

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)(p.153)**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)**

**Eucharistic Prayer: 3**

**Masses:**

8.30am	8.30am
10.30am	10.30am
5.30pm	5.30pm

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**Weekday Masses:**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am  
 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 8.00am  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am  
 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):** Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday 7.30pm. **HOLY HOUR:** Saturday after 10.00am Mass

**THE SEASON OF LENT** is a time of prayer and penance in preparation for Holy Week and Easter when we will celebrate the mysteries of our redemption. The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, today's gospel, are the inspiration for us throughout this holy season.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH:** At the 10.30am Mass this morning 2 of our parishioners who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church this Easter will come forward and we will pray for them.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place here each Friday during Lent at 7.30pm (lasting about 30 minutes). With the help of the Scriptures we will reflect on the passion and death of Jesus Christ and ask forgiveness for our sins.

**HOLY HOUR:** Throughout Lent we will have a Holy Hour each Saturday from after the 10am Mass until 11.30am. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for silent prayer.

**VALENTINE'S DAY:** On this feast of St. Valentine we ask God, who is Love, to bless and guide us in the path of love. Two Valentines are listed in the Roman list of martyrs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. One was a Roman priest martyred on the Flaminian Way, the other a bishop of Terni who was martyred in Rome but whose relics were transferred to Terni. The connection with lovers and courting couples may be because birds are supposed to mate on 14<sup>th</sup> February, the feast of St. Valentine.

**SUTTON DEANERY DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER** for all parishioners, especially those in various forms of parish ministry, will take place at Holy Family Church, Sutton Green next Saturday (20<sup>th</sup>). It will be led by Father David Standley and will begin with Mass at 9.30am and end at 1pm. The theme will be the Year of Mercy. See: [www.suttonrcdeanery.org.uk](http://www.suttonrcdeanery.org.uk)