

PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART & ST. OSWALD, PETERBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Sat. 28	1700 <i>Confessions</i> 1800 Mass (<i>Peter Tomkin RIP</i>)
Sun. 1	0800 Mass (<i>Mathai Luka RIP – 8th anniv.</i>) 1000 Mass (<i>Dennis Capewell RIP- 7th ann.</i>) 1200 Mass (School) (<i>Dan Chambers RIP</i>)
Tues. 3	0800 <i>PE4 Prayer Group until 9am</i> 1000 <i>Silent Prayer until 12 noon</i> 1830 Mass (<i>Charmaine Thomas RIP - ann.</i>)
Wed. 4	0630 Mass (<i>John Holland RIP</i>) 1000 Mass (<i>Dan Chambers RIP</i>)
Thurs. 5	1000 Mass (<i>Silvia De Melo RIP – anniv.</i>)
Fri. 6	1000 Mass (<i>Molly Breen RIP</i>) 1030 <i>Adoration until 12 noon</i> 1830 Mass (<i>Dan Chambers RIP</i>) 1900 <i>Stations of the Cross</i>

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Sat. 7	1700 <i>Confessions</i> 1800 Mass (<i>Sheila Tomkin RIP</i>)
Sun. 8	0800 Mass (<i>Michelle Hewins RIP</i>) 1000 Mass (<i>Dorothy & Everton D'Monte RIP</i>) 1200 Mass (School) (<i>Lidy Hamilton RIP</i>)

Coffee & Tea are served at St Oswald's in the Parish Hall after Sunday 10am Mass & after 10am Mass Wednesday & Friday mornings. All welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who anniversaries occur at this time: *William Watson, Charles Murphy, Frances Holt, Dawn Roberts, James Owens, Ann Singleton, Roderick Ashton, Sarah Pratt, Robert Brett, Patricia Woolsey, Dennis Capewell, Michael Murphy, John McNulty, Henry McAllister, Marguerite Smith., Maureen Hardy, Horace Bryan, Archbishop Peter Smith, Bridget Wright, John Cox, Olga Bagnoli.* May they rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who have recently died: *Lidy Hamilton RIP, whose Funeral Service at Crematorium 12 noon Fri. 6th March and Dan Chambers RIP – Requiem Mass 1.00pm Thursday 12th March.* May they rest in peace.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is this Friday 6th March.

Congratulations to Fr Tony who celebrates his 57th Anniversary of Ordination Monday 2nd March

MOTHERS PRAYERS—Praying for our children & grandchildren, each Wednesday morning after 10am Mass. Everyone welcome.

LENT & EASTER PROGRAM 2026

Please take a copy of the Lent & Easter Program which is available in the Entrance Foyer

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP which is for children who are in reception up to year 3 only, starts again this week after the break! Please note once the class has started there can be no admittance to the hall!

CAFOD Family Fast Day collection is **THIS** weekend for the work of CAFOD. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the Entrance Foyer. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

LENTEN ALMS — *Our Parish Lenten Project this year will be to support the vital work of Aid to the Church in Need. Please take a Lenten Project Offering Bag and return your offerings to Mass on Palm Sunday.*

EARLY MORNING MASS is celebrated 6.30am each Wednesday during Lent followed by a simple breakfast.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS takes place 7.00pm each Friday during Lent after celebration of Mass at 6.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—The Tuesday and Wednesday classes resume this week at 5:15pm and finish promptly at 6.15pm! Parents **MUST** bring their children into the class and Collect them too!

Please exercise caution driving in and out of the car park to avoid accidents! Please ensure that you child has completed ALL of their homework before the class!

GIFT AID— **Important** - If you have registered for Gift Aid and are no longer paying tax you must inform the Parish Office. If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid, please pick up a Gift Aid form in the Entrance Foyer, and return completed form to the Parish Office. Remember, this does not cost taxpayers anything extra.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for the next tax year are now available for collection in the Entrance Foyer

KINDNESS IN GRIEF CAFÉ

2-4pm Thursday 5th March in the Parish Hall.

Our Kindness in Grief Café continues on the 1st Thursday of every month. Its aim is to bring people together to provide mutual support & encouragement to anyone experiencing grief and loss. Your loss may be recent or many years ago, you are all welcome. Next meeting is 5th March 2-4pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tues. 17th Mar: 11am St Patricks Day Mass followed by St Patricks Celebration Reception
- Sat. 21st March: 12noon Mass with Anointing of the Sick
- Sat. 28th March: Children's Activity Workshop 2 -3.30pm
- Tues. 31st March: Chrism Mass
- Sat. 4th April: Easter Vigil
- Fri. 15th -Sun.17th May: Parish Retreat to Ampleforth
- Mon. 5th May: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham
- Sat. 23rd May: African Day 11am – 3.00pm
- Sat. 20th June: Summer Fayre
- Fri. 26th June: Diocesan Golden Jubilee Mass 12noon
- Fri. 3rd July: Quiz Night 6.30pm for 7pm start

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

1st March 2026

PRAYER MEETING AT ST OSWALD'S, NEXT TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH 8:00AM TO 9:00 AM.

