



**We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:**

Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin, Josie Doyle, Delia Ariff

**Lately Dead:** Gerard Cambridge, Joan Cranshaw, Thomas Collins, Doreen Kay, Josie Reid, Doreen Fay

**Anniversaries:** Adam Draper, Margaret Gibson, Bernard Coop, Mary Roe

**Mass Intentions:** Margaret Gibson (A), Vernon Holt birthday remembrance, special intentions x2, Bernard Coop (A), Mary Roe (A), Joan Cranshaw (LD) x2, Josie Reid (LD), Doreen Fay (LD), Gerard Cambridge (LD), for a successful operation, Marie Lamoury birthday remembrance

**Offertory:** We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.

**Donations:** We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

**Cheques:** Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you

**200 Club Subscriptions:** Are now due (£15 per number) The 200 Club is a great way to support the parish. Sadly, we have lost members over the last 12 months, so any new members are greatly appreciated and made very welcome. It may be difficult for some parishioners to get their subscriptions to me, so here are some options to help: 1. Post or deliver to the Parish Office; 2. Leave in the basket provided at each church; 3. Contact me on 07528027295. For option 1 & 2 please place your subscription and contact details on an envelope FAO Ann Gracie. Please make Cheques payable to **Corpus Christi**. If anyone requires additional numbers, please contact me on the above number. Thank you, *Ann*.

**Parish Social Event**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Dunscar Conservative Club

The Flatcappers

Irish folk 8-piece band

Doors open at 7.00pm. Band on from 8.30pm

£10 per person -includes a pastie supper

Raffle on the night with fantastic prizes

Tickets are available by clicking on the QR code below. (If you have any problems, please contact the office)



There will now be paper tickets available for this event - these can be purchased at £10 each after our weekend masses.

**We are also still looking for kind donations towards raffle prizes for the night**

**Marmalade:** Our Seville oranges have now all been gathered and turned into marmalade. It will be ready for sale on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February in the Patmos room, after the 9.30am Mass. Price £1.50 per jar with all proceeds going to CAFOD. Please be generous if you can.

**200 club winners for January:**

1st prize £50 C Grundy

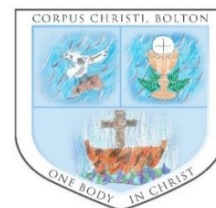
2nd prize £25 D Cowen

3rd prize £15 P Hosie

**Thank you:** We have received two letters this week thanking the parish for kind donations.

**Stella Maris:** Thank you for your kind support of the work of Stella Maris (formerly the Apostleship of the sea) through our Sea Sunday 2025 appeal. We are most grateful for your parish's donation of £508.75. the generosity shown by parishioners will help ensure that seafarers and fishers in this country and around the world continue to receive the care and support that they need.

**The society for the protection of the unborn child:** We would like to thank the parishioners for their kind donation of £407.70 for their recent White Flower Appeal.



Have you a dream that is still waiting to be born; is there something in your life which was once a path to your future which has now become a cul-de-sac, a road which you have never travelled. We all begin life with dreams and aspirations; sometimes they are impossible to achieve, often they are put to one side because the time is not quite right, if we are fortunate, we can live our dreams. Today's readings speak to us of an old dream which is made new because a light has been shone upon it. Perhaps that same light will grow strong and illuminate the path to your dream.

The prophet Zephaniah is writing 600 years before the birth of Christ; he recognises a condition which we may be familiar with. The poor, the humble, are ignored by the rich and powerful; they feel they have no power in a land where power is everything. Their hopes are founded on the Lord; they seek Him with integrity and humility, only God can save them from the hands of wicked men. They pray for justice and a refuge in the Lord.

Paul's dream is of a people who will come and worship God through His Son Jesus Christ. He recognises that those who follow Christ are not the rich and powerful, the worldly wise, but those who simply believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. We are not wise by human reckoning, we have faith, a belief which may seem foolish by those who believe they are wise, but a faith that makes us part of God's kingdom and so He has become our wisdom. In Matthew's Gospel, we begin a revelation, through Jesus, of the Kingdom of God. We hear the beatitudes, a series of blessings which give honour to the lowliest and not the mighty. We sometimes speak of Jesus "turning the world upside down"; this passage is the beginning of that upheaval; the transfer of power from the powerful to the humble. Each line resonates with our own time. Because today's world is so small we are aware of the suffering of many, an awareness which was not known to past generations. Today we cannot ignore poverty, it is all around us, we cannot ignore injustice, war, persecution because we see it, in real time, on our television screens. Now is the time, armed with the righteousness of God to speak out against the unjust world we live in and seek to change it. In our small way, we can begin to fulfil the beatitudes, all we need to do is to have courage and, through our actions, place our dream of a better world into God's hands.

*David Frank*

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**1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Masses & Activities this week**

*Sunday Cycle A*

*Readings: Page 130 of Mass Book*

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

9.30am Mass (SJ) - with Children's liturgy

11am Mass (SB)

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

No Mass

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

No Mass

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

No Mass

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

No Mass

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

No Mass

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

5pm Mass (SB) – With Children's Liturgy

**Please note there will be no weekday Masses as Fr Alf is away on leave**

**St Brendan's:** There are a few flagstones at the entrance to St Brendan's that have come loose. The area has been cordoned off, and we have made arrangements to have them repaired. Please be careful when approaching the steps.

**Readers: 7/8 Feb 2026**

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Alyson Grundy	Guy Drabble	F Evans

**Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Pat McArdle/ Julie Summerton

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