

## Parish Liturgy and Activities for the Week

Date / Time	Intention	Parish Events
Saturday 7th Feb Mass 12:00noon <b>5th Week of Ordinary Time</b> 5:00pm	The Holy Souls and all who mourn  Thank you for prayers answered	11:15am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am: Confessions
Sunday 8th Feb 9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Frances McGrail	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
Monday 9th Feb		Church is open for private prayer. 12:00noon: Over 55's Bingo (Our Lady's Club)
Tuesday 10th Feb		Church is open for private prayer.
Wednesday 11th Feb		Church is open for private prayer. 1:15pm: Funeral Service for Margaret Standish
Thursday 12th Feb 9:30am	A Private Intention & Kay Duggan	7:30pm: AA Meeting (Romero Room)
Friday 13th Feb		Church is open for private prayer. 2:00pm: Friday Club (Romero Room)
Saturday 14th Feb 12:00noon <b>6th Week of Ordinary Time</b> 5:00pm	Arthur McCoy RIP  Alex Keyes	11:15am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am: Confessions 12:30pm: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
Sunday 15th Feb 9:30am 11:00am	Ann Dobie People of the Parish	11:00am: Baptism: Luca Benali & Harriet Gregory 12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
<i>We pray for all those enrolled in the Mass Guild: Albert Mills</i>		
<i>Monday: Honister Walk Tuesday: Jones Farm Road Wednesday: Kenton Close Thursday: Killester Road Friday: Kings Drive Saturday: Childwall EMB</i>		



# Newsletter

**5th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 8th February 2026**

**Sunday Missal YrA Mass begins on Page 449—Readings on Page 93— Creed on Page 455/456**

### Lourdes Gloria

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo (x2)  
Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo (x2)  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer; you are seated at the  
right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo (x2)  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone  
are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the  
Father, Amen.

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo (x2)

### Children's Liturgy Dismissal Song:

Share the light of Jesus.  
Share the light that shows the way.  
Share the light of Jesus.  
Share God's spirit today. Share God's spirit today

### Gospel Acclamation:

Jesus Christ, you are my life, alleluia, alleluia.  
Jesus Christ, you are my life, you are my life, alleluia.

### Mass Setting:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your death and profess your  
resurrection until you come again.

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.  
Grant us peace.

### Parish Priest

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## LENT

**Palms for Ash Wednesday:** Palms from last year can be placed on the sanctuary on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February so that they can be burnt for ashes to begin Lent.

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

**7:15am-7:30am:** Ashes To Go Service - for those going to work.

**9:30am Mass:** In Church with distribution of Ashes.

**12.30pm-1.15pm Distribution of Ashes:**

Belle Vale Shopping Centre  
(near to staircase)

### Why ashes?

**Sign of Repentance and Sorrow:** They represent an outward expression of inner sorrow for sins and a commitment to seeking God's forgiveness.

**Preparation for Easter:** They initiate the 40 days of Lent, a season of fasting, prayer, and reflection leading up to Easter.

**Scriptural Significance:** Ashes were used as a sign of penance, grief, or mourning (e.g., in the Book of Daniel or Job).

**Source of Ashes:** The ashes are created by burning the palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

## LENT RESOURCES

**Hallow App:** Free app with daily prayer prompts, "Saint of the Day" facts, and beautiful liturgical reminders.

**Busted Halo:** Specifically designed for "seekers" and those coming back to the Church. Their "Lent in 3 Minutes" videos and "Mass Class" series are very accessible.

**Pray as you go App:** Deepen Your Interior Life in Lent.

**Themed Lenten Retreat:** Every year, they release an **audio retreat** with extended weekly reflections designed to be lived alongside everyday life.

**Daily Audio Prayer:** Their standard 10–12 minute sessions combine **music, Scripture, and guided questions.**

**CAFOD in Lent: Put Faith into Action**

**The Big Lent Walk:** Participants walk, run, or "stroll" 200km over 40 days.

**Family Fast Day -Friday 27th February:**

A traditional day of fasting where parishioners are invited to eat a simple meal and donate the savings.

**Digital Devotions:** Parishioners can sign up for daily Lenten emails featuring prayers and reflections from our global family.

### Lent in the Parish

**Daily Personal Prayer:** The church is open every morning in Lent for personal prayer.

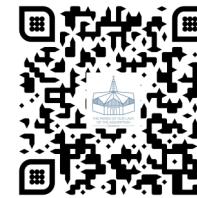
**Daily Mass:** Mondays 9.30am, Tuesdays 12noon, Wednesdays 9.30am, Thursdays 9.30am, Fridays 12noon, Saturdays 12noon. Why not come to Mass each day in Lent or try to come to a weekday Mass once a week?

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions in Lent:** Every Saturday 11.30am-11.55am and **Holy Hour & Confessions:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 7pm-8pm

**Stations of the Cross:** 11:15am. Each Friday of Lent. There is a Sign-Up sheet in the Church porch for people to lead.

## How to give support to God's Mission through the Parish

**On-Line:** Scan the QR



**Text:**

Text OLA to 70450 to donate £3.

Text OLA to 70460 to donate £5.

Text OLA to 70470 to donate £10.

**Standing Order:**

Forms at the back of church and on website.

## NOTICES

**Parish Volunteers DBS:** Volunteers will be asked to go through to renew their DBS application through the Archdiocesan process. This is part of keeping everyone safe in our parish community. Thank you for your cooperation.

**2026 Sacrament of Confirmation. Calling those in Year 8.** Final call for those in Yr 8 to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation.. Parents register your child here. <https://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk>

**Marriage Week 7th - 14th February:** Reflect this week on the central role that marriage and family life play in our Church and in wider society.

**Donation:** Thank you to the couple who have donated £25,000 to support the vision, mission and ministry of Our Lady's parish.

**St Peregrine Icon Blessing and Anointing of the Sick:** Meeting to plan the service and beyond, **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7pm-8pm:** Romero Room. Perhaps you have been touched by cancer or have lost someone through cancer. You are welcome to plan the service on 24<sup>th</sup> April which the Archbishop will lead.

## Weekly Collections

**1st February 2026**

Envelopes & Cash: £399.65

S/O online: £910.00

**TOTAL: £1309.65**

**THANK YOU!**

Racial Justice: £62.40

**LENT: Friends of the Holy Land**

## 40 Hours Adoration (Quarant'Ore):

4th-7th June. Last year leaders of each parish group in the parish decided that in 2026 we would have 40-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar in the days leading up to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. 40 hours symbolises the time Christ's body lay in the tomb between his death and resurrection. In a world filled with noise and busy schedules, Quarant'ore offers a dedicated, quiet time to "pause and take stock" of one's spiritual life, vocation, and relationship with God. We have a meeting on **Wednesday 25th March 7pm-8pm** to discuss this. Ministers of the Eucharist are especially welcome to come.

## Parish Social 7pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at St Cyril's Club:

After the recent success of the Liverpool Male Voice Choir night there will be a parish social, this will also raise fund to help our six young people go to Lourdes. Tickets will be on sale from next week in the Piety Shop and also on-line.

## Mother's Day Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Our Lady's Club:

In the afternoon there will be entertainment, fun and games to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Tickets will be on sale soon.