Church members from Paston, Walton Werrington and Gunthorpe congregations will be praying at St Oswald's for the needs of our PE4 postal area and for the various churches within it. Please join us in person or in spirit. Tim: 01733 570036.

JOIN US FOR THE FRIENDSHIP LUNCH on TUESDAY 3rd March. Menu: Kerala chicken soup, a choice of desserts and as usual, plenty of good company. Tickets, £5.00 to be sold after Masses next weekend, or contact Danko 01733-570036.

LENTEN RETREAT 2026—With Fr. Ritchie Vincent. We are pleased to invite parishioners to take part in a special Online Lenten Retreat this year. Throughout Lent, Fr. Ritchie Vincent will offer:

- Daily pre-recorded reflections on YouTube
YouTube: @fritchievicent Instagram: @Indian_digital_missionary

LENT MONDAYS – 40-minute Zoom Meeting 6:00pm Zoom Meeting ID: 869 8673 9095 Passcode: LENT2026

NEW SESSIONS FOR

Physiotherapy Led Hip and Knee Class

2.00pm- 3.30pm 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March and 10th April

The class is £5 each per week, and all proceeds are given to the Parish. The session will be gentle and provide many options to be taken to suit your level of movement

'Booking is essential, no walk ins are possible, so please register your interest'

email: stephaniefenn@hotmail.co.uk

ST FELIX SENIOR GROUP meets Tuesday afternoons 2.00pm - 4.30pm in the Parish Hall. For further information please contact Joe Ippolito 07599 151586.

PETERBOROUGH FOODBANK - please place your donated food in the basket. Foodbank is currently in urgent need of the following items :-short of the following items:- Instant Mash Potato, Long Life Fruit Juice, UHT Semi-Skinned Milk, Bottles of Squash, Toilet Rolls, Tinned Meat & Packets/Tins of Soup.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL— Contact the chaplaincy team, Telephone: 01733 673115 (non-urgent calls); 07934 796221 (emergency priest out of hours). Email: nwangliaft.chaplaincy@nhs.net, or Catholic Lay Chaplain sallyanne.smith@nhs.net

ANNA LOVE TAYLOR - INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED SINGER AND MUSICIAN will perform a concert of contemporary Christian Music **7.30pm Saturday 28th March at St Luke's Catholic Church**, 26 Benyon Grove Orton Malborne Peterborough PE2 5XS. Pay at the door £10 - cash or card (under 14s free) and money raised will go to complete the purchase of the new Church organ. All are invited to enjoy complimentary light refreshment after the concert.

THE CHORAL PILGRIMAGE 2026: Peterborough 18 April 2026 | 7.30 – 9.15 | Peterborough Cathedral | £15 - £35 - The music of the Spanish Renaissance is the focus of this year's tour, 'Lead, Kindly Light'. From sadness to great rejoicing, the wealth of emotion of these times is captured beautifully in selected works by Cristóbal de Morales and Sebastián de Vivanco. Tickets are on sale and are available on our website: (<https://thesixteen.com/event/the-choral-pilgrimage-2026-peterborough/>) If you book tickets for a group of 10 or more, we have a 10% discount available in addition to a range of concession tickets.

INVITING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN YEAR 8 UPWARDS TO THE IGNITE FESTIVAL 2ND – 3RD MAY — Come and experience your faith in a dynamic way at the Ignite Festival! The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information. **Book before 30th March for Early Bird Prices!**

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN - Peterborough City Council is looking to appoint a volunteer Chaplain to provide pastoral support to all staff, regardless of faith. This Volunteer Chaplain role is being advertised on the Across Peterborough website: <https://www.acrosspeterborough.org.uk/volunteerchaplain-opportunity/>

Palm Workshop Craft Afternoon

All primary aged children are warmly invited to attend a Palm Workshop craft afternoon on **Saturday 28th March from 2-3:30pm!**

At the event, the children will help to make some banners and palms for the Palm Sunday procession alongside a host of other activities for Easter!

There will be a sign-up sheet available at the back of church from next week!

Parish of The Sacred Heart & St Oswald, 933 Lincoln Road, Peterborough PE4 6AE- Registered Charity no. 278742

Facebook page :- (Sacred Heart and St Oswalds, News And Events)

Twitter Account. The handle is @shsopet and the link is here; <https://twitter.com/shsopet>