

# Monday 02 Mar 2026 of the second week of Lent

## First Reading Daniel 9:4-10

### A reading from the prophet Daniel

O Lord, God great and to be feared, you keep the covenant and have kindness for those who love you and keep your commandments: we have sinned, we have done wrong, we have acted wickedly, we have betrayed your commandments and your ordinances and turned away from them. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. Integrity, Lord, is yours; ours the look of shame we wear today, we, the people of Judah, the citizens of Jerusalem, the whole of Israel, near and far away, in every country to which you have dispersed us because of the treason we have committed against you. To us, Lord, the look of shame belongs, to our kings, our princes, our ancestors, because we have sinned against you. To the Lord our God mercy and pardon belong, because we have betrayed him, and have not listened to the voice of the Lord our God nor followed the laws he has given us through his servants the prophets.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 78:8-9. 11. 13. R. Ps 102:10

### (R.) Lord, do not deal with us as our sins deserve.

1. Do not hold the guilt of our fathers against us.  
Let your compassion hasten to meet us  
for we are in the depths of distress. (R.)
2. O God our saviour, come to our help,  
come for the sake of the glory of your name.  
O Lord our God, forgive us our sins;  
rescue us for the sake of your name. (R.)
3. Let the groans of the prisoners come before you;  
let your strong-arm relieve those condemned to die.  
But we, your people, the flock of your pasture,  
will give you thanks for ever and ever.  
We will tell your praise from age to age. (R.)

## Gospel Acclamation See John 6:63. 68

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel Luke 6:36-38

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

## **Tuesday 03 Mar 2026 of the second week of Lent**

### **First Reading Isaiah 1:10. 16-20**

#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom;  
listen to the command of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah.

‘Wash, make yourselves clean. Take your wrong-doing out of my sight. ‘Cease to do evil. Learn to do good, search for justice, help the oppressed, be just to the orphan, plead for the widow. ‘Come now, let us talk this over, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. ‘If you are willing to obey, you shall eat the good things of the earth. But if you persist in rebellion, the sword shall eat you instead.’ The mouth of the Lord has spoken.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 49:8-9. 16-17. 21. 23. R. v.23**

#### **(R.) To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

1. ‘I find no fault with your sacrifices,  
your offerings are always before me.  
I do not ask more bullocks from your farms,  
nor goats from among your herds. (R.)
2. ‘But how can you recite my commandments  
and take my covenant on your lips,  
you who despise my law  
and throw my words to the winds. (R.)
3. ‘You do this, and should I keep silence?  
Do you think that I am like you?  
A sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me  
and I will show God’s salvation to the upright.’ (R.)

### **Gospel Acclamation Ezekiel 18:31**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**  
**Rid yourselves of all your sins, and make a new heart and a new spirit.**  
**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **Gospel Matthew 23:1-12**

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, ‘The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do, since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

‘You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.’

## **Wednesday 04 Mar 2026 of the second week of Lent**

### **First Reading Jeremiah 18:18-20**

#### **A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

'Come on,' they said 'let us concoct a plot against Jeremiah; the priest will not run short of instruction without him, nor the sage of advice, nor the prophet of the word. Come on, let us hit at him with his own tongue; let us listen carefully to every word he says.'

Listen to me Lord,  
hear what my adversaries are saying.  
Should evil be returned for good?  
For they are digging a pit for me.  
Remember how I stood in your presence  
to plead on their behalf,  
to turn your wrath away from them.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 30:5-6. 14-16. R. v.17**

#### **(R.) Save me, O Lord, in your steadfast love.**

1. Release me from the snares they have hidden  
for you are my refuge, Lord.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit.  
It is you who will redeem me, Lord. (R.)
2. I have heard the slander of the crowd,  
fear is all around me,  
as they plot together against me,  
as they plan to take my life. (R.)
3. But as for me, I trust in you, Lord,  
I say: 'You are my God.  
My life is in your hands, deliver me  
from the hands of those who hate me.' (R.)

