



**St John Southworth's RC Parish**  
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**6th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



**15th February 2026**



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On Wednesday of this week, the season of Lent will be opening with the dramatic ritual of being marked with ashes. We will allow the Lord to remind us that we are dust, and unto dust we shall return (c.f. Genesis 3:19). In doing so, we will acknowledge before the Lord that we are helpless, hopeless, and hapless when we live our lives in a way that is not empowered by the Spirit of God.

The words, "I am too busy", when offered as a response to the invitation to dedicate a little more attention to our spiritual lives, arise from the dusty places of our hearts where spiritual fervour has been stifled by the business of life—imagine announcing that we are too busy to eat, too busy to drink, or too busy to sleep! When these essential human needs go unmet, then we are heading for trouble!

It is even more true that without prayer our spiritual life loses its vitality. Certainly, it does take an effort of will to enter into the marathon six-week period of Lent with the goal of renewing our relationship with the Lord, but ultimately the benefits are incalculable.

The invitation of the Church to discover, or rediscover, the joy and excitement of living in closer relationship with the Lord reinforces the urgency of the call which originates in the Scriptures, and is to be found in the first place on the lips of the ancient prophets: "Come back to me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12-18).

Although, at the end of the day, our response will have been a personal choice and commitment, as a church community we do invite each other to make a collective effort to respond to the demands of Lent. Each week, we will journey through the Stations of the Cross at Holy Saviour's on a Monday evening at 7.00pm. Each Friday, we will have our Mass and soup lunch in support of CAFOD at 12.00 noon at Christ Church.

We will come under starters' orders on Ash Wednesday with our 10.00am Mass at Christ Church, and our 7.00pm Mass at Holy Saviour's. Whatever we choose for the forty-day Lenten period, we are encouraged and challenged to make at least a short step or, if we prefer, a long stride on our journey towards a deeper encounter with the risen Lord at Easter.

In the peace of Christ,

Fr Gerard



## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 16th February 2026

<b>Monday</b> 16th Feb	<b>Tuesday</b> 17th Feb	<b>ASH</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b> 18th Feb	<b>Thursday</b> 19th Feb	<b>Friday</b> 20th Feb	<b>Saturday</b> 21st Feb	<b>Sunday</b> 22nd Feb
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b> C.C. 10.00 am	<b>MASSES</b> C.C. 10.00am H.S. 7.00pm	<b>MASS</b> C.C. 10.00am Exposition	<b>MASS</b> C.C. 12.00 noon	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>C.C. 9.30am</b> <b>H.S. 11.15am</b>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader 1</b>	<b>Reader 2</b>
<b>This Sunday:</b> 15th February	Tony Finnan	Monica McArdle
<b>Next Sunday:</b> 22nd February	Emmanuel Dwamena	Gerard Spain

**Children's Church: C.C.** Siobhan & Margaret B   **H.S.** Annika & Amber / Monica, Doreen, Sammy

Eucharistic Ministry 3rd Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Dawid Zycinski	Marian Reilly
Joe Gibbons	Lisa Stinchon
Tyrone Mclaughlin	Marcin Zycinski
Helen Keating	James Hargreaves
Linda Goddard	Liz Variyam

MASS INTENTIONS
Albert Shea, 4th anniv, 25th Feb (2022) Jack Lawrenson, anniv, 17th Feb (2021) Caroline Ryan, b'day intentions, 11th Feb. Sean Martin, b'day anniv, 18th Feb. Maureen McDermott, b'day intentions

**Michael Taylor, RIP.**

This Requiem Mass for Michael will take place at Holy Saviour's at 1.45pm on Friday 27th February.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE	
Feb 15th John Bookham (2020)	
Feb 17th Frank Sharkey (2014)	
Jack Lawrenson (2021)	
MT Mayor (2015)	
Feb 18th Norah Rakowski (2016)	
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN.	

**Peggy Clark, RIP.**

The funeral service for Peggy Clark will take place at Christ Church on Monday, 9th March at Holy Saviour's at 10.00am.

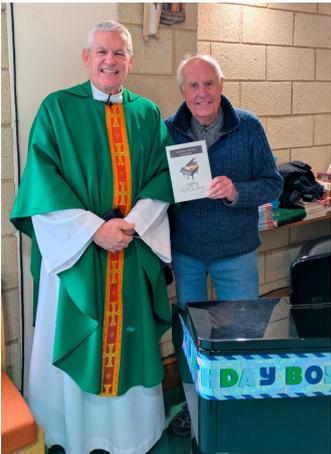
**CHURCH COLLECTION**

Standing Orders: approx: **£765 p/w**  
 8th Feb 2026: **£220.20**. Many thanks!

**POUND DRAW**

David Hustler	£10.00
Jaqui Jennings	£10.00
Monica McArdle	£10.00
Catherine Masih	£10.00

£85.00 towards parish funds.  
*Many thanks for your participation!*



**Joe Winkley** clocked up 82 years of life-to-the-full this week. A lovely post-Mass celebration was held in his honour! Joe is a great servant of the church and very definitely... a jolly good fellow!  
*Ad multos annos, Joe!*

**CASTLERIGG, KESWICK, YOUTH W/E**

We are planning another Youth Retreat Weekend at Castlerigg, Keswick, from 17th–19th April, for all young people in Year 7 and above. In preparation for the weekend, we would like to invite any young people who are interested in coming along to a meeting **this week** after the **Ash Wednesday Mass (7.00pm)** at Holy Saviour's Church.

CAFOD UPDATE (since 8th January)	
Holy Saviour's Tea & Coffee	£188.10
Christ Church Tea & Coffee	£145.00
<b>TOTAL £333.10</b>	



