

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
YEAR A  
1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026: Mass Time**

<b>Sunday 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Polly and Salvatore Farrugia +</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>WEEKDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Mary Bilsborough +</b>



**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*Please feel free to contact Fr. Nnam Di Obi to arrange confession*

**If Father Obi is not available and a priest is required urgently, please  
call: St. Mary's: 01793 535089/Holy Rood: 01793 522062/  
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**St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wroughton**

We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting us for the first time.

We pray for God's special blessing on you.

We wish you a very Happy and Holy worship with us.



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<b>Readings Eucharistic Prayer</b>	: <b>Sunday Mass Cycle A: LENT WEEK 2 -Year 2</b> : <b>Psalter 2 (or at Priest Choice)</b>
<b>Entrance Antiphon</b>	: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. : It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.
<b>First Reading</b>	: Genesis 12:1-4
<b>Psalm Response</b>	: <b>May your merciful love be upon us, As we hope in you, O Lord.</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	: <b>Glorify to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.</b> : From a bright cloud, the father's voice was heard: "This is my beloved son, Listen to him." <b>Glorify to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	: Matthew 17:1-9
<b>Communion Antiphon</b>	: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; : Listen to him.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

*The call of Abram, the father of the People of God.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

*God calls and enlightens us.*

**Gospel**

*His face shone like the sun..*

Welcome to the second Sunday of Lent. We read from Genesis 12:1-4. Someone has a "strange phone call" for a "strange mission." We are talking about Abraham. Of course, it has to be someone like Abraham who could follow such calling without hesitation. Abraham beats the pattern of Old and New Testament mission calling. I might well be corrected that he remains the only one who never doubted himself or God when he was called. He proceeded without delay. Thus, he merits his title as the Father of Faith.

His calling has promises. He may have had his fears and worries, but he chose to focus on the promises these calling holds for all the tribes that would be blessed by him.

In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus goes up the mountain for the transfiguration experience. In Luke's account, he goes up to pray. But for Matthew, he goes up to be alone with Peter, James, and John. Being alone on a mountain is a characteristic of the Old Testament Calling; people were called and chosen for special missions. Jesus got transfigured, and the disciples were transformed.

Lent is an opportunity for transformation. It is an opportunity to step out of our comfort zone; out of our busy and noisy world, to be alone, in order to respond to God's call. A voice spoke from the heavens, "This is my beloved son, listen to him." Perhaps it is time to be alone, quiet, and listen.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH IS FOR CAFOD:** Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:** The date for First Holy Communion 2026 is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 11 am and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm. The next preparation session is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 10 am – 11:15 am at Holy Family Church.

**CONFIRMATION 2026:** The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7:00pm. The next session will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6:30 - 8:00 pm. at Holy Family Church.

**FISH AND CHIP SUPPER:** To celebrate St Joseph's Day we are going to hold a Fish and Chip Supper on 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00 pm in the parish Centre. Please add your name to the list in the porch if you are interested in attending. The cost is £15 that includes £5 donation to the Prospect Hospice. For more information, please speak to Anne Moss or Lisa Campisano.

**PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES:** The next Presentation Associates meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 1.30 – 2.15pm in the convent. Following this, everyone is welcome to join us at 2.30 – 4pm, for a short reflective Lenten service with prayers, music and hymns. Tea and coffee will be served at the end.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** There will be Stations of the Cross in our parish every Friday during Lent. All are warmly invited to come and pray as we reflect on our Lord's journey to the Cross.

**CAFOD:** Would you like to be a sponsored walker for CAFOD's BIG LENT WALK? Set your own target, walk when and where you want; and pool your achievement with St Joseph's Care for Creation Team. For more information please message Brian at 07989 667106.

**ST JOSEPH'S CARE FOR CREATION GROUP** is having their meeting this coming week on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March on Teams 7.30-8.30. You would be very welcome to join them. email [b.austin@live.co.uk](mailto:b.austin@live.co.uk) for a link to the meeting.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION:** Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during this season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the [Sacrament of Reconciliation](#). Join him at one of the five venues across our diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage. Each Liturgy will start at 7pm. Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - St Mary, Glastonbury, 5<sup>th</sup> March - Sacred Heart, Tisbury, 10<sup>th</sup> March - Immaculate Conception, Devizes, 17<sup>th</sup> March - St Joseph, Tewkesbury, 24<sup>th</sup> March - Christ the King, Thornbury.

**PARKING:** At busy times, such as Sunday Mass, do consider parking in the free public car park in the Ellendune Centre, when the Church car park is full. Please keep the roads and pavements near the Church clear and avoid blocking people's residence and shops.

**TEA & COFFEE :** Tea & Coffee will be served in the Parish Hall after mass on Sundays and Tuesdays

#### PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS

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**Anniversaries:** We pray for the dead, and those who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** : St Thomas of Canterbury, Fairford with Cricklade.

**Pope's Message:** The holy father's prayer intention for the month of March is for Disarmament and Peace.

*Let us pray that the nations move to an effective disarmament. Particularly nuclear disarmament and the world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.*