



Dome of Home

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22nd February – 1st March 2026

First Sunday in Lent



THE TEMPTATION ON THE MOUNT.
(From the original painting by Ary Scheffer.)

Ash Wednesday begins the Holy Season of Lent, but it is given a kind of second solemn opening with the liturgy of Sunday. The Gospel calls us to resist temptation with the famous account of Our Lord's 40 day fast in the desert.

As we seek by the grace of God to combat our vices and renew our spiritual lives, it is worthwhile to recall the seven deadly sins and their opposing virtues:

- Pride – Humility
- Envy – Kindness/brotherly love
- Anger – Meekness/patience
- Avarice – Generosity
- Gluttony – Temperance
- Sloth – Diligence
- Lust – Chastity/Purity

✠ **Children's Lenten Catechism and Activity:** Following Mass today, Canon Post will give a short talk for children, to be followed by a teaching activity on the crown of thorns.

✠ **Stations of the Cross:** The traditional Lenten devotion of the *Way of the Cross* will be every Friday at 5.30pm instead of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

✠ **Congratulations to Mark and Leah who were married yesterday, 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. 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).

✠ **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 **9th July**.

We do not guarantee any date for Mass intentions submitted. Furthermore, Masses will be celebrated by one of the priests of the Dome or by Canon Wiener, who is rector of our apostolate in Shrewsbury.

✠ **Virtual Lenten retreat:** A 46-day sacred journey with 2 minutes of enjoyable, daily spiritual reading and the Rosary, all in the privacy of your home (or wherever you wish!). Register by signing up with Tasha at the back of church today or by texting her on: 07772 892 153

Announcements

✠ **Choir Practices:** on Monday at 7.15pm. **Gregorian Chant Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. Next practice: to be determined. **Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: tuckerobertson@gmail.com or 01516 391 999/07714 710 275. Upcoming practices: Monday 23rd February, 2nd March and 9th March.

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** Loose Plate: £658.00 Boxes £174.50 Bank transfers: £503.00 Shop £102.24 Heating: N/A **Total: £1437.24** NB: bags of small denominations of coins are now deposited only when full. Hence, collection figures are now round numbers. Thank you very much for your continued generosity! If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following: Sort Code: 40-45-14 - 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 February we are collecting for the convent restoration project of our Sister Adorers in Preston. £23.80 was raised last week. Thank you.

✠ **Apiculae – Rosaries & Chaplets:** For beautiful handmade rosaries and chaplets, silver, copper, bronze & brass, see Elaine Gibbons. Commissions taken! Contact elaineapiculae@gmail.com or 01519 241 178.

✠ **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 580 547 if you would like to join us. *Thank you to all who generously give their time to the upkeep of the church.*

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 March 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. Upcoming classes will be held on **Saturday, 28th February at 11am and Saturday, 28th March at the same time.**

✠ **Catholic Spring Dance:** 6pm Saturday, 18th April at St Anthony’s Church (L18 8BD). The Spring Dance will have food, wine, music and dancing with a Scottish Ceilidh Band. Please see flyers at the back of the church for more information or join our WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DkXxNeUxBShEywEoFQcu30>

✠ **Craft Group:** knitting, patchwork, dressmaking, lace making and embroidery. Beginners welcome. Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 07767 752 671. **Next meeting, Saturday 7th March 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>

✠ **Liverpool 40 Days for Life:** Prayer vigil from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday, every day from 6am until 9pm. Contact Gabrielle on 07766 975 950 or email Liverpool40daysforlife@gmail.com.

✠ **Donation point:** From last October, a new “Card donation point” has been displayed. You can also make donations to Ss PPP church by scanning the following QR Code on your phone. Thank you for your support!



