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PARISH MASS BOOK: - **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** is on page 155 – 157. **Preface:** The Transfiguration of the Lord on Pare - 72. Creed page 11-12.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: - CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: (CCC 554) From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised. " Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem." A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

PRAY THE ROMERO ROSARY AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL. Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary every Friday at 5pm throughout Lent. This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on Friday 6th and Friday 27th March. On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead the rosary, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season. Find out more at: rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary

LENT 2026: - Lent commenced on 18th February. This Sacred season invites us to repentance, renewal, prayer, and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we Journey through these forty days, may we grow in faith, deepen our compassion, and draw closer to God's transforming Love.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION TO ADULTS (RCIA): - We warmly invite all those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith to join our Next R.C.I.A session **on Sundays, 8th March 2026 at 3:00pm, on Tuesdays 3rd & 10th March 2026 at 4pm** in the Joe Kairis Suite. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process through which adults are welcomed into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. It offers an Opportunity to explore the faith, ask questions, and prepare to Receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation). If you want to join, please welcome to attend the Session. Contact the Parish office or Fr. Aklilu for details or to Register.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SESSION: - Our **NEXT** confirmation session will take place on **Saturday, 14th March 2026 at 5:30pm** in the Joe Kairis Suite followed by **6:30pm** mass. The Sacrament of confirmation is one of the sacraments of initiation into the church, along with Baptism and Holy communion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSION: - **1st March 2026 at 10.00am** Instruction in the Joe Kairis Suite.

HOUSE BLESSING: - Dear Parishioners and visitors, if you would like your home blessed during this Lent season, please contact the Parish office to arrange a visit. May God's peace fill every home.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: - our three Children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism **on 8th March 2026 at 3:00pm** in the Parish Church. We keep them in our prayers as they prepare to begin their journey of Faith with our Lord Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY MESSAGE: - "Without forgiveness, there is no future". **Archbishop Desmond Tutu (1931 – 2021).**

CAFOD LENT APPEAL: - Please Donate to our family fast day, **Friday 27th February**, parish collection to be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Using the CAFOD envelope in Church, you can donate online at Cafod.org/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND ROSARY PRAYER DURING LENT SEASON: - Join us for Stations of the Cross prayer after 10am Mass, every Wednesday and Friday at St Henry & St Elizabeth, Sheerness and Thursday at M Abbey also the Rosary Prayer 20 minutes before every mass throughout the Lenten Season. This powerful devotion allows us to meditate on the passion of Christ and his ultimate sacrifice for us.

PLAQUE UNVEILING: - **On Sunday, the 1st of March at the 11.15am mass in Sheerness**, we will be holding an unveiling ceremony of a plaque dedicated to James Guilly, an Irish shipwright who carved our two main statues in 1875. His family will be there to unveil the plaque. Everyone is then welcome for coffee and nibbles in the JKS.

JOIN THE INAUGURAL STELLA MARIS LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: MON 25 – SAT 30 MAY 2026: - We warmly welcome serving or retired seafarers, fishers, and their families to spend six grace-filled days of prayer, healing, and fellowship in the beautiful sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. All major costs will be covered (including travel, accommodation, and meals), making it possible for anyone to join and fully enjoy the pilgrimage without worry. To register your interest, or request further information: contact the pilgrimage director: Rev Dcn John Fogarty: john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Just to let you know that the next tax year envelopes are now available both at Sheerness and Minster. Please take your box BUT do not start using them until the 12th April. The boxes will remain at the Mass centres until well into April. If you are unable to pick yours up then please let me know and I will get it to you. Also, if anyone reading this would like join the Gift Aid scheme then please do not hesitate to contact me on 07771523922 or Father. Thank you for your support Chris Wells Gift Aid Organiser

REPOSITORY: - Visit our Parish Repository, where you'll find a variety of cards, booklets, religious artefacts, Rosaries, Bibles, and Missals. Please speak to one of our Stewards who will be happy to help you. My Day by Day: - for Lent and Easter 2026 are now available also Lent and Easter Junior are available, if you wish to purchase a copy at a cost of £1.20.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION APPEAL: - Thank you to all our Parishioners and visitors for your generous food and financial contributions. We are looking for more volunteers from the Parish who can spare a few hours during our distribution on Thursdays from 2.30 – 4pm. Your kindness is truly appreciated, and we encourage you to continue supporting our Novel service and work. Next opening is 2.30 – 4 pm on 5th March 2026. Thank you very much.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

U.C.M. Will be holding the next meeting on **3rd March 2026 at 7pm** in the JKS

P.F.C.: - Will be holding the next meeting on **18th March 2026 at 6pm** in the Presbytery

P.P.C.: - Will be holding the next meeting on **26th March 2026 at 6pm** in the JKS

RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT ST. EDWARDS SCHOOL: - will be held on **4th March 2026 at 1:30pm to 2pm**

CTIs: - The World Day of Prayer will be **Friday 6th March**. There is a morning service at 10am in Sheerness Salvation Army Hall, and an evening service at **7.30pm** in the New Covenant Church Wards Hill Road Minster.

FOR DONATION TO THE PARISH CHURCH: - Account Name: - RCAS SHEPPEY

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