

**THE RIBBLE VALLEY PARISHES OF
ST WILFRID, LONGRIDGE: ST MARY, CHIPPING:
ST PETER AND ST PAUL, RIBCHESTER.**

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Third Sunday of Lent

Year A

Sunday 8th March 2026



*The water that I shall give will
become a spring of water welling up
to eternal life.*

<u>Day</u>	<u>St Wilfrid</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	<u>Ss. Peter & Paul</u>
Monday 9th March	Priest's Day Off	Priest's Day Off	Priest's Day Off
Tuesday 10th March			
Wednesday 11th March			
Thursday 12th March	Lectio Divina 7.00pm		
Friday 13th March	Stations of the cross 12.00pm		
Saturday 14th March	Confessions 4.15pm – 4.45pm Mass 5.30pm		
Sunday 15th March		Mass 9.30am	Mass 11.00am

Churches Together in Longridge & District Lenten Lunches

You are warmly invited to our Lenten Lunches at the following venues between 12 noon and 1.00pm.

Wednesday 11th March

**Christ Church Hall
(Run by Christ Church and
St Michael Grimsargh)**

Wednesday 18th March

**St Wilfrid's Parish Room
(Run by Aston Lane Church)**

Wednesday 25th March

St Paul's Centenary Room

Proceeds are in aid of CAFOD and Christian Aid.

Pastoral Support

In the wake of my nephew's (Adam Warkinson) untimely death on Friday 27th February, I have been engaged in offering what pastoral support I can to my family at this tragic time of loss. Likewise, I am indebted to Fr Peter Hopkinson the Vicar General for clergy support and Mgr John Corcoran who have kindly offered to celebrate Mass this weekend and next weekend at St Wilfrid's and Saints Peter and Paul to ease my workload. My family and I are deeply appreciative for your prayers and messages of condolence. Final arrangements for Adam's funeral can't be made until the autopsy report is concluded.

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Stations of the Cross

Fr Tony will lead the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross on Friday 6th March at 12.00 noon.

St Wilfrid's RC Primary School - Easter Play

Please note the children from Years 3 and 4 of the school will be putting on a special Easter play at 2:30pm in church on the afternoon of Wednesday 25th March. School will be taking all the children across to watch, and the production is also open to parishioners. There is no need to book a ticket, just turn up. Please leave rows at front of church for the school children, so use side and rear pews. School don't charge directly for this performance but please note as part of our almsgiving during Lent, we will be taking a collection at the end in aid of Caritas Salford.

Easter Flowers

Please note that there will be a retiring collection to help offset the cost of Easter flowers on the 14th, 21st and 28th of March. All donations gratefully received.

Afternoon Tea

The afternoon tea held on 26th February raised the amount of £700, a very good effort. Please look out for the date of the next event, which will be held in April.

Lenten Lunch – Thank you

Thank you to all who supported and prepared our Lenten Lunch on Wednesday 4th March. A total amount of £329.56 was raised. The proceeds will be shared between **CAFOD** and **Aid to the Church in need**. Thank you.

Marie Therese Philomena O' Sullivan R.I.P.

It is with sadness that we hear of the death of Marie Therese O' Sullivan who departed this life on Thursday 26th February at Abbeyfield House in Clitheroe aged 90. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul on Tuesday 17th March at 11.15am followed by a committal at Preston Crematorium. We pray that the Lord will grant comfort and peace to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

The Faithful Departed

We pray for the faithful departed and for those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again. We remember especially: Marie Therese O' Sullivan, James Poulton, Joan Moore, Ellen McManamon and Johnny Farmer. May they have the reward of their earthly goodness in heaven.

Sacramental Programme

This weekend the children enrolled on our Sacramental Programme will be formally presented at Mass. As they embark upon this journey of preparation to receive First Holy Communion on Saturday 9th May, we pray that with our support they will continue to grow in the ways of faith.

Anthony Edward McLoughlin R.I.P.

Please keep Tony McLoughlin in your prayers who died on Saturday 28th February at the age of 82. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's for the repose of his soul on Thursday 19th March at 10.30am. May the Lord grant comfort and peace to his family at this sad time of parting.

We pray that he will be welcomed at the table of God's children in heaven. May he rest in peace.

The Faithful Departed

We pray for those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again and for those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time. We remember especially: Tony McLoughlin, Christine Wareing and Ina Shelagh Pavey. May they have the reward of their earthly goodness in heaven.

Recent Offertory Donations:

Sunday 1st March:	£248.10	Thank you.
CAFOD:	£180.00	Thank you.
Coffee Morning:	£72.00	Thank you.

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Marie Isherwood, Fr George Given, Winifred Walmsley, Phillip Jeffries, John Hardicker, Stephen Jones, Joseph Hutchinson, Bro. Edward Deeney and Alan Harris.

May they be granted a share in the Lord's resurrection.

Recent Offertory Donations:

Sunday 1st March:	£236.00	Thank you.
CAFOD:	£191.00	Thank you.