

Music at 11.30 am Solemn Mass Today: Casali, GB - Missa IX Motet: Isaac - Gustate et Videte **Music at 10.00 am Family Mass:** There is now a button on the parish website, which allows parishioners to listen to and practice the Sunday hymns ahead of time.

We are holding a Welcome Occasion for all those who have become new Parishioners over the last couple of years or so, on Sunday 1st March, 1.00 – 3.00 pm in the Parish Centre. Please take an invitation letter from the back of church. There will be the opportunity to meet Fr Richard, Fr Juan, Therese, and other members of the parish team. There will be light lunchtime refreshments – if you can, bring a plate of food to share. Open to both adults and children of all ages. Let us know you are coming to help us with catering. Come and go at any time between 1.00 and 3.00 pm.

Parish Readers: We are hoping to recruit some new readers to augment our rota. If you are interested in the possibility of training to become one of our Readers at Sunday Mass, do please let the parish office know. We will then invite you to an evening meeting at 7.00 pm on Thursday 26th February, at which there will be a talk on the importance of the proclamation of Scripture in the Liturgy of the Word of the Mass, and on the ministry of Reader, along with some opportunity to practice good reading skills.

‘No Greater Love’ – Bible study group on Wednesdays during Lent from 2-3pm in the presbytery. Please let Therese know if you intend to come. It is advisable to attend all sessions but you are still welcome to attend the ones you can. This time of day may suit parents, as it is prior to school pick up. All are welcome, including walk ins.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism: If you have a child for **Baptism**, under 5 years old please email us for an application form. A copy of one of the Catholic parents’ baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms can only take place on Saturdays at 11am.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral Sat 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm. For couples in the Diocese celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and any year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. Please email us husband and wife’s names, wedding date, years married, address, email (or phone number, if no email). We forward this information to the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life office, who in due course will send you the Cardinal's invitation.

Please pray for the sick especially: Jacqueline Spears, Brigitte Dean, Cornelius Murphy, Caroline Keating, Gesa Cosby, Christopher Freeman, Gloria Mantilla, Dermot Molloy, Seamus Malone, Shirley Foster, Rosane da Graca Wilhelms, Michael Ruggins, Caitlin Brown, Francis Jordan, Phil Unwin and Graig Scanlan. **We commend to God those who died recently:** Maureen Mullen, Stephen McCaughley **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Peter and Bridget Flaherty, Patrick and Bridget McMahon.

Funeral of Stephen McCaughley: Fri 20th February at 11.30am. May he rest in peace

Funeral of Maureen Mullen: Thu 5th March at 11am. May she rest in peace.

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Sixth Sunday of the Year 15th February 26

Today’s Readings p.250-254

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Paul 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37



Office Hours: Mon-Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Times of Mass and Devotions for Week beginning 15th February 2026

Saturday

SS Cyril & Methodius

9.30 am Mass

6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions

Sunday 15th February

6th Sunday of the Year

8.30 am Mass

10.00 am Family Mass

11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions

6.30 pm Mass

Monday <i>feria (Wk6, Yr 2)</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Adoration & Benediction
Shrove Tuesday <i>feria</i>	6.00pm Mass for the forgiveness of sins, followed by Confessions and Rosary
Ash Wednesday <i>Fast & Abstinence</i>	9.00am Mass with Imposition of Ashes 6.00pm Solemn Mass with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday <i>Lent feria</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers
Friday <i>Lent feria</i>	9.00 am Mass 9.30am Stations of the Cross
Saturday <i>Lent feria</i>	9.30 am Mass 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions
Sunday 22nd February <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass

Today's Bible Readings

In the Old Testament Reading from the Wisdom Book of Sirach we are reminded that it is within our power to decide to keep the Commandments, and that God knows a person's every deed. The psalm which follows appropriately declares that those who walk in the law of the Lord are blessed

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that he has not come to abolish the Law and Prophets, but to fulfil them. He explains that observing merely the letter of the Law is not sufficient. E.g. Anger can ultimately lead to killing, lustful desires can lead to adultery.

In the Second Reading St Paul tells his converts that he does impart wisdom, but not a wisdom of this age, rather the secret and hidden wisdom of God which he decreed before the ages for our glory. God has revealed to us through the Spirit the things he has prepared for those who love him.

Please pray for our new Archbishop of Westminster installed yesterday in Westminster Cathedral, Archbishop Richard Dooley, (previously Bishop of Arundel and Brighton.) From now on, we pray for him by name in the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass: 'Leo our Pope, and Richard our Bishop.'

This weekend there will be an Appeal on behalf of Mary's Meals, with a collection after Mass. This charity, based in Scotland, serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. Mary's Meals will also have a special announcement to make!

Tuesday is known in England as Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent begins. 'Shrove' comes from being 'shriven' which means going to Confession and being absolved. This will get our Lent off to a very good start. The 6.00 pm Mass will be for the Forgiveness and Sins, and Confessions will be available. At 6.30 pm.

Pancakes in the porch after Mass on Tuesday! £1 per family. If you are free to help prepare and serve pancakes, please let Therese know. Donations of £1 invited for those who can afford.

Ash Wednesday 18th February

Day of Fast (one main meal and a snack) and Abstinence (no meat)
(Children and the elderly are exempt from the Fast)
9.00 am Mass with Imposition of Ashes
6.00 pm Solemn Mass with Imposition of Ashes



Stations of the Cross on Friday this week and every following Friday of Lent: Also on Wednesdays at 6.30 pm, beginning on 25th February

The Rite of Election in the Cathedral next Saturday is the occasion when our four Parish Catechumens (adults preparing for baptism) and our candidate for reception into the Catholic Church, along with a few hundred others from all the parishes of the Diocese are chosen and blessed by the Archbishop to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil this year. The Catechumens now become 'The Elect'. The season of Lent is their final period of intensive preparation, which we keep alongside them, as we prepare by prayer, self-denial and almsgiving to renew our own baptismal promises at Easter.

Our Parish Lent Information leaflet, 'Return to the Lord your God', is available, giving details of our Lenten activities and devotions.

Lent Talks in Church on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm – 'VATICAN II – GUIDING STAR' First Talk is on 24th February, given by Fr Richard: 'The Church – Light of the Nations'

'Walk with Me' the ever-popular booklet providing a prayer, Bible reading and reflection for every day of Lent is now on sale at £1.50 at the back of church.

Lent Booklets about the Meaning of Lent, Stations of the Cross, and other Lenten devotions on sale from the Catholic Truth Society stand in the porch.