



16 March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Reflection on the Gospel

The gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Lent is always the account of the Transfiguration, preparing the chosen three disciples and ourselves for the coming Passion of Christ.

It is a scene of Christ's heavenly glory, his clothes bright as lightning, his glory extending even to the appearance of Moses and Elijah: these two Old Testament personalities are here privileged to speak to Jesus because they each had a vision of God on the holy mountain, called both Sinai and Horeb (in the Old Testament these are two names for the same mountain).

The Voice from heaven at the baptism had been addressed to Jesus himself (in Mark and Luke); this time the Voice is a public declaration of Jesus' Sonship, and presents him now as the Chosen Teacher for all people. Luke foreshadows the Passion when he mentions Jerusalem – the place where Jesus is to suffer and die on the cross. The fact that the disciples are praying, and are the same three disciples as are present at the Agony in the Garden, makes a strong link with the Passion of Jesus.

This gospel also highlights the importance of prayer in Luke's gospel, for Luke mentions Jesus' prayer and the significance of prayer on several occasions and in several parables (e.g. in the Unjust Judge, the Friend at Midnight, and the Pharisee & the Tax-Collector).

What do you find the best form of prayer? What commitment to prayer can you make this Lent?

Jesus was transfigured on the 'Holy' Mountain. What makes a place 'holy'?
Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB, Ampleforth

Reflection on the 1st reading

There are different stories of exactly how God's pact with Abraham (or Abram) was made. There is no doubt that it was a promise of lasting protection for Abraham and his descendants. This version takes the form of an ancient sacral covenant, of a kind known from other ancient Near Eastern sources. The offerings are cut in half, and the parties making the pact pass between the halves, as a symbol that they will observe the pact faithfully until the two halves come together again. Such covenants were frequent between equals, or between overlord and vassal, but no such covenant is known between a deity and a human being.

It perhaps marks the inequality between God and Abraham that only the wondrous symbols of God (the furnace and firebrand) here pass between the halves of the offering: Abraham cannot impose conditions on God! Nor can Abraham do anything to earn or justify the promise God makes: he can only trust in God, for he himself remains a nomad without a settled territory to call his own. Only his descendants will inherit the land and become as the stars of heaven. The awesome mystery of the scene is increased by the deep sleep (the same sleep as fell on Adam for the creation of Eve) and by Abram's terror.

Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for the **intentions of the Hart family and Ann-Marie Smith.**

This week, at Our Lady & St Philomena, the votive lamp burning before the relic of St Philomena is for the **intentions of Mum and Dad Stevenson.**

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Parish office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am
to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

Baptisms: Our Lady & St Philomena each
Sunday at 11 am, Holy Name each Sunday at
12.15 pm. Not 5th Sunday of the month.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on
Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Rosary: Before each weekday Mass.

Novena: After Wednesday evening Mass at
Our Lady & St Philomena.

Exposition: Holy Name, Thursday at 9.15 am

Visits to sick and housebound: Please
contact the parish office.

Hospital visits: If you wish to see a priest,
please let the hospital staff know.

Mass requests: Complete a pre-printed
envelope and place in the Mass intention box.
Please specify the reason for the intention, i.e.
lately dead, anniversary etc. For a particular
day, please request early. The Mass may be
shared unless you request otherwise.

Newsletter notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Open before and after Mass.



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Readings at Mass

Scan the QR code for the Mass readings.

1st reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

2nd reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36



Psalm response

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £981.58

Baptism

Congratulations to James Niall Thomas
Campbell and Isla Mae Ryan who receive
the sacrament of baptism at Holy Name on
Sunday 16 March.

Welcome

We welcome Lemuel Panashe Junior
Mutandwa, Amaris Anotidaishe Mutandwa
and Aamiya Unaishe Mutandwa at Our
Lady & St Philomena this weekend as they
will receive the sacrament of baptism on
Sunday 23 March.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

There is a collection this weekend to
support CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Your
donations help CAFOD support
communities suffering the impacts of war,
poverty and climate change. Use the
CAFOD envelope in church, donate online
at <https://cafod.org.uk> or call 0303 303
3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to
70085 to donate £10.

