



From the Vicar – I am writing this introduction to PewNews at the end of the first properly Sunny Day in quite a while. I have been conscious all through the day that the quality of my conversations, and my outlook on the world has been markedly different today than it was yesterday. Billy Connolly famously said there is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothes, however even he I think would be relieved by the break in the wind, rain and drizzle.

Lent seems less of a challenge when the sun is shining – privations and penitence feel somehow easier when you can pause to appreciate the world around you without having flashbacks to childhood holidays being made to have fun in the cold and the wet.

It reminds me of the glorious sights you see occasionally in deserts when there has been a rare shower, and the landscape erupts into bloom and blossom. In this season it seems particularly appropriate to pay attention when these blessings come along and to intentionally stop, savour them and give thanks for them – and it also seems peculiarly British doesn't it? I've peeked ahead to the weekend and beyond, and it is by no means wall-to-wall sunshine, but there are glimpses – something to look for in the week ahead. A reminder to look for beauty in ordinary – the glory of God in the everyday.

Fr Catriona.

New to All Saints? Welcome if this is your first visit to All Saints. To find out more about us please speak to one of the clergy or one of the welcome team (wearing badges). Do stay for tea or coffee after the service. We look forward to meeting you.

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Services this week: **Mon – Thurs** - 9.00am - Morning Prayer
Tuesday - 12.30pm - Said Mass
Wednesday - 9.30am - Said Mass

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Parish Notices

Lent course 2026 – There are two weekly opportunities to participate in this year's Lent course, in which we explore the Gospel of Matthew. These are after Mass on a Sunday, or Thursday evening before Compline. The Thursday evening is particularly appropriate if you are new to faith and begins at **7.00 pm**. Dates are below.

Sundays:	Thursdays:
1 st March	5 th March
8 th March	12 th March
15 th March	19 th March
22 nd March	26 th March

If you are planning to stay for the Lent Course this Sunday (1st March) after Mass, and you did not attend last week, please could you let me know, so that I ensure there are enough sandwiches. These will be vegetarian. If you have any additional dietary requirements, please let me know. *Fr Catriona*.

RIP Charles O'Donaghue – we were sad to hear this week that Charles has died, and that his funeral happened last week. He was unwell for a while before he died, and we had not seen him in Church for a bit but nevertheless, Charles was an important part of the life of All Saints, and we know that many people will miss him dearly.

Midday Prayer in 2026 – giving thanks for those we love. The next date is 14th March. These dates are available for same-sex couples who may wish to seeking God's blessing for their relationship by using prayers of love and faith within an existing service. If this is you, please speak to Fr Catriona.

Mothering Sunday, 15th March 2026 – On this Sunday each year there are a number of traditions we like to keep. Flowers will be available for those who would like to honour people in our community: family, friends and neighbours – who have cared for us. And we will have simnel cake. Last year I bought cake, and nearly started a diplomatic incident among our talented and dedicated bakers. If you are someone who enjoys baking and you would like to contribute a simnel cake, do let me know before I put in an order this year! *Fr Catriona*.

Palm Sunday, Sunday 29th March – This year we will be starting the Palm Sunday walk from a different spot, as there is hoarding around Palmeira Square Gardens. The intention is that we will meet at 9.30 am on Grand Avenue Lawns BN3 2LF and

walk up to church. Please pencil this in your diaries and we will confirm as soon as possible.

Tuesday 7th April – All Saints are looking forward to hosting The Katona Twins. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm to 9.30pm performance of 'ALHAMBRA INSPIRATIONS' – Virtuoso Spanish music for two guitars. For tickets please visit: [Katona Twins - Alhambra Inspirations Tickets, Tue, Apr 7, 2026 at 7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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Thank you for those who have already signed up, it is working well and to date we have been paid **£34.77**. Sign up here to help make a difference or scan QR: <https://tinyurl.com/yds449v5>.

Flowers – If you would like to donate towards the lovely flowers on display to mark a special occasion, please speak to one of the Flower Team, Church Wardens or contact the Parish Office.

Prayer Request Forms - Prayer request forms are available for those who would like prayer for themselves, or someone they know. These ensure we have the explicit consent of those we name in PewNews and help us check people's progress. Please ask the wardens for a card and return it to a warden, priest, or the office. *Fr Catriona*

For our Prayers - Those who are sick: Sylvia; Fleur Boxell; Sue Bonner; Tara Robins; Linda; Trish Abela; Kevin Hill; Judy Greenfield; Linda Clarke; Margaret Forbes; and Rols Ham-Riche; John Hatworth, Sue TB, Jane Stone; Liz Ruane; and for church members receiving home Communion. For those whose anniversary of death falls at this time; John Phillips, (Pr); Stanley Watson; Jeffrie Richard Pond.



Today's Mass – The Second Sunday of Lent



ALL SAINTS
Living Faith in Hope

LENT PROSE

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.*

O thou the chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation,
Gate of Life Celestial: cleanse thou our sinful from all defilement.

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.*

OPENING HYMN – New every morning is the love, 6

MASS SETTING

Latona/ Mass in E major Rheinberger

COLLECT

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,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the book Genesis

Now 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. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Gen. 12. 1-4a

PSALM 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; ♦ from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, ♦ the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble; ♦
he who watches over you will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel ♦ shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; ♦
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, ♦
neither the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil; ♦ it is he who shall keep your soul.
- 8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in, ♦ from this time forth for evermore.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor 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.

Rom. 4. 1-5, 13-17

GRADUAL HYMN - Forgive our sins as we forgive, 428

GOSPEL SENTENCE

'Those who want to save their life will lose it: those who lose their life for my sake will save it.'

Matt. 8. 35

A Reading from the Gospel of Saint John

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.

John 3. 1-17

OFFERTORY HYMN – It is a thing most wonderful, 109



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ANTHEM – *God so loved the world* from 'Crucifixion' – J. Stainer (1840-1901)

COMMUNION HYMN – We come to this your table, Lord, 330

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities

which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN – God is love, 442

