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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Nigel Brown, Birthday RIP (J B) Parish Community Fr Joseph Kenny, OP
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Teilo, Bishop</i>	9.30am	Philip Anikor, RIP
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Scholastica, Virgin</i>	9.30am	Marjorie Morris, RIP Anniversary (M M)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Roy Miller, RIP (E T) <b>COFFEE MORNING</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Fr Clement Andem OP, RIP
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> <b>St Cyril, Monk, &amp; St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe (Feast)</b>	10.00am	Private Intention (J J)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Roy Miller, RIP James Gomez, RIP (E W)

**CONFESIONS:** Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION:** Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Terri Jukes, Ruth Cronin, Jonathan Pass, Ade Oshisanya, John Rutegard, Shelley Isaac-Clarke, Eira Hooper, Vera Quinn.

**COPIES OF THE DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK:** Now available in the Porch: price £5

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:** Classes have resumed, Sundays, after the 10.30am Mass, in anticipation of reception of First Holy Communion, the coming year. Please contact **Sandra Morgan** and **Marie Fouracre** for registration and details.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Class every Saturday at 5pm in the parish hall, begins on **14<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. Please contact Fr Michael or Fr Jude for details.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection this weekend for Racial Justice Sunday.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Next on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** in the Parish Hall.

**PALMS:** Please bring in your old palms to the Church so that we can burn them, to use as ashes on Ash Wednesday. Many thanks.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY:** You are welcome to join our Parish Bible Study on Zoom (recorded for a later review). **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**. Text: John chapter 17. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513. Please contact Fr Michael for an audio recording.

**CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE:** Join us to discuss Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**, 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. Remote Zoom attendance is available. Zoom ID: 585 166 8513

**OUR HOUR OF GRACE:** 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent

Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. The next session will be on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. **Theme: Introduction to the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.**

**PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOUR OF GRACE):** If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

**WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:** Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Angela Matthews, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Roger Eddy, Joy Stafford, Fran Jordan, Margaret Frost, Emily Jones, Wendy Graham, Tess O'Donoghue, Joshua Lane.

**CYCLE OF PRAYER:** In the Winter Season we are invited to pray for *Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat It; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; The Unemployed*

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY:** That children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**SUNDAY OFFERING: £932**

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## **Salt of the Earth, Light of the World**

Pope Francis

In today's Gospel Reading (cf. Mt 5:13-16), Jesus says to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world" (vv. 13-14). He uses a symbolic language to indicate to those who intend to follow him some criteria for living presence and witnessing in the world.

First image: salt. Salt is the element that gives flavour and which conserves and preserves food from corruption. The disciple is therefore called to keep society far from the dangers, the corrosive germs which pollute the life of people. It is a question of resisting moral degradation, sin, bearing witness to the values of honesty and fraternity, not giving in to worldly flattery of careerism, of power, of wealth. "Salt" is the disciple who, despite daily failures — because we all have them — gets up again from the dust of his errors, and begins again with courage and patience, every day, to seek dialogue and encounter with others. "Salt" is the disciple who does not look for consensus and praise, but strives to be a humble, constructive presence, faithful to the teachings of Jesus who came into the world not to be served, but to serve. And there is a great need for this attitude!

The second image that Jesus proposes to his disciples is that of light: "You are the light of the world". Light disperses darkness and enables us to see. Jesus is the light that has dispelled the darkness, but it [darkness] still remains in the world and in individuals. It is the task of Christians to disperse it by radiating the light of Christ and proclaiming his Gospel. It is a radiance that can also come from our words, but it must flow above all from our "good works" (v. 16). A disciple and a Christian community are light in the world when they direct others to God, helping each one to experience his goodness and his mercy. The disciple of Jesus is light when he knows how to live his faith outside narrow spaces, when he helps to eliminate prejudice, to eliminate slander, and to bring the light of truth into situations vitiated by hypocrisy and lies. To shed light. But it is not my light, it is the light of Jesus: we are instruments to enable Jesus' light to reach everyone.

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