

Do join us for refreshments  
after Mass today



# St Paul, King Cross, Halifax

Sunday 1 March 2026

TODAY at 5pm -

## A Lent Celebration of Healing & Wholeness

A short reflective service with Hymns,  
Prayers for Healing (either for those we know  
or for ourselves), and with the  
Laying on of Hands & Holy Anointing.

During the week -

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - 10am-12.00pm

**The Craft Group** meets – come & have a go or just  
come along for a coffee & natter. *Have a word with  
Anita if you would like more info....*

and at 7.30pm A short Devotional Service on  
Zoom (*please note change of time for this week*)  
Just add the link below in your search box on-line  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8409911186>  
and if asked - Code: 367948

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am Said Mass with Stations  
of the Cross, followed by coffee & Lent Group  
~ see *Lent Leaflet* for details.

The leaflet: **Keeping a Good Lent....**  
will guide you through our programme for this  
year... do try and join us as we journey together  
through this special time.

**Next Sunday – 8 March. Lent 3**  
11.00am Parish Mass

*To help you prepare for our worship why not look  
up the readings we will use: Exodus 17:1-7;  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4: 4: 4-15, 19-26, 39-42*

Tickets are now available for the next  
Talking Stock production on  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

We look forward to their return visit to perform a  
multi-award one-act play:

**The Last Memory** by Alan Stockdill

*See posters for details*

"One of the most moving & inspirational pieces of  
theatre I've ever experienced..."

"Brilliant. There was not a dry eye in the house..."

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## Welcome to our Parish Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

A special welcome if you are visiting.  
If you require Gluten free altar bread - please have  
a word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

**Hymns: 76; 63; 420; 382; 393**

Readers: Shaughn Bevan & Harry Atkinson  
Intercessions: Ian Knowles

*There's a contactless payment facility at the back of  
Church and if you pay tax please make use of the Gift  
Aid envelopes – it helps us a great deal - Thank you!*

*During the week please pray for:*

Our neighbours in Moorfield Street,  
Moorgate Street, & the people Southowram

*Among our congregation:* David Barker,  
Carolina Roma-Rodriquez, Wendy Banks,

Monday – our keeping of Lent  
Tuesday – Peace in the troubled areas of the world  
Wed. - Local shops & businesses  
Thursday – Bishop Stephen & Bishop Smitha  
Friday – housebound members of our congregation  
Saturday – Welcomers & Sidespeople

*Those who are sick or in need:*

Laraine Cowgill, Sue Sanders, Jeremy Whitaker,  
Julian Haw, Susan Wainwright, Teddy Hicks,  
Jerome, Jacinta Hunter, Michael Kenyon,  
Barbara Wood, Barbra Martin. Katie O'Halloran,  
Beryl Wilson, Kathryn Osborne, Brenda Foster,  
Audrey Martin, Douglas Pilcher, Victoria Bevan

*Long term sickness:*

Terry Chatburn, Michael Kenyon, Mary Haward

*Recently departed:*

Derek Shuttleworth, Maureen Tilly

*Anniversaries:*

Clarice Skelton, Keith Goodman (Priest),  
Edith Astin, Denis Nash, June Foster (1)  
Lavina Roberts, Philippa Wild (2) Annie Horner (3)  
Raymond Harries (Priest), Geoffrey Hogg, Kevin  
Scott (3) Barbara Helliwell (5) Alexandria Brekin (7)

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## LENT 2

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Send out your light and your truth; that they may lead me; and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING (Genesis 12:1-4)

*A reading from the Book of Genesis*

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 121)

**R: Our help is in the name of the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **R:**

May he never allow you to stumble!

Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **R:**

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **R:**

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **R:**

### SECOND READING (Romans 4:1-5, 13-17)

*A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans*

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestors for according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the

righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!** Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. **Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

### GOSPEL (John 3:1-17)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