Sacrament of confirmation

Registration for confirmation closes on 17
March. Register at the Archdiocesan
website <https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk>.

Mass times in our family of parishes

Holy Name

Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 11 am

Our Lady & St Philomena

Sunday 9.30 am

Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4.30 pm and Sunday 10 am

Pope's intention - March

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped to organise the St Patrick's night celebration. A total of £403.70 was raised for the parish social committee.

Lenten vocation

Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope need priests on the journey! If you feel God might be calling you to serve His people and the Church as a priest, contact the Archdiocesan vocation Director to start a conversation. Email vocations@rcaol.co.uk or call 0151 727 2493

HCPT: Talk and collection

There is a talk and retiring collection to support the work of HCPT next weekend.

HCPT is a registered charity offering pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged people.

Every Easter around 1,000 disabled and disadvantaged children enjoy a fun and safe week in Lourdes, staying in hotels with their volunteer helpers.

Your donations will help local disabled and disadvantaged people go to Lourdes with HCPT. For more information on HCPT go to <https://hcpt.org.uk>

Romero Mass

This year's Mass for St Oscar Romero will be celebrated at St Edmund of Canterbury, 62 Oxford Road, Waterloo, L22 8QF on Thursday 20 March at 7 pm. For more information, please contact the St Edmund parish office on 0151 928 2338 or email stoscarromero@rcaol.org.uk

Numbers galore

Numbers are 30 and 49. Double rollover.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will be observing and reflecting on the Stations of the Cross. At Our Lady & St Philomena on a Wednesday evening at 6.30 pm and at Holy Name on a Friday evening at 7 pm. Please come and join us.

Stations of the Cross at Blessed Sacrament each Thursday after 6 pm Mass.

Way of the Cross procession

The Jesus Youth 'Way of the Cross' procession through Liverpool City Centre is on Saturday 12 April at 1 pm. The journey will begin at the Blessed Sacrament Shine and will reach the Metropolitan Cathedral, concluding with a blessing from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. All welcome.

Recruitment

The archdiocese is recruiting a safeguarding administrator. To apply <https://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

Choral music

At Manchester Cathedral on Good Friday 18 April Manchester Baroque are performing Bach's St. John Passion with Manchester Cathedral choir, one of the most moving pieces of music, performed in the Church calendar for which it was written.

On Sunday 30 March they are performing Bach's Mass in B Minor at Manchester Cathedral with York University choir.

For more information <https://manchesterbaroque.co.uk>

Living Faith

The April to June Living Faith booklets are available in church.

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently

Mary Fleming, Patricia Ann Denson,
Eileen Cody, Anthony Brough
Thomas Kennedy
May they rest in peace

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Second Sunday of Lent			
Saturday 15th	2.00 pm	Holy Name	Convalidation: Gokul Das P.G. and Merin Varghest
	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes John Schumacher, birthday
Sunday 16th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Ritchie Sharock, birthday Geoff Jones, RIP
	9.30 am	Hospital	Special intention
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Jeanette Hennigan, lately dead Grace Mary Billows, lately dead
Monday 17th			No service
Tuesday 18th	10.00 am	Holy Name	David Disley, 1 st birthday Ellen Yanez, RIP
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Requiem Mass: Eileen Cody, RIP
Wednesday 19th	10.00 am	Holy Name	John Caldwell, lately dead Eileen Kearns, speedy recovery
	2.30 pm	St Philomena	Funeral: Patricia Ann Denson, RIP
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Stations of the cross
	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Kathy Clarke, RIP Steve Farrell, RIP <i>Novena after Mass</i>
Thursday 20th	9.15 am	Holy Name	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.00 am	Holy Name	Special intention Stephen Thompson, healing
Friday 21st	10.00 am	St Philomena	Ann Considene, intentions George Murphy, RIP
	7.00 pm	Holy Name	Stations of the cross
Third Sunday of Lent			
Saturday 22nd	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Harry Williams, lately dead David Anthony Byrne, lately dead
Sunday 23rd	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes Mary and Billy H, 75 th wedding anniversary
	9.30 am	Hospital	Special intention
	11.00 am	Holy Name	John Brennen, lately dead Jacqueline Hughes, RIP

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