### **Gospel Acclamation John 8:12**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **Gospel Matthew 20:17-28**

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, and on the way, he took the Twelve to one side and said to them, 'Now we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man is about to be handed over to the chief priests and scribes. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the pagans to be mocked and scourged and crucified; and on the third day he will rise again.'

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came with her sons to make a request of him, and bowed low; and he said to her, 'What is it you want?' She said to him, 'Promise that these two sons of mine may sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your kingdom.' 'You do not know what you are asking,' Jesus answered. 'Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They replied, 'We can.' 'Very well,' he said 'you shall drink my cup, but as for seats at my right hand and my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted by my father.'

When the other ten heard this, they were indignant with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that among the pagans the rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

## Thursday 05 Mar 2026 of the second week of Lent

### First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10

#### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

##### The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of the flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. ‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit. ‘The heart is more devious than any other thing, perverse too: who can pierce its secrets? I, the Lord, search the heart, I probe the loins to give man what his conduct and his actions deserve.’

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4. 6. R. v.39:5

#### (R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his Law Day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

### Gospel Acclamation See Luke 8:15

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### Gospel Luke 16:19-31

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So, he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” “My son,” Abraham replied “remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.”

‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.”’

## Friday 06 Mar 2026 of the second week of Lent

### First Reading Genesis 37:3-4. 12-13. 17-28

#### A reading from the book of Genesis

Israel loved Joseph more than all his other sons, for he was the son of his old age, and he had a coat with long sleeves made for him. But his brothers, seeing how his father loved him more than all his other sons, came to hate him so much that they could not say a civil word to him. His brothers went to pasture their father's flock at Shechem. Then Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers with the flock at Shechem? Come, I am going to send you to them.' So, Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they made a plot among themselves to put him to death. 'Here comes the man of dreams' they said to one another. 'Come on, let us kill him and throw him into some well; we can say that a wild beast devoured him. Then we shall see what becomes of his dreams.' But Reuben heard, and he saved him from their violence. 'We must not take his life' he said. 'Shed no blood,' said Reuben to them 'throw him into this well in the wilderness, but do not lay violent hands on him' – intending to save him from them and to restore him to his father. So, when Joseph reached his brothers, they pulled off his coat, the coat with long sleeves that he was wearing, and catching hold of him they threw him into the well, an empty well with no water in it. They then sat down to eat. Looking up they saw a group of Ishmaelites who were coming from Gilead, their camels laden with gum, tragacanth, balsam and resin, which they were taking down into Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What do we gain by killing our brother and covering up his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, but let us not do any harm to him. After all, he is our brother, and our own flesh.' His brothers agreed. Now some Midianite merchants were passing, and they drew Joseph up out of the well. They sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty silver pieces, and these men took Joseph to Egypt.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 104:16-21. R. v.5

#### (R.) Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

1. God called down a famine on the land; he broke the staff that supported them. He had sent a man before them, Joseph, sold as a slave. (R.)  
2. His feet were put in chains, his neck was bound with iron, until what he said came to pass and the Lord's word proved him true. (R.)

3. Then the king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free, making him master of his house and ruler of all he possessed. (R.)

#### Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

#### Gospel Matthew 21:33-43. 45-46

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next, he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So, they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.' When they heard his parables, the chief priests and the scribes realised he was speaking about them, but though they would have liked to arrest him they were afraid of the crowds, who looked on him as a prophet.

## **Saturday 07 Mar 2026 of the second week of Lent**

### **First Reading Micah 7:14-15. 18-20 A reading from the prophet Micah**

With shepherd's crook, O lord, lead your people to pasture, the flock that is your heritage, living confined in a forest with meadow land all around. Let them pasture in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old. As in the days when you came out of Egypt grant us to see wonders. What God can compare with you: taking fault away, pardoning crime, not cherishing anger for ever but delighting in showing mercy? Once more have pity on us, tread down our faults, to the bottom of the sea throw all our sins. Grant Jacob your faithfulness, and Abraham your mercy, as you swore to our fathers from the days of long ago.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8 (R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)  
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)  
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

### **Gospel Acclamation Luke 15:18**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I will rise and go to my father and tell him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **Gospel Luke 15:1-3. 11-32**

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So, he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So, the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So, he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants. "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"