

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

Ann Berry, Christine Rogers, David Nobel, Patrick Hullinson, Florence Ward, Barbara Murphy, Della McKernan, Dale Broom, Jackie Berry, Bernard Holt, Patricia Green, Bernadette Green, Eileen Butt, Frank Colgan, Marian Whyte, Stephen King, William Lyons, Beth Anistead-Cargan, Sue Jimmy, Tom Cutler, Rosemary Keyes, Anne Holland, Caroline Hoad, Kevin McCormick, Ellen Sumaya, Jocelyn Roque

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE DEAD

Recently Deceased: Catherine Murdock, Bernard Sheridan, Marie Arnall, David Parkes, Brian Lee

Anniversaries: Mary Broe, Patrick McDonald, June Doherty, Catherine O’Shea,

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

“To see God we must die”.

St Teresa of Avila

“Have patience with all things—but first of all with yourself”.

St Francis de Sales



The Spirit as Mother

If believers are ‘born’ of the Holy Spirit then in a way we must think of the Spirit as Mother—the one who brings us to birth in faith. And if the Holy Spirit is the Comforter—as the Gospel of John teaches—then presumably the Spirit comforts as mother comforts her child (Jn 14:26 Is 66:13) - after all it’s the Spirit who makes us children of God.

	Last Week’s collection was: £1021.24 Thank you	£££	The monthly figure for Standing Orders: £1380.00
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	This week, the Sacred Heart Lamp burns for Fr Gerard’s intentions.		This week, Our Lady’s Lamp burns for Fr Philip’s intentions.
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 15th March	Holy Masses 9am & 11am
Monday 16th March	Holy Mass 12 noon
Tuesday 17th March St Patrick	Holy Mass 12 noon
Wednesday 18th March	Holy Mass 12 noon
Thursday 19th March St Joseph	Holy Mass 12 noon
Friday 20th March	Holy Mass 12 noon
Saturday 21st March	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions 11.40am-12.50pm, 4-4.40pm Holy Mass 11am Vigil 5pm

Transport Hub—Access to OLOG Car Park for Scaffold Strip

As the adjacent Transport Hub progresses to the final stages of completion, VINCI Building have requested to strip the access scaffold from OLOG car park with this activity planned after Easter for w/c 13th April 2026. A working area is required, edged red on the site plan, which can be viewed on the noticeboard at the back of the church. The work will last for five days with vehicle access for removal of the scaffold.

Start: Monday 13th April 2026
End: Friday 17th April 2026

VINCI Building to make good damaged areas of OLOG car park surface following removal of the scaffold, proposed date to be confirmed.

200 Club

Winners of the draws are listed on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

CAFOD

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY. The total amount given in the Fast Day envelope so far is £879. We will be collecting the Fast Day envelopes throughout Lent—just put them in with the normal Offertory collection. If you didn't get an envelope, there are spares near the church doors, or you can put a donation in the CAFOD box at the back of the church.

Together we are supporting people like Rejoice in South Sudan, providing them with practical ways of overcoming the impact of devastating floods. Many thanks.

GIFT ENVELOPES

We will be preparing the boxes of offertory gift envelopes for the next tax year quite soon. If you already use the envelopes, you need do nothing a new box will be prepared for you. But if you don't make your offertory donations by bank standing order or using the DONA terminal, perhaps you would think about using the envelope scheme especially if you are a tax payer. For further details, contact Vin Allerton by phone on 0161 727 3318, by text to 07305 727900 or by email to vanallerton@gmail.com

Jesus, The Light – We're His Little Lights in the World

St. Paul encourages us in the second reading as we journey with Christ during this Lent and beyond –

To walk as children of the light, “for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true”. Jesus Christ had compassion for the man born blind and restored his sight. We should not wish others bad or ill luck in life. We should be empathetic, sympathetic and kind. We are called to “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn” (Rom. 12:15). *To learn what is pleasing to the Lord*. Life is a school. We come to the Church to love God and leave the Church to love our neighbour and proclaim the wonders of God as the blind man did.

To take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but expose them by our words and actions. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). In the same way, He tells us, “You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:14-16).

To wake up and arise from the dead and Christ shall give us light. Jesus is the light of the world. It is His desire that all should see the beauty of God and the created universe and rejoice in it. He therefore restored the sight of the man born blind. We need to treasure the gift of faith and light which Christ has given to us as He opens our eyes to see the need to be good, kind, loving and compassionate as ‘His little lights in the world’.