



Dome of Home

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Shrine Church of Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena

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Septuagesima

1st – 8th February 2026

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The word 'Septuagesima' comes from the Latin for '70'. It recalls the penitential period of 70 years in which the nation of Israel was in exile after the fall of Jerusalem in 587 B.C. In the liturgy, it is the beginning of three pre-Lenten Sundays, preparing us to enter into this holy season on Ash Wednesday (which is 18th February this year). During this time, the joyful 'alleluia' is replaced with the more somber chant of the 'tract', and Masses of the season are in violet, without relics on the altar.

✠ **Congratulations to Camille and Eliza, married Friday at the Dome! Ad multos annos!**

✠ **Banns of Marriage:** The Dome of Home is blessed with a number of upcoming marriages. In accordance with the tradition of publishing the 'banns', please note the following dates. If you are aware of any impediments to the celebration of a marriage, they should be made known to the Rev. Rector of Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena.

Mr. Mark Kelly and Miss Leah Stulberg, 21st February. To be held in Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena.

Mr. Erick da Silva and Miss Emily Smith 25th April. To be held in Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena.

Mr. Thomas Keating and Miss Grace Houghton, 30th May (Ss. Michael and Cajetan, Florence, Italy).

✠ **Candle catechism and activity:** Short talk and activity for children following the 10.30am Mass in the day chapel.

✠ **Candlemas:** Monday, 2nd February, the blessing of the Candles will begin at 6pm, followed by a Procession and Sung Mass. The Solemnity of the Purification will also be celebrated next Sunday at the 10.30am Mass.

✠ **Saint Blaise:** The blessing of throats will take place after the evening Mass on Tuesday, 3rd February.

✠ **Palm Crosses and Ashes:** The ashes for Ash Wednesday traditionally are made by burning last years palms. If you have old palms, please bring them to the church by Sunday, 15th February.

✠ **Rosary for priests:** This Thursday, 5th February at the Dome. An extended period of adoration will begin at 1pm and end at the usual time in the evening. Social lunch beforehand at Morrisons, New Brighton at 12 noon. All welcome!

Announcements

✠ **Choir Practices:** on [Monday at 7.15pm](#). **Gregorian Chant Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. [Next practice, Monday 2nd Feb.](#) **Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: tuckerobertson@gmail.com or 0151 639 19 99 / 0771 471 02 75. [Next practice 26th January.](#)

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** Loose Plate: £559.50: Boxes £222.00 Bank transfers: £416.00 Shop £264.46 Heating: £170.00. **Total: £1,631.96.** Thank you very much for your continued generosity! If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following: Sort Code: 4045-14 - Account number: 01805061 - For the credit of ICKSP / SSPPP.

✠ **Piety Shop:** We collect for Wirral Foodbank - the cash goes directly to the Foodbank who use it to buy food for families, individuals and the homeless. If you have a spare coin or note and would like to help those less fortunate, drop it into us and we will ensure it gets to the right place.

✠ **Donations for refreshments after the 10.30 Mass:** In January, we will be collecting for the convent restoration project of our Sister Adorers in Preston (£12 last week)

✠ **Apiculae – Rosaries & Chaplets:** For beautiful handmade rosaries and chaplets, silver, copper, bronze & brass, see Elaine Gibbons. Commissions taken! Contact elaineapiculae@gmail.com or 0151 924 11 78.

✠ **Cookbook fundraiser for Saint Benedict's Preston:** The Sister Adorers and family and friends of Saint Benedict's Catholic Education Centre in Preston have made cookbooks to raise funds. Please take one from the back of the church. £10 donation requested. Canon Post is collecting the donations.

✠ **Refreshment after 10.30 Mass:** We are always looking for new volunteers to help set up, serve and clear up after 10.30 Mass refreshments. If you think you could be on a rota every 2/3 weeks, please contact one of the refreshment volunteers!

✠ **Church Cleaning.** [11-12am every Saturday morning after Mass.](#) Coffee and biscuits afterwards! Please contact Joyce at 07887 580547 if you would like to join us. *Thank you to all who generously give their time to the upkeep of the church.*

✠ **Mass Intentions:** It is a pious Catholic practice to have Masses said for both the living and the dead. We are fortunate that the faithful of New Brighton request many Mass intentions. However, please note that the wait is now quite long. The next regularly available date for a Mass is 19th June.

Forthcoming events

✠ **Adult Catechism Class – “Angels and Demons”:** One Friday per month, all are welcome regardless of prior knowledge, both Catholics and non-Catholics. The next class will be held on [Friday, 20th February at 7.15pm](#), following the evening Mass.

✠ **Adult Catechism Class – “The Catholic Moral Life”:** One Saturday per month, all are welcome regardless of prior knowledge, both Catholics and non-Catholics. the morning Mass. Next month's class will be [Saturday, 28th February at 11am](#).

✠ **Liturgical practice:** There will be a practice for the procession of Candlemas following the 10.30am Sunday Mass on [1st February](#).

✠ **Craft Group:** knitting, patchwork, dressmaking, lace making and embroidery. Beginners welcome. Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 07 76 775 26 71. [Next meeting, Saturday 7th February 11am – 1pm.](#)

✠ **SPUC youth conference:** [Friday 27th February – Sunday 1st March 2026](#) Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL. See website for details.

Information

✠ **For life matters and helplines:** see <https://lifecharity.org.uk>; for prolife helpline <https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk> and for abortion recovery see <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

Prayers for the Sick: Please keep in your prayers Imelda, Lottie, Michael, Roisin, Dermot, Eamonn, Sandra, Anne, Patricia, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward, Tracy, Mary, Peter Joseph, Janet, Elizabeth, Michael and Donna.

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions		Devotions	Confessions
		Canon Montjean	Canon Post		
Offer a Mass for your intentions using the Mass Offering envelope (narthex). Write name (living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 19 th June.				Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sunday 1 st February Septuagesima Sunday <i>Violet</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Private intention	Kathleen Highfield Sarah Burke RIP	4.30pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.40am–10.15am
Monday 2 nd February Candlemas <i>Violet/White</i>	6.00 pm Procession followed by Sung Mass	Private intention	Margaret Joy	5.15pm Vespers	5.30pm–6pm
Tuesday 3 rd February St. Blaise <i>Red</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Private intention	William and Marilyn Post RIP	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Wednesday 4 th February St. Andrew Corsini <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Private intention	Catherine Eaton	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 5 th February 1 st Thursday Votive Mass of Our Lord Sovereign Priest <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Private intention	Saoirse McGeown	1.00pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm-6pm
Friday 6 th February 1 st Friday Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Private intention	Catherine Nelson	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm-6pm
Saturday 7 th February 1 st Saturday Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart <i>White</i>	10am Low Mass	Helen Flynn	Katherine Nelson	9am Adoration 9.40am Benediction	9.00am–9.30am
Sunday 8 th February Solemnity of the Purification <i>Violet/White</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Special intention	Anne Veronica Houghton RIP Jane Scott	4.30pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.40am–10.15am

Blessing of Candles on the Feast of Saint Blaise

O God most powerful and most kind, Who didst create all the different things in the world by the Word alone, and Whose will it was that this Word by Which all things were made should become incarnate for the remaking of mankind; Thou Who art great and limitless, worthy of reverence and praise, the worker of wonders; for Whose sake the glorious Martyr and Bishop, St. Blaise, joyfully gained the palm of martyrdom, never shrinking from any kind of torture in confessing his faith in Thee; Thou Who didst give to him, amongst other gifts, the prerogative of curing by Thy power every ailment of men's throats; humbly we beg Thee in Thy majesty not to look upon our guilt, but, pleased by his merits and prayers, in Thine awe-inspiring kindness, to bless+this wax created by Thee and to sanc+tify it, pouring into it Thy grace; so that all who in good faith shall have their throats touched by this wax may be freed from every ailment of their throats through the

merit of his suffering, and, in good health and spirits, may give thanks to Thee in Thy holy Church and praise Thy glorious name, which is blessed for ever and ever. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee lives and reigns, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. R. Amen.

Blessing of Throats (3rd February)

Per intercessionem Sancti Blasii, episcopi et martyris, liberet te Deus a malo gutturis, et a quolibet alio malo. In nomine Patris, et Filii +, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God free you from illness of the throat and from any other sort of ill. In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROPER of the MASS – Septuagesima

INTROIT *Psalm 17. 5, 6, 7*

The sorrows of death surrounded me, the sorrow of hell encompassed me: and in my affliction I called upon the Lord, and He heard my voice from His holy Temple. Ps. I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength: the Lord is my firmament, my refuge, and my deliverer. V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

Graciously hear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy people, that we who are justly afflicted for our sins, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy name. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 9. 24-27; 10. 1-5*

Brethren: Know you not that they that run in the race, all run indeed, but one receiveth the prize? So run that you may obtain. And every one that striveth for the mastery refraineth himself from all things: and they indeed that they may receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible one. I therefore so run, not as at an uncertainty; I so fight, not as one beating the air: but I chastise my body, and bring it into subjection, lest perhaps when I have preached to others, I myself should become a castaway. For I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all in Moses were baptized, in the cloud and in the sea: and did all eat the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink: (and they drank of the spiritual rock that followed them: and the rock was Christ). But with most of them God was not well pleased.

GRADUAL *Psalm 9. 10-11, 19-20*

A helper in due time in tribulation: let them trust in Thee who know Thee: for Thou hast not forsaken them that seek Thee, O Lord. V. For the poor man shall not be forgotten to the end: the patience of the poor shall not perish for ever: arise, O Lord, let no man prevail.

TRACT *Psalm 129. 1-4*

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. V. Let Thine ears be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant. V. If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall abide it? V. For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness, and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL *Matthew 20. 1-16*

At that time Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like to a householder who went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And having agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing in the marketplace idle, and he said to them: Go you also into my vineyard, and I will give you what shall be just.

And they went their way. And again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour: and did in like manner. But about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing, and he saith to them: Why stand you here all the day idle? They say to him: Because no man hath hired us. He saith to them: Go you also into my vineyard. And when evening was come, the lord of the vineyard saith to his steward: Call the labourers and

Music for Sunday, 1st February

Mass setting: Kyriale XI Credo I

Communion: Panis Angelicus

Recessional: I'll sing a hymn to Mary (239)

pay them their hire, beginning from the last even to the first. When therefore they were come that came about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first also came, they thought that they should receive more: and they also received every man a penny.

And receiving it they murmured against the master of the house, saying: These last have worked but one hour, and thou hast made them equal to us that have borne the burden of the day and the heats. But he answering said to one of them:

Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst thou not agree with me for a penny? Take what is thine and go thy way: I will also give to this last even as to thee. Or, is it not lawful for me to do what I will? Is thy eye evil, because I am good? So shall the last be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.

OFFERTORY *Psalm 91. 2*

It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to Thy name, O Most High.

SECRET

Having received our offerings and prayers, we beseech Thee, O Lord, cleanse us by these heavenly mysteries, and graciously hear us. Through our Lord.

REFACE OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: Who, together with Thine only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, are one God, one Lord: not in the oneness of a single Person, but in the Trinity of one substance. For what we believe by Thy revelation of Thy glory, the same do we believe of Thy Son, the same of the Holy Ghost, without difference or separation. So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead, distinction in persons, unity in essence, and equality in majesty may be adored. Which the Angels and Archangels, the Cherubim also and Seraphim do praise: who cease not daily to cry out with one voice saying:

COMMUNION *Psalm 30. 17-18 2. 51*

Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, and save me in Thy mercy: let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon Thee.

POSTCOMMUNION

May Thy faithful people, O Lord, be strengthened by Thy gifts: that by partaking of them they may continue to seek after them, and by seeking them, constantly partake of them. Through our Lord.