

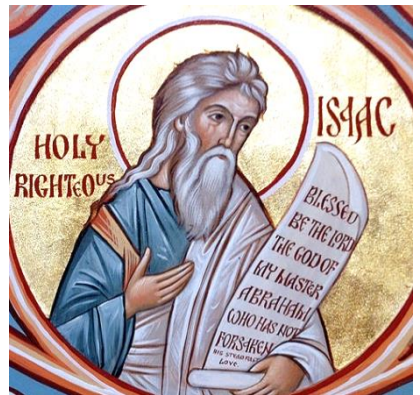
## People of the Word: Isaac

**God blessed Abraham with a son, Isaac,** through whom the Lord would fulfil His promise to give Abraham descendants as many as the stars of heaven.



Isaac is the only figure in the Old Testament to be described as a 'beloved son', and there is no doubt that his father loved him greatly. Many of the incidents in Isaac's life closely reflect events in the life of Abraham, as a sign that he is the son who carries forward his father's covenant with God. Abraham sent his servant back to his own country to find a wife for his son. Rebekah willingly came with him and she and Isaac fell in love, and were married (Genesis 24).

Rebekah and Isaac were blessed with twin sons, Esau and Jacob. As the elder twin, Esau would normally have been Isaac's heir, but, tired and hungry, offered his brother his birthright in exchange for a meal (Genesis 25:29-34). Later, with the help of his mother, Jacob tricked Isaac into blessing him (Genesis 27), thus confirming that he, not his brother, was Isaac's true heir. In this way, Jacob became the third great patriarch of the Bible, and we often hear his name forming a trio alongside those of his father and grandfather: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



### Questions for reflection:

- Do I truly believe that I am a beloved child of God?
- Am I grateful for all that I have inherited, all that I have received from God, my parents, those who worked before me, others who have given to me?

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 297

Office: Psalter Week 4; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year 2

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6pm (vigil)	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas)</b>	Catherine Harrison RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am		Thanksgiving for prayer and support received	
	6pm		People of the Parish	
Monday	9:15am		St Blaise	Lawrence Culshaw RIP
	5:15pm			<i>Mass in hospital chapel</i>
Tuesday	7pm		Philip Melling RIP	
Wednesday	9:15am	St Agatha	Frederick Wright RIP	
Thursday	9:15am	Sts Paul Miki and co.	Kathleen Cornwell RIP	
Friday	12noon		Thanksgiving (JCH)	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Josephine Bakhita	Holy Souls	
	6pm (vigil)	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Terry Cairns RIP	
	7pm (vigil)		<i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i>	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Teresa Madden RIP	
	6pm		People of the Parish	

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for all who have died recently.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 11am-12noon and on request.

**ROSARY:** Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. These prayers are offered for the protection of human life from conception to natural end.

**ST ANTHONY:** February wall box donations will go to local people in need of help.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kevin McEvoy, Mary Teresa Ray, Alice Bee, Maureen Pyke, Agnes Chessell, Gerard Regan, Frank Thompson, Brian Winterbottam, Isabel Loughran, Anne Marie Metcalf, Canon Benedict Ruscillo, Iris Jackson.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FEBRUARY:** We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:** Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation, also called 'Candlemas'. 40 days since Christmas, we celebrate the day Jesus was presented to God the Father in the Temple and acclaimed by Simeon as 'the light to enlighten the nations'. We pray that He may always enlighten our minds.

**WALSINGHAM DOWRY TOUR:** The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is coming to Lancaster this week, Thursday-Saturday. A full timetable for the visit is on the notice boards in the narthex. The parish coach (for those signed up) leaves at 6pm this Friday and will arrive back in Preston at around 9:15pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jenson Miller and Steven Bibin, baptised here in January.

**CTS BOOK CLUB:** Meeting next Sunday (9<sup>th</sup>) after the evening Mass. The booklet is *Practising the Presence of God*, based on the life and insights of Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection. Copies are available from the sacristy.

**SAINT BLAISE:** This Monday, the memoria of St Blaise, the traditional blessing of throats will be offered immediately after 9:15am Mass and the hospital Mass.

**FR LAKELAND'S GRAVE** is located at the Ribbleton Avenue end of Preston Cemetery. His headstone is now in place. If you would like to visit and need more precise directions, call in at the cemetery office on Blackpool Road.

**CENACOLO COLLECTION:** Next Sunday (9<sup>th</sup>). **FOOD BANK:** 16<sup>th</sup> February. Please leave items at Mass times in the porchway of the presbytery (priest's house).

**UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?** Donations are welcome for the Lourdes Prize Bingo, taking place this year on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

**CARMEL ROSARY SERVICE:** This Tuesday, 2pm at Carmel on St Vincent's Road. To pray for expectant mothers and their unborn babies. Speaker: Fr Jim Clarke s.x.

**YEAR OF THE WORD:** Next Saturday at the Xaverian Centre, a day on 'Liturgy and the Bible'. No charge, but donations welcome. Bring your own lunch. See poster.

**YEAR OF THE WORD:** Metanoia's 'The God who speaks' series resumes this Thursday (6<sup>th</sup>), 7:30pm at St Wilfrid's. Poster with full details in the narthex.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2020:** On sale now in the narthex. Price £3.50. Please put money in the wallbox marked 'CTS, Books etc'.

**CAFOD PRE-LENT MEETING:** This Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup>), 7pm in the Padua Room at St Anthony's church. A chance to discover more about and support CAFOD's work.

**WINCKLEY SQUARE COVENT ANNUAL REUNION** at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Hall on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1-4pm. Please spread the word!

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 427; Collection: £1015.43; Thank you.

## Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am	Children's liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
Monday-Friday	9am	Pre-school	Parish Hall
	3:20pm	After-school club	Parish Hall
Monday	6:15pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	7:45pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	<b>Marriage Preparation (3)</b>	Parish Hall
Wednesday	9:45am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Narthex
	6pm	Seekers (school years 4-6)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Chapel/Narthex
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	6pm	<b>Dowry Tour: coach</b> (for those signed up – see inside newsletter)	Car park
Saturday	8:45am	Pilates	Parish Hall
Sat/Sun	At Mass	<b>Cenacolo Collection</b>	House porch
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Children's liturgy	At Mass
	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	10:30am	<b>Holy Communion Preparation (1)</b>	Parish Hall
	4:30pm	<b>Confirmation Preparation (1)</b>	Parish Hall
	7pm	Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11)	Parish Hall
	7pm	<b>CTS Book Club</b>	Chapel

### Dowry Tour: visiting the Cathedral

Those travelling on the parish coach, please be on time for 6pm departure from the car park this Friday. Coach costs £5/adult and £2.50/child. If you're not travelling with the parish, you can still make your way to the Cathedral (LA1 3BT) for the visit. Highlights include a talk on England as Mary's Dowry (Thursday at 6pm); Mass with the Bishop on Thursday at 7pm and on Saturday at 12:15pm. The Cathedral is open for the visit:

Thursday 4pm-9pm

Friday 8:30am-8:45pm

Saturday 8:30am-1:15pm

Full details on the poster in the narthex.