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: 9 th July.				Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sunday 22 nd February 1 st Sunday in Lent Violet	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Gregorian Masses Allington	Jane Adderley RIP Steve and Heather	4.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Rosary & Benediction	9.40am– 10.15am
Monday 23 rd February Chair of St. Peter White	6.30 pm Low Mass	Gregorian Masses Allington	Alexandra Hulme People of Nigeria	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm– 6pm
Tuesday 24 th February St. Matthias Apostle Red	6.30 pm Low Mass	Gregorian Masses Allington	Joyce Ashton	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm– 6pm
Wednesday 25 th February Ember Wednesday in Lent Violet	6.30 pm Low Mass	Gregorian Masses Allington	Angela Philips	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm– 6pm
Thursday 26 th February Feria of Lent Violet	6.30 pm Low Mass	Gregorian Masses Allington	Mgr Wach	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm– 6pm
Friday 27 th February Ember Friday in Lent Violet	6.30 pm Low Mass	Gregorian Masses Allington	Frank and Grace Gatsby RIP	5.30pm Stations of the Cross	No Confessions
Saturday 28 th February Ember Saturday in Lent Violet	10am Low Mass	Gregorian Masses Allington	Jane Scott Mary Walsh RIP	9am Adoration 9.40am Benediction	9.00am– 9.30am
Sunday 1 st March 2 nd Sunday in Lent Violet	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Gregorian Masses Allington	Michael Hulme Daniel Wilkinson	4.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Rosary & Benediction	9.40am– 10.15am

Excerpt from Canon Law: Confession & the Easter Precept

1455 The confession (or disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others. Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible.

1456 Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret and have been committed against the last two precepts of the Decalogue; for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly."

When Christ's faithful strive to confess all the sins that they can remember, they undoubtedly place all of them before the divine mercy for pardon. But those who fail to do so and knowingly withhold some, place nothing before the divine goodness for remission through the mediation

his wound to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know."⁵⁵

1457 According to the Church's command, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year."⁵⁶ Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession.⁵⁷ Children must go to the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion for the first time.⁵⁸

Can. 920 §1. After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, each of the faithful is obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year.

§2. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year.

PROPERS of the MASS - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT *Psalm 90. 15-16*

HE shall cry to me, and I will hear him: I will deliver him, and I will glorify him: I will fill him with length of days. Ps. He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of Heaven. V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

O God, who dost purify Thy Church by the yearly observance of forty days; grant to Thy household that what we strive to obtain from Thee by self denial, we may secure by good works. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE *Corinthians 6. 1-10*

Brethren: We exhort you that you receive not the grace of God in vain. For He saith: In an accepted time have I heard thee, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee. Behold, now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of salvation. Giving no offence to any man, that our ministry be not blamed: but in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, in chastity, in knowledge, in long suffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God: by the armour of justice on the right hand and on the left: by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true, as unknown and yet known: as dying, and behold we live: as chastised and not killed: as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing: as needy, yet enriching many: as having nothing and possessing all things.

GRADUAL *Psalm 90. 11-12*

GOD hath given His angels charge over Thee, to keep Thee in all Thy ways. V. In their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest Thou dash Thy foot against a stone.

TRACT

HE that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. V. He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge: my God, in Him will I trust. V. For He hath delivered me from the snare of the hunters, and from the sharp word. V. He will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust. V. His truth shall compass thee with a shield: thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the night. V. Of the arrow that flieth in the day, of the business that walketh about in the dark, of invasion or of the noonday devil. V. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee. V. For He hath given His angels charge over Thee, to keep Thee in all Thy ways. V. In their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest Thou dash Thy foot against a stone.

Mass setting: Kyriale XVII (p. 81) Credo I

Polyphony: Jesu, audi nos

Recessional Hymn: Forty days and forty nights (p. 150)

V. Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk, and Thou shalt trample under foot the lion and the dragon. V. Because he hoped in Me I will deliver him: I will protect him, because he hath known My name. V. He shall cry to Me, and I will hear him: I am with him in tribulation. V. I will deliver him, and I will glorify him: I will fill him with length of days, and I will show him my salvation.

GOSPEL *Matthew 4. 1-11*

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry. And the tempter coming said to Him: If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Who answered and said: It is writ ten: Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. Then the devil took Him up into the temple, and said to Him: If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down. For it is writ ten: That He hath given His angels charge over Thee, and in their hands shall they bear Thee up, lest perhaps Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. Jesus said to him: It is written again: Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God. Again the devil took Him up into a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, and said to Him: All these will I give Thee, if falling down Thou wilt adore me. Then Jesus saith to him: Begone, Satan! for it is written: The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil left Him: and behold angels came, and ministered to Him.

OFFERTORY *Psalm 90. 4-5*

THE Lord will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

COMMUNION *Psalm 90. 4-5*

The Lord will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

POSTCOMMUNION

May the holy partaking of Thy sacrament, restore us, O Lord, and cleansing us from our old life, make us to pass into the fellowship of the mystery of salvation. Through our Lord.