

# Second Sunday of Lent

## 16th March 2025

### Collect

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's  
sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading (Genesis 15.1-12,17-18)

A reading from the Book of Genesis.  
After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

### Psalms (Psalm 27)

**Response: The Lord is my light and my help.**

The Lord is my light and my help:  
Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Before whom shall I shrink? R

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
For this I long,  
To live in the house of the Lord  
All the days of my life,  
To savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
To behold his temple. R

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
Have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' R

### Second Reading (Philippians 3.17-4.1)

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.  
Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### Gospel Reading (Luke 13.31-35)

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!

How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

### Post Communion

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.**

### For your prayers

#### In our Prayers:

Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Sue, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Lenny Shaw, Pat, Vanessa, Eamon Irvine, HM King Charles, Steve, Tracey Sanderson, Fr Michael Shier, Michelle Ferguson, Maria Vaccaro, Robert Russell, Carol Martin, Nancy Campling, Philomena Sorrenti, Martin Fletcher, Jan Bone, Francis Burrows. Fr Peter Rabin, Lynn Williamson, Ms Rebecca Quansah, Dr Alfred Kwasi Kwarteng, Fr Peter Bernhard, Susan Bloom, Doug Williams, Dylan Fernandes, Maggie Stevens, HH Pope Francis.

#### Among the departed:

#### Anniversaries of Death:

Mary Brown, Clara English, Rosina Norman, Walter Slade, Reginald Gordon, Richard Brown (Pr), Herbert Stickles Albert Henry Johnson, Anna Maria Vaccaro

#### In the parish:

We pray for Bastwick Street and Gee Street

#### In the wider world:

We pray for a just and lasting peace between Ukraine and Russia, and pray for all those with authority and influence who are seeking an end to the war.

### Notices

#### In Church this week...

**Monday** 7pm Stations of the Cross

**Wednesday** 11am Lent Group  
12.30 mass  
6pm Compline

**Sunday** Third Sunday of Lent  
10.30am Sung Mass

#### St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the **Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory** which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

#### THE DUNLOE CENTRE always needs the following:

##### TINNED FOODS (ring pull for preference)

Corned beef and meats of all kinds.

Fish

Soups (all flavours), baked beans, spaghetti in tomato sauce.

Fruit, rice pudding and custard.

Vegetables (chick peas and pulses are the least useful)

##### DRIED GOODS

Cup-a-soups, potnoodles and instant noodles.

##### TOILETRIES (mostly for men)

Shower gel, shampoo, soap, deodorant, face flannels

Disposable razors, shaving cream, pocket-size packs of tissues

St. Clement's Church is very grateful for all donations to our work. To donate now please scan the QR code below. You can use debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Many thanks!

