and lacks the love of God. If our actions spring from a heart of love, then we can rest in the hope that God sees

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**SVP News:**

We are fast approaching Lent again, and would like, as in past years, to support The Destitution Project by attempting to collect 40 of the following items during the Lenten period. As a parish your generosity continues to enable us to maintain our support for this vulnerable group. Thank you for continuing to support. Items suggested are:

Vegetable or sunflower oil  
Tins of chopped tomatoes  
Kidney beans  
Chickpeas  
Long-life orange/apple juice  
Tuna in oil  
Sardines in oil  
Pasta/spaghetti-dried

The pick a date fundraiser which was very successful last year will be continued again this year. Over the next few weeks, we will be present after Mass on Sunday in both churches to give people the opportunity to participate and hopefully win some prize money. All the monies raised are used to support individuals and families in need.

**200 Club Subscriptions:** Are now due (£15 per number) The 200 Club is a great way to support the parish. Sadly, we have lost members over the last 12 months, so any new members are greatly appreciated and made very welcome. It may be difficult for some parishioners to get their subscriptions to me, so here are some options to help: 1. Post or deliver to the Parish Office; 2. Leave in the basket provided at each church; 3. Contact me on 07528027295. For option 1 & 2 please place your subscription and contact details on an envelope FAO Ann Gracie. Please make Cheques payable to **Corpus Christi**. If anyone requires additional numbers, please contact me on the above number. Thank you, Ann.

**Our Lenten Journey 2026**

This Wednesday marks the start of our Lenten journey - from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday - a time for deep reflection, prayer, fasting and acts of kindness. As we prepare our hearts for Easter, let's focus on the three pillars of Lent:

- Prayer: Engage in daily moments of reflection and conversation with God
- Fasting: Practice self-discipline by giving up something that distracts you from spiritual growth
- Almsgiving: Extend your hands and hearts to those in need with acts of charity

May this season inspire renewal, gratitude and a closer walk with our faith. Wishing everyone a blessed and reflective Lent.

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Masses & Activities this week**

*Sunday Cycle A  
Readings: Page 136 of Mass Book*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

9.30am Mass (SJ)  
11am Mass (SB)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Requiem Mass for Gerard Cambridge 12.30pm (SB)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Mass 10am (SB)

**Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**A day of fast and abstinence**  
Mass 9.30am (SJ), Mass 6.30pm (SB)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Mass 10am (SB)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Requiem Mass for Joan Cranshaw 10am (SJ)

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Confession and adoration 10.45am (SJ)  
Mass 11.30am (SJ)  
Mass 5pm (SB)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Mass 9.30am (SJ)  
Stations of the cross followed by adoration 3pm (SB)

**Christian Meditation:** The next session will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm at St John's

**St Brendan's:** There are a few flagstones at the entrance to St Brendan's that have come loose. The area has been cordoned off, and we have made arrangements to have them repaired. Please be careful when approaching the steps.

**Readers: 21/22 Feb 2026**

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Nicola Bunting	Helen O'Donnell	Cath Bridge

**Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Veronica Rawlinson/Arthur Rawlinson